## **International Law**

Case Brief Assignments Ole J. Forsberg, Ph.D.

Five times during the course of the semester, you will hand in a case brief 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. <u>First</u>, no case can be done twice by the



class. <u>Second</u>, the case you do must be relevant to the topic for that section. To deal with both of these constraints, you need to email me <u>before</u> you start writing the brief to make sure that the case is appropriate.

You will hand in a hard copy of your brief by start of class on the date due. You also will email a copy of the brief to me by start of class on the date due. The filename for the brief will be your username, followed by the word 'brief', followed by the brief number (followed by .rtf or .doc, depending). Thus, my third brief would have the filename ojforsbergbrief3.rtf. I will turn each brief into a pdf file and post it to the website for all to see and utilize.

Read the "How to Brief a Case" paper (located by link on the course website) to see the appropriate format for your brief. I strongly urge you to <u>start early</u> on the assignment and spend most of your time <u>thinking</u> about the case and its implications.

Finally, expect to discuss your case during class.

## **Topics and Due Dates**

	<u>Date</u>	Allowed Topics
1.	September 17	Any case with an international component to it
2.	October 8	Sovereign Immunity, Organizations, Corporations
3.	October 27	Individuals in IL, Stateless Persons, International Criminal Court
4.	November 5	Law of the Sea, Borders and Boundaries, Violations of Diplomatic Rules, Treaties and Executive Orders
5.	November 19	Laws of War, Use of Force, State Borders, Human Rights