**SAMPLE CASE BRIEF TEMPLATE**

**Style (Identification):** *Title, Citation, Court & Date*

**Parties, suit, outcome:** *Who is suing whom? Why? Who wins?*

**Issue(s):** *What is/are the key legal question(s)?*

**Procedural posture:** *e.g., pretrial motion, appeal of lower court judgment*

**Key facts:** *What happened? (Hint: what is the story?)*

**Rule:** *What legal principle(s) does court use to decide issue(s)?*

**Holding:** *What does the court decide to resolve the disputed questions?*

**Reasoning:** *What is the court’s analysis, including the relevant legal authority?*

**Concurring &/or dissenting opinions***: If the case is an appellate decision, did some judges/justices concur (come to the same conclusions as the majority for different reasons) or dissent (disagree with the majority)?*

**Significance:** *Why do you think you were asked to read this case?*