

T2.8 Chile, Republic of

(Civil Law)

Cases

Citation format: <court name> [<court abbreviation>] [<English translation of court name>], <date of decision in Spanish, in day month year format>, “<case name>,” Rol de la causa: <case number>, <case type>, <publication name> [<publication abbreviation>] <publication volume and/or number> p.<first page> (<country abbreviation if not evident from context>). Note that many reporters depart from this format, as detailed below.

In the case name, use “c.” between the party names, which refers to “contra,” Spanish for “versus.”

- ▶ Corte Suprema de Justicia [C.S.J.] [Supreme Court], 15 noviembre 1954, “Suárez, Alfredo c. Perez, Estela,” Rol de la causa: 124-2008 s., divorcio, REVISTA GACETA JURÍDICA [R.G.J.] No. 190 p.145 (Chile).

National jurisdiction

Corte Suprema de Justicia (C.S.J.) (Supreme Court) and **Tribunal Constitucional** (T.C.) (Constitutional Court) (highest court on constitutional matters).

Appellate courts

Corte de Apelaciones (C. Apel.) (courts of appeals): Cite to R.D.J., G.T., or F. DEL M.

Lower courts

Tribunales de Juicio Oral en lo Penal (T.J.O.P.) (criminal trial courts), **Juzgados de Garantía** (J.G.) (criminal courts), **Juzgados de Familia** (J.F.) (family courts), **Juzgados de Cobranza Laboral y Previsional** (J.C.L.P.) (labor and social security courts), **Juzgados Civiles** (J.Civ.) (civil courts), **Juzgados del Crimen** (J. Cri.) (criminal courts), **Juzgados de Menores** (J. Men.) (juvenile courts), **Juzgados del Trabajo** (J.T.) (labor courts), **Juzgados Mixtos** (J. Mix.), and **Juzgados de Letras** (J.L.) (small claims courts).

Reporters

Generally follow the examples below when citing to the volumes and/or numbers of these reporters. Note that “t.” refers to “tomo,” Spanish for “volume.”

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| ▶ FALLOS DEL MES | 1958–date | e.g., F. DEL M. vol. 37 No. Sentencia 436 (1995) |
| ▶ GACETA JURÍDICA | 1974–date | e.g., G.J. t. 33, p.438 (1936) |
| ▶ GACETA DE LOS TRIBUNALES | 1962–date | e.g., G.T. vol. 13, p.349 (1978) |
| ▶ REVISTA DE DERECHO Y JURISPRUDENCIA | 1904–date | e.g., R.D.J. t. 22, sec. 2a, p.45 (1990) |

Constitution

- ▶ CONSTITUCIÓN POLÍTICA DE LA REPÚBLICA DE CHILE C.P.
- ▶ CONSTITUCIÓN POLÍTICA DE LA REPÚBLICA DE CHILE [C.P.] art. 3.

Codes

- ▶ CÓDIGO CIVIL (Civil Code) Cód. CIV.
- ▶ CÓDIGO DE COMERCIO (Commercial Code) Cód. COM.
- ▶ CÓDIGO PENAL (Criminal Code) Cód. PEN.

▶ CÓDIGO DE PROCEDIMIENTO CIVIL (Civil Procedure Code)	CÓD. PROC. CIV.
▶ CÓDIGO PROCESAL PENAL (Criminal Procedure Code)	CÓD. PROC. PEN.
▶ CÓDIGO ORGÁNICO DE TRIBUNALES (Judiciary Code)	CÓD. ORG. TRIB.
▶ CÓDIGO DE JUSTICIA MILITAR (Military Justice Code)	CÓD. JUS. MIL.
▶ CÓDIGO DEL TRABAJO (Labor Code)	CÓD. TRAB.
▶ CÓDIGO TRIBUTARIO (Revenue and Taxation Code)	CÓD. TRIB.
▶ CÓDIGO DE AGUAS (Water Code)	CÓD. AGUAS
▶ CÓDIGO SANITARIO (Health Code)	CÓD. SANIT.
▶ CÓDIGO DE MINERÍA (Mining Code)	CÓD. MIN.
▶ CÓDIGO AERONÁUTICO (Aeronautics Code)	CÓD. AER.
▶ CÓDIGO DE DERECHO INTERNACIONAL PRIVADO/CÓDIGO BUSTAMANTE (Conflict of Laws Code)	CÓD. DER. INT. PRIV.

Statutes and decrees

Citation format: Law No. <number of law>, <promulgation date in Spanish in month day, year format>, <reporter name> [<reporter abbreviation>] (<country abbreviation if not evident from context>).

▶ Law No. 19496, Marzo 7, 1997, DIARIO OFICIAL [D.O.] (Chile).	
▶ DIARIO OFICIAL	D.O.
▶ GACETA JURÍDICA	G.J.
▶ REPERTORIO DE LEGISLACIÓN Y JURISPRUDENCIA CHILENAS	REP. LEG. JURISP.

Periodicals

▶ JURISPRUDENCIA AL DÍA	J.D.
▶ REVISTA DE DERECHO Y JURISPRUDENCIA Y GACETA DE LOS TRIBUNALES	R.D. Y J. Y G.T.

Internet sources

<http://www.legalpublishing.cl> (legal publishing company offering jurisprudence, doctrine, and legislation online; paid subscription)

<http://www.diariodigital.cl> (official digest, paid subscription for full text, free summaries)

<http://www.editorialjuridica.cl> (provides free access to some recent issues of Informativo Jurídico and Informativo Semanal)

<http://www.bcn.cl> (database of the Library of the National Congress, free access)

<http://www.lexadin.nl/wlg/legis/nofr/ocur/lxwechl.htm> (unofficial source for legislation, free access)

<http://glin.gov> (Global Legal Information Network, a database of laws, regulations, and other complementary legal sources)

<http://www.tribunalconstitucional.cl> (the official website of the Constitutional Court; complete free access to its decisions)

<http://www.scielo.cl> (free access to the law journals *Ius et Praxis* (Universidad de Talca), *Revista Chilena de Derecho* (Universidad Católica de Chile), *Revista de Derecho* (Universidad Austral de Chile), and *Revista de Derecho* (Universidad Católica de Valparaíso))

<http://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide/nations/chile.html> (Library of Congress Guide to Law Online: Chile)