CASE BRIEF EXAMPLE TEMPLATE

I. Case Name

Instruction: identify the parties and the reported decision

II. Procedural History

Instruction: explain how the case moved through the courts

III. Facts

Instruction: list only legally relevant events that led to the dispute

IV. Issue

Instruction: state the precise legal question the court addressed

V. Rule

Instruction: write the legal principle applied to decide the case

VI. Holding

Instruction: state the court's direct answer to the legal issue

VII. Reasoning

Instruction: explain why the court reached its decision