

## **Briefing a Court Case**

**(Oral Presentation in Class)**

- 1. identify the parties to the litigation**
- 2. identify the court hearing case, prior history (i.e., lower courts that heard the case), and the date**
- 3. state the “material” (i.e., relevant) facts of the case**
- 4. identify the legal issue before the court**
- 5. state the court’s “holding” (one general sentence, the principle of law); the “holding” is more general than the actual decision or ruling (i.e., “the plaintiff wins”)**
- 6. explain the legal reasoning behind the court’s decision**