

## Case Studies and Cases H 1350

**BACKGROUND:** The subdivision *–Cases, clinical reports, statistics*, formerly used under medical headings, was discontinued in 1979 in favor of the subdivisions *–Case studies* and *–Statistics*. *–Case studies* and *–Cases* are now the only authorized free-floating subdivisions used for descriptions of cases or works about them. This instruction sheet provides guidelines for assigning the subdivisions *–Case studies* and *–Cases* and the heading *Case method*. It also provides guidelines on cataloging works about conducting and writing case studies.

**1. Case method.** Use the heading **Case method** as a topical heading for general works on the use of recorded case studies as a method of instruction.

**2. –Case studies.** Case studies are descriptions of one or more recorded instances illustrating the conditions of a particular field, from which general principles may be drawn. Use the free-floating subdivision *–Case studies* under classes of persons, ethnic groups, and topical headings, except legal headings.

Under medical headings, including names of diseases, use this subdivision for professional description or analysis of one or more case histories on the topic.

Also use this subdivision under names of individual corporate bodies for case studies involving those corporate bodies.

Code the subdivision as a form subdivision (\$v) for works consisting of case studies and as a topical subdivision (\$x) for works that discuss case studies.

*Examples:*

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650 #0 $a Women farmers $z India $v Case studies.
650 #0 $a Juvenile delinquency $x Case studies.
650 #0 $a AIDS (Disease) $v Case studies.
650 #0 $a Blood-vessels $x Endoscopic surgery $x Case studies.
610 20 $a Camden County Children's Shelter $v Case studies.
610 20 $a United Nations $x Case studies $v Bibliography.
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3. **-Cases.** Use the subdivision **-Cases** as a free-floating form subdivision under topical legal headings for compilations of court or regulatory agency decisions on the topic, including reporters or casebooks for students. *Examples:*

650 #0 \$a Estates (Law) \$v Cases.  
650 #0 \$a Torts \$v Cases.

*Note: For non-topical compilations, use either **Law reports, digests, etc.** (for reporters) or **Law-Cases** (for casebooks), as appropriate.*

Also use the subdivision as a topical subdivision under topical legal headings for works about compilations of court or regulatory agency decisions on the topic, including reporters or casebooks for students.

4. **Methodology.** For works on the methodology of conducting case studies on a particular topic, see H 2020.

5. **Authorship.** For works on the authorship of case studies in a particular discipline, use the free-floating topical subdivision **-Authorship** under the heading for the discipline (e.g., **Psychiatry—Authorship**).