

**LEGAL RESEARCH REFRESHER
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PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. You're scheduled to meet with your boss, Shari Partner, to talk about a new case she wants you to work on. Ms. Partner has told you that the case involves the circumstances under which a successor corporation can be held liable for products of its predecessor in a products liability case. You're clueless, but you want to make a good impression when you talk with her. Where would you look to get some background about this issue?**

- 2. You've been asked to write a memo on the question of whether corporal punishment in public schools violates a student's constitutional rights. You remember reading a Supreme Court case in law school called *Ingraham v. Wright* that's right on point. How would you find the *Ingraham* case and other cases on the same subject?**

- 3. Your boss has given you a brief he's written and asks you to find a few cases that say that there has to be consideration for a contract to be valid. Where would you look for a citation?**

- 4. You're a research assistant, and you receive the following e-mail from your professor: "Please find out which states have laws governing interest rates that may be charged on consumer contracts, and get cites for the statutes." How would you begin?**

- 5. Since you started law school, your friends and family have been asking you for legal advice. This time it's your grandparents, who have recently retired and moved to Asheville. They just bought a new Ferrari that's turned out to be a real lemon. Where would you look to see if North Carolina law protects consumers whose new cars don't live up to their warranties? (You've checked with your boss, and been told that you may use any of the firm's resources to research this issue).**