

Addendum C

Advanced Reading Checklist (Focus & Enjoy)

This addendum introduces you to an advanced reading checklist you can reproduce (copies available at <http://www.unc.edu/~ramckinn>) and use whenever you read cases once you've integrated the kinds of questions raised in the Beginning Reading Checklist (Addendum B) into your daily reading. As a supplement to briefing, you can use this checklist (or think about the questions it contains) to help advance your reading. Eventually you should strive to integrate these questions into your daily reading habits (so that the questions come up in your mind automatically and you are reading with these questions in the back of your head).

1. What is the exact legal question in front of the court (that pertains to the sub-topic of the course in this section of the casebook)?
2. What is the court's exact answer to this question?
3. In the court's mind, why does this answer make sense?

4. Keeping the importance of deductive reasoning in mind (Major Premise, Minor Premise, Conclusion) what would you personally have decided if you'd been the judge? Why? What other decisions could have been rationally made?

5. What does this case add to your understanding of this section of the course?