Learning Activity 6

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Instructions

General Instructions for Learning Activities

Read/watch all assigned materials listed for the week in Overview.

Submit learning activities to the correct week’s Learning Activity tab in the Assignment Folder.

Put your name on your uploaded file.

Submit work in Word, RTF, or PDF format.

Refer to course materials, cases, and/or statutes to support conclusions.

Review the grading rubric for Learning Activities.

Learning Activity: due 11:59 pm ET, Saturday

Background: Before meeting with a client, Carter asks you to analyze a specific case relevant to her client’s case.

You are to summarize your analysis in a written report to Carter.

Instructions:

Use Westlaw to retrieve and read the opinion located at: 450 Md. 51.

Respond to following items about the case 450 Md. 51.

Use your own words in responses

Respond in complete sentences

Number all responses

1. Cite the opinion located at 450 Md. 51 in correct Bluebook format. (Cite to cite the regional reporter only.)

2. Analyze and explain what prompted Brittany to file her lawsuit and why Michelle decided to countersue.

(Hint: focus on what happened outside of court and each woman's stated goal.)

3. Identify which party prevailed at trial.

4. Identify which party prevailed in the Court of Special Appeals.

5. Analyze and explain the legal issue the Court of Appeals chose to address in its opinion.

6. Explain de facto parenthood.

7. Analyze and describe the holding of the Court of Appeals in its opinion.

Note: the holding describes the legal rule that resulted on the court’s decision on the issue. It is not merely a

statement like, “Affirmed” or "Reversed and remanded to the trial court."

8. Analyze the legal question the H.S.H.-K. test is designed to answer; describe the 4 r parts of the H.S.H.-K. test.

9. Describe the two reasons the court gave for departing from stare decisis.

10. Discuss whether you agree with the opinion of the Court of Appeals in this case and why or why not.

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PLEASE NOTE: Try to avoid using quotations. You may support answers with quotations to a relevant authority, but

no more than 20% of any response should be a quotation.

All quoted text - even text from a primary authority like a court opinion - must be enclosed in quotation marks and

given appropriate attribution. Enclose all quotes from a court opinion in quotation marks and providing a pinpoint

citation in Bluebook format. I strongly encourage all students to read or review The Indigo Book's section on

quotations, which includes Rules 37 through 40.

DO NOT patchwrite with text from a court opinion. This is a form of academic dishonesty. Here are some examples

of improper paraphrasing and a correct example.

Label all parts of response.

Write in correct, complete sentences in paragraph format.

Use size 12 Arial or Times Roman fon