**CIVIL PROCEDURE (NATHENSON) FIRAC CASE BRIEF TEMPLATE (2016 v 1.0)**

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*Note: This template is provided in MS Word. Use and adapt it to fit the needs of each case. For a case with multiple issues you may wish to provide multiple FIRACs.*

*Print this out and bring it to class; use the right-hand column to add notes during class.*

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| **FACTS** | **NOTES ADDED IN CLASS** |
| Case name, court, citation: |  |
| Statement of the case: |  |
| Procedural history/posture: |  |
| Material historical facts: |  |

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| **ISSUE** | **NOTES ADDED IN CLASS** |
| The question to be decided. If multiple issues or sub-issues, copy & paste extra “issue,” “rule,” and “analysis” sections. |  |

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| **RULE** | **NOTES ADDED IN CLASS** |
| The governing law. |  |

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| **ANALYSIS** | **NOTES ADDED IN CLASS** |
| The rationale or reasoning. |  |

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| **CONCLUSION** | **NOTES ADDED IN CLASS** |
| The holding. |  |

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| **ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS** | **NOTES ADDED IN CLASS** |
| Add any additional thoughts here, such as:   * Why you agree or disagree with the opinion. * Hypotheticals you can invent based on the law articulated by the court. * Questions you may have for class. |  |