

An Example of how to Handle "Secondary Sources" in your Major Paper

The source: Here is an item that I want to use in my paper, found in the Wilcoxon, Remley, and Gladding text. I am going to quote something attributed to Chisholm that makes a good point.

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Although family law constitutes a primary component of most law programs, there is rarely more than a passing reference to the personal and family trauma involved or to the effect of divorce on children (Chisholm, 2009).

Mediation is used increasingly as an alternative to court action (Hahn & Kleist, 2000). A cooperative dispute resolution process in which a neutral intervener helps disputing parties negotiate a mutually satisfactory settlement of their conflict, mediation stresses honesty, informality, and open and direct communication. It also facilitates emotional expressiveness, attention to

As used in my Paper:

The page number (p. 218) is the where the material is found in the Wilcoxon, Remley and Gladding text (the secondary source, in my hand), **NOT** the page number in Chisholm (the primary source, which I don't have). Also, paraphrased material (e.g., not quoted) would be treated the same way, except you would **NOT** include a page number.

. . . While Marriage and Family Therapists (MFTs) working with attorneys in matters of family law might assume their legal training would include extensive study on the effects of divorce on individuals and the family, Chisholm (as cited in Wilcoxon, Remley & Gladding, 2013) sadly reports "there is rarely more than a passing reference to the personal and family trauma involved or to the effect of divorce on children" (p. 216). As such, therapists . . .

How the use of this quote appears in my References: Since I didn't have Chisholm (the primary source) in hand, I don't include ANY mention of it in the References. But, I do give the reader information to find the material by referencing the secondary source where I found the quote. If the reader wants to see the original (primary) source, they can go and look for it themselves.

Wilcoxon, A.S., Remley, T.P., & Gladding, S.T. (2013). *Ethical, legal, and professional issues in the practice of marriage and family therapy* (Updated 5th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson/Merrill Prentice Hall.