

**IRAC: Applying Law to Facts**

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- Objective:
- Practice legal analysis using IRAC.
- Apply law to facts clearly and logically.

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**What is IRAC?**

- Issue – Legal question
- Rule – Law that applies
- Application – Apply law to facts
- Conclusion – Answer

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**Why IRAC Matters**

- Socratic Method in law school
- Used in law school and practice
- Organizes legal thinking
- Helps apply law to real situations

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**IRAC Applying Law to Facts Activity  
Overview**

- You will:
- 1. Read a scenario
- 2. Identify facts
- 3. Apply IRAC
- 4. Discuss answers

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**Group Discussion: Scenario**

- A person uses a fake ID to buy alcohol.
- The seller briefly checks it.
- The person is underage.
  
- Is the seller liable?

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### Step 1: Identify Facts

- Who?
- What happened?
- Where/When?
- Key details?
  
- Focus on relevant facts only

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### Step 2: Write the Issue

- Write as a question
- Start with:
  - “The issue is whether...”
  
- Tie the law in question to specific facts

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### Step 3: Identify the Rule

- What law applies?
- Include elements
- Include exceptions/defenses
- Be specific

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### Step 4: Application

- Apply rule to facts
- Use “Because” and “Since”
- Use specific nouns of the case in question
- Explain reasoning
- This is the most important part

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### Step 5: Conclusion

- Answer the issue
- State likely outcome
- Be clear and direct

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### IRAC Template

- Facts: Important details
- Issue: “The issue is whether...”
- Rule: Statute, case law, or both?
- Application: “Because...”, “Since...” Use nouns in the case
- Conclusion: What is the likely outcome? Who is liable or responsible?

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