

Case Law Project Assignment

Choose a partner, it does not matter who as long as you will have access to each other to complete the assignment.

Choose two cases from the master list provided by your facilitator.

Research your assigned case using the Law Enforcement Digest (LED) and the following websites:

www.legalwa.org

www.findlaw.com

www.courts.wa.gov

A good place to start is by finding your cases in the Law Enforcement Legal Update found on the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (WSCJTC) under the LED webpage. This resource will provide a synopsis of the case so you know what the outcome or decision was.

After researching each case, digest it thoroughly. By this I mean, know the case well enough so you can teach the case to your classmates. You will be expected to deliver a 10-15 minute presentation explaining your case. Your presentation must include the following:

A description of the story. What happened? What was the call? Who were the players? What was the scenario?

A description of the issues. What were the problems with the case? What was the defense arguing? What good or bad things procedurally did the police do? Did it involve any amendment issues?

A description of the outcome. What was the ruling of the court?

An interpretation of what the case means to law enforcement. Meaning...does it change our policing behavior or tactics; or does it confirm a tactic we were already using prior to the case ruling.

Here's the catch...**NO READING THE CASE LIKE A SCRIPT!** An evaluation rubric is attached defining the categories for levels of achievement.