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The information provided should be considered a starting point in your research and should not be interpreted as a comprehensive review of the subject or issue in question

Legal issues are the court rules, laws, and principles of law that support your claim to the court. In the NY Courts Digital E-Book Law Library, read *New York Civil Practice Before Trial 2:201 Issues to Research*. Your legal memo should address:

- The elements of each cause of action or defense
- The applicable statute of limitations and if applicable, available tolling theories
- Defenses or causes of action available to the opposition and their essential elements
- The applicable burden of proof for each cause of action or defense
- Any special evidentiary requirements or problems
- Applicable legal trends
- Previous rulings by the assigned judge

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Legal Advice

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