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AC	Law Reports Appeal Cases
All ER	All England Law Reports
ALJ	Australian Law Journal
ALR	Australian Law Reports
ALJR	Australian Law Journal Reports
App Cas	Appeal Cases
B	Beavan
B & S	Best and Smith's Reports
Build LR	Building Law Reports
CA	Court of Appeal
CB	Common Bench Reports
Ch	Chancery
Ch App	Chancery Appeal
Ch D	The Law Reports, Chancery Division
CIDB	Construction Industry Development Board
CLD	Construction Law Digest
DC	Divisional Court, England
Const LJ	Construction Law Journal
Const LR	Construction Law Reports
CP	Law Reports, Common Pleas
CPD	Law Reports, Common Pleas Division
DLR	Dominion Law Reports
Exch	Exchequer Reports
Eq	Equity Case
EWHC	High Court of England and Wales Decisions

FC	Federal Court
F & F	Foster & Finlayson's Reports
H & N	Hurlstone & Norman's Exchequer Reports
HGCRA	Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act
HL	House of Lords
HKC	Hong Kong Cases
HKLR	Hong Kong Law Reports
IR	Irish Reports
KB	King Bench
LGR	Local Government Reports
LJKB (QB)	Law Journal Reports, King's (Queen's) Bench
Lloyd's Rep	Lloyd's List Reports
LR	Law Reports
LT	Law Times Reports
JP	Justice of the Peace / Justice of the Peace Reports
MLJ	Malayan Law Journal
NS	Nova Scotia
NZLR	New Zealand Law Reports
PAM	Pertubuhan Arkitek Malaysia
PWD	Public Work Department
PD	Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division of High Court
QB	Queen Bench
TCC	Technology and Construction Court
SLR	Singapore Law Reports
Stark	Starkie's Nisi Prius Reports
WLR	Weekly Law Reports
WR	Weekly Reports



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