

Case Law Organizer

Name of Case: _____ Year _____

Federal

District _____

Circuit _____

Supreme Court

State

lower level court (name varies by state)

Appellate Court

Supreme Court

Petitioner: _____

In criminal cases, these are called: (Plaintiff)

Responder _____

(Defendant)

I. **What** does the case address? (Explain in “lay terms.”)

II. **What** were the sequence of events leading up to the case (timeline)?

III. **What** was the decision?

IV. **Why** did/does this case matter? What are/were the implications of it?

V. **What** important cases preceded or followed this case?

Expanded rights

Constricted rights