

International Law

Case Brief Assignments
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Five times during the course of the semester, you will hand in five case briefs to me for evaluation. The primary purpose of a case brief is to summarize the most important aspects of the case. Think of it as structured note-taking on an international law case. These cases will then be posted to the website for all to use in their education.

I will not tell you what case to brief; I will allow you to make that decision. This allows you to focus on cases that you find relevant to your education. Two restrictions come on this freedom, however. First, no case can be done twice. Second, the case you do must be relevant to the topic for that section. To deal with both of these constraints, you should email me before you start writing the brief to make sure that the case is appropriate.

You will hand in a hard copy of your brief on the date due. You also will email a copy of the brief to me on the date due. The filename for the brief will be your username followed by 'brief' and the brief number (followed by .rtf or .doc, depending). For instance, my third brief would have the filename oj38491brief3.doc. I will turn each brief into an Adobe pdf file and post it to the website for all to see and utilize.

Read the "How to Brief a Case" handout to see the appropriate format for your brief. I strongly urge you to start early on the assignment and spend most of your time thinking about the case and its implications.

Finally, expect to have to discuss your case during class.

Topics and Due Dates

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topics</u>
1.	23 January	Any case with an international component to it
2.	8 February	Sovereign Immunity, Organizations, Corporations
3.	29 February	Individuals in IL, Stateless Persons, International Criminal Court
4.	14 March	Law of the Sea, Borders and Boundaries, Violations of Diplomatic Rules, Treaties and Executive Orders
5.	4 April	Laws of War, Use of Force, State Borders, Human Rights