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Briefing a Case





Elements of a Case Brief

1. Case Title
2. Facts
3. Procedural History
4. Issue
5. Rule
6. Analysis
7. Conclusion



“IRAC”



Case Title

- Official Citation
- Court Name
- Plaintiffs / Defendants
- Docket Number
- Date of Decision



NRDC v. Evans, 254 F.Supp.2d 434 (S.D.N.Y. 2003).



Case Title

U.S.

United States

Supreme Court decisions

F., F2d., F3d., F4th

Federal Reporter

Federal appeals court decisions

F.Supp. (since 1934)

Federal Supplement

Federal district court decisions





“IRAC”

➤ Issue:

- The legal question court is asked to solve.

➤ Rule

- The general law governing the issue

➤ Analysis

- The court’s explanation of how the law applies to the facts of this case

➤ Conclusion

- The court’s decision, or holding, on each issue