WRITING ASSIGNMENT #1

Your partner has learned about a Supreme Court of Virginia case, Clark v. Commonwealth, which is relevant to a current firm matter. Unfortunately, the partner is too busy to read the entire opinion. Accordingly, the partner asks you to prepare a concise case brief. Specifically, the partner needs to know the relevant facts (including actions taken by lower courts), issue(s), rule, holding, reasoning, and noteworthy separate opinions (i.e., dissents and/or concurring opinions, if any).

NOTES & INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Format.** Please prepare a concise case brief with the following information at the top (single-spaced):

   To:    Partner
   From:  Your name
   Date:

   At the top of the first page, use the following header: Writing Assignment #1—Wiant, Torts 2014.

2. **Authority and citations.** First, please use (only) the version of Clark which is posted on TWEN. You may not read another version of the case or consult other sources for commentary. Second, do not use citations.

3. **Due date.** WA #1 is due in my box (outside my office) by 8:45 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 1, 2014.

4. **Length and submission details.** Your brief should not exceed 1.5 pages. Use standard margins and Times New Roman, 12 pt font. To be read, you must turn the assignment in on time.

5. **Collaboration.** You may discuss substantive issues with your classmates. Bear in mind that the work you submit must be your own (i.e., no help with your actual writing, including outside proofreaders).