

Judgment Note

One judgment per sheet. Leave nothing blank; write “none” if there is none.

CASE NAME

NEUTRAL CITATION

e.g. 2004 INSC 569

COURT & DATE

BENCH: NAMES AND STRENGTH

strength decides what it could overrule

LEAVE GRANTED?

an SLP dismissed without leave is not a precedent

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

what happened below, and who came here

THE QUESTION THE COURT FRAMED

in your own words, not the headnote's

MATERIAL FACTS

only the facts the outcome turned on. Remove one: does the result change?

HOLDING · PARAGRAPH NUMBER

if you cannot give a paragraph, you have not finished reading

BECAUSE

the reasoning in one sentence

RATIO: WHAT BINDS

remove it and the outcome falls

OBITER: USEFUL, NOT BINDING

call it an observation

SEPARATE OPINIONS · WHERE THE MAJORITY LIES ON EACH ISSUE

WHAT IN IT IS AGAINST ME

the sentence beginning “we make it clear that” usually narrows something

STILL GOOD LAW?

- ☐ followed ☐ distinguished ☐ doubted ☐ referred to a larger Bench ☐ overruled
☐ any argument that it is per incuriam · ☐ any point decided sub silentio

IN ONE SENTENCE, ALOUD, WITHOUT NOTES