

# Case Briefing

3 of 3 Handouts on Case Briefing

## ELEMENTS OF A CASE BRIEF

1. Case name and citation,
2. Facts (the story of what happened condensed to what you think the court found relevant to this judicial decision),
3. Procedural Posture (what happened when the case was brought to trial and subsequently appealed),
4. Issue (the question that the appellate court must answer in this case),
5. Rule Applied (the rule that the appellate court decides will be used to come to a decision based on the facts of this case),
6. Holding (the court's decision after applying the rule to the facts of this case - therefore, the holding is specific to the case before the court),
7. Reasoning (the process the court uses in selecting the rule and applying the rule to the facts of the case),
8. Result (what the court did with the case),
9. Concurrences and dissents (what other judges said who did not completely agree with the majority).