

Things to KNOW About a Case
Before Even *Mentioning* it to Others:

1. Is this good case law?
2. When did the court come out with this decision?
3. What jurisdiction and, within that, what court is this decision from?
4. What is the procedural posture of the case?
5. Who were the parties?
6. What was the outcome of the case? Did the court rule for or against the outcome we want in our case?
7. Is the language you want from the case part of the holding or dicta?
8. Was the issue you were researching decided on the basis of facts or law?
9. List the sources you used to find authorities? / Where did you look?
10. Basic facts of case

Case Checklist

Case: _____

Date: _____

Jurisdiction: _____ **Court:** _____

Key Points: _____

Procedural Posture: _____

Parties:

1. _____

2. _____

Outcome: _____

Relation of Outcome in Case to Desired Outcome: _____

Is the Key Part Holding or Dicta: _____

Is the Key Part Judged on Basis of Facts or as Matter of

Law: _____

Relevant Universe of Sources: _____

Where did I look: _____

Basic Facts: _____
