

2000 - 2006

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(Note on outcome: case may refer to decisions from other cases (*The decision in...; xxx’s decision*), therefore suggest extracting decision from last paragraph onwards, in reverse order.)

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Observations:

- The facts section is generally the first paragraph onwards. If no facts headers are found, take it that the first paragraph onwards until the next header is the facts
 - The issues are sometimes incorporated into the facts section, especially for criminal cases, where the issue lies in the submitted evidence.
 - Lower court's decision may be referenced in the Judgment, therefore it would be more likely to find the outcome when searching from the end of the Judgment
 - The various issues addressed in the Judgment are often section headers
 - The fact section is concluded when any of the keyword for issues are found
 - From 2007 onwards, the introduction section is introduced
 - Judgments written by Chan Seng Onn J are especially bad... no structure at all
 - In some cases, the facts and issues are both contained in the introduction if the Judgment is short.
 - If cross-appeal/cross-claim exists, outcome extraction may be affected (e.g. allow cross-appeal but dismiss appeal, which screws with our extraction scheme). Solution could be to look for either plaintiff/appellant or defendant/respondent near the keyword, then assign the outcome based on the combination of keyword and party. If party does not exist, default to the keyword
 - Partial claims are an issue as well (e.g. allow claim/appeal wrt issue 1, but dismiss claim/appeal wrt issue 2)
 - In rare cases, the court might only state the court orders that they are making, without using any identifiable keyword to indicate that the judgement is favourable to either the pf or df. Will have to use GPT for this scenario
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- From 2015 onwards, some areas of law structure have changed due to the introduction of a cover page, but not all.
 - "My order in the present case does not on any basis suggest that a foreign accused person without roots in Singapore must be denied bail." This judgment contains the keyword denied, but does not in fact deny bail from this statement alone.

On the contrary, "in this case, it was not appropriate at this time to grant bail to the respondent" this statement contains the keyword grant, but denies bail in effect