

Written assignment – ICC case

A. Read the case of *Interstate Commerce Commission v. Kroblin*. Then answer the following questions.

1. This case is another chicken case, this one concerned with the transportation of “dressed and eviscerated” chicken. Explain this term as applied to chickens.

2. Why does the ICC care about how dressed chickens should be classified?

3. a) What is the “agricultural exemption” as it pertains to the transportation of goods?

b) Why do the the agricultural people have the burden of proof for their contention that the exemption applies to them?

4. a) Look up the word(s) “manufacture(d)” in a good comprehensive dictionary and list the definitions that you find?

b) In your opinion do any of these definitions apply to “dressed and eviscerated chickens”? Explain.

5. Why is it important to farmers that the dressed chickens be classified as agricultural commodities?

6. The Court is able to reach a decision only by bringing in two types of extrinsic evidence:

a) administrative interpretation by a governmental agency, and b) legislative history.

Which one was more persuasive? Explain.

7. Who ends up winning this dispute, and why?

B. Do a 6-part analysis of *ICC v Kroblin*. (An example of a 6-part analysis can be found for the Frigalment case by going to “Power Point handouts” and then clicking on “6-part analysis” at the top of the list.)

1. Who - is/are the main participant(s) [plaintiff/defendant] in this case

2. Where - did the events of the case take place?

3. When - did the events happen?

4. What - happened? Describe briefly the circumstances.

5. How - was the case decided?

6. Why - was the case decided the way it was? State what the legal issue is.