

No. 10-0000

IN THE
**United States Court of Appeals for the
Fourteenth Circuit**

AMOS PELLANT,

Appellant,

v.

ADONIS PELLEEE,

Appellee.

ON APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES
DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF KENT

BRIEF FOR APPELLANT

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STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION

A formal statement of jurisdiction has been waived in accordance with the rules of the Moot court Honor Society Summer Candidacy Program.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS AND STATUTE INVOLVED

The text of the following constitutional and statutory provisions involved are provided in the appendices: First Amendment to the United States Constitution; Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution; 18 U.S.C. § 899 (2000); and 18 U.S.C. § 1399 (2000). [You can also simply reproduce the full text of the relevant provisions here.]

Adjust the title of the "Provisions" section depending on the type of positive law you're involved (constitutional provisions, statutes, rules, regulations, and so on).

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Facts

[Text.]

Procedural History

[Text.]

Your statement of the case should include both substantive facts and procedural history; some appellate courts mandate separate sections for each. You need not have separate subsections for these two things; you can also use other subheadings to help organize your narrative.

SUMMARY OF ARGUMENT

[General roadmap]

I

[Summary for point I.]

II

[Summary for point II.]

ARGUMENT

[Set out your introduction here; be sure to include the appropriate standard of review.]

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Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution provides in pertinent part as follows: “Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press” [Use block quotes if the quote is long enough – consult ALWD Manual or Bluebook for rules regarding block quotations.]

[Other appendices omitted]