The “You be the Judge” exercises and questions offer good preparation for exam essay questions. Your work is made easier by the text authors’ inclusion of “arguments” for “both sides.” After reading the facts and reviewing the arguments, pretend that you are a judge that has heard both the plaintiff(s) and defendant(s) present their case. Which argument do you find more convincing? What are its strengths? What are its weaknesses, given the “other side’s” arguments? Draw a conclusion that you can support, using the strengths of the “winning side” while acknowledging the strong points presented by the other side. Now write your opinion. State the issue, the relevant rule to be applied, and then present your analysis of the arguments with which you have been presented. In class, be prepared to defend your decision to classmates, who may have ruled for the other party.