

Business Law, 9e (Cheeseman)
Chapter 2 Courts and Jurisdiction

1) _____ are courts that hear matters of a specialized or limited nature.

- A) General-jurisdiction trial courts
- B) Inferior trial courts
- C) Intermediate appellate courts
- D) Chancery courts

Answer: B

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.1 Describe state court systems.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

2) _____ are courts that hear cases of a general nature that are not within the jurisdiction of limited-jurisdiction trial courts.

- A) Courts of record
- B) Intermediate appellate courts
- C) Inferior trial courts
- D) State supreme courts

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

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AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

3) _____ hears appeals from trial courts.

- A) The highest state court
- B) A court of record
- C) An inferior trial court
- D) An intermediate appellate court

Answer: D

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

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AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

4) Decisions of the _____ are final unless a question of law is involved that is appealable to the U.S. Supreme Court.

- A) courts of appeals
- B) courts of records
- C) highest state courts
- D) general-jurisdiction trial courts

Answer: C

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

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AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

5) Which of the following is a function of the state supreme courts?

- A) conducting trials related to misdemeanor criminal law
- B) hearing appeals from intermediate appellate state courts and certain trial courts
- C) conducting trials related to felonies and civil disputes
- D) reviewing the judgments and records of the lower courts and ratifying them

Answer: B

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.1 Describe state court systems.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

6) Which of the following statements is true about intermediate appellate courts?

- A) They hear new evidence and testimony that have come to light after the trial courts have made their decision.
- B) They do not grant any oral hearings to the parties.
- C) They have jurisdiction to hear cases of a limited or specialized nature.
- D) They review either pertinent parts or the whole trial court record from the lower court.

Answer: D

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.1 Describe state court systems.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

7) A decision of a limited-jurisdiction trial court can be appealed at a general-jurisdiction court or an appellate court.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.1 Describe state court systems.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

8) In small claims courts, it is necessary that the parties are represented by a lawyer at all times.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.1 Describe state court systems.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

9) General-jurisdiction trial courts can be found in every state.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.1 Describe state court systems.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

10) In general-jurisdiction trial courts, the testimony and evidence at trial are recorded and stored for future reference.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

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AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

11) The decisions handed down by the general-jurisdiction trial courts are appealable to an intermediate appellate court or the state supreme court.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

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AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

12) Intermediate appellate courts review new evidence or testimony that was not seen or heard in the lower courts.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

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AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

13) Appellate court decisions are final and cannot be appealed to any higher courts.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.1 Describe state court systems.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

14) The intermediate appellate courts do not allow the parties to have oral hearings.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

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AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

15) No new evidence or testimony is heard in the state supreme courts.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.1 Describe state court systems.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

16) Decisions of highest state courts are final unless a question of law is involved that is appealable to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.1 Describe state court systems.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

17) The _____ established by Congress have limited jurisdiction.

A) state supreme courts

B) state appeals courts

C) special federal courts

D) courts of records

Answer: C

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

18) Which of the following courts are the federal court system's trial courts of general jurisdiction?

- A) the U.S. district courts
- B) the U.S. Tax Courts
- C) the U.S. courts of appeals
- D) the U.S. courts of federal claims

Answer: A

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

19) The geographical area served by each U.S. court of appeals is referred to as a _____.

- A) district
- B) county
- C) range
- D) circuit

Answer: D

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

20) The _____ has special appellate jurisdiction to review the decisions of the Court of Federal Claims, the Patent and Trademark Office, and the Court of International Trade.

- A) U.S. District Court
- B) U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- C) First Circuit Court
- D) District of Columbia Circuit

Answer: B

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

21) The _____ hears cases brought against the United States.

- A) U.S. Supreme Court
- B) U.S. Tax Court
- C) U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- D) U.S. District Court

Answer: C

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

22) Which of the following courts are considered as the federal court system's intermediate appellate courts?

- A) the U.S. Courts of Appeals for Veterans Claims
- B) the U.S. courts of appeals
- C) the U.S. district courts
- D) the U.S. courts of federal claims

Answer: B

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

23) Why was the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit created?

- A) It was created to exercise appellate jurisdiction over members of the armed services.
- B) It was created to hear cases that involve federal tax laws.
- C) It was created to provide uniformity in the application of federal law in certain areas, particularly patent law.
- D) It was created to hear appeals from intermediate appellate state courts and certain trial courts.

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

24) Which of the following courts was created by Article III of the U.S. Constitution?

- A) the U.S. Supreme Court
- B) the U.S. Tax Court
- C) the U.S. Court of Appeals
- D) the U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Answer: A

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

25) The U.S. Supreme Court is composed of _____ justices.

- A) nine
- B) six
- C) ten
- D) three

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

26) How are the justices of the U.S. Supreme Court appointed?

- A) They are nominated by the president and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.
- B) They are appointed by the president of the United States.
- C) They are nominated and confirmed by the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.
- D) They are nominated by the Associate Justices and confirmed by the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

27) Which of the following statements is true of the U.S. Supreme Court?

- A) The U.S. Supreme Court's decisions are appealable.
- B) The U.S. Supreme Court hears appeals only from the federal circuit courts of appeals.
- C) The U.S. Supreme Court does not hear any new evidence or testimony in reviewed cases.
- D) The U.S. Supreme Court does not grant any oral hearings to the parties.

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

28) Federal judges of the U.S. district courts are appointed for 14-year terms.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

29) Pursuant to the power given to it by Article III of the U.S. Constitution, Congress has established the U.S. courts of appeals.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

30) In the United States, each state has only a single district court.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

31) The federal district courts are empowered to impanel juries, receive evidence, hear testimony, and decide cases.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

32) The first 12 circuits of the federal court system are geographical.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

33) In the U.S. courts of appeals, the parties file legal briefs with the court and are given a short oral hearing.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

34) In the U.S. circuit courts of appeals, an *en banc* review refers to an appeal heard by a three-judge panel.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

35) Appeals from the Court of International Trade are heard by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

36) The highest court in the land is the Supreme Court of the United States, which is located in Washington DC.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

37) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is elected by the Associate Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

38) The decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court can be appealed to higher courts.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

39) What is the jurisdiction of the U.S. Supreme Court?

Answer: The Supreme Court, which is an appellate court, hears appeals from federal circuit courts of appeals and, under certain circumstances, from federal district courts, special federal courts, and the highest state courts. No new evidence or testimony is heard. As with other appellate courts, the lower court record is reviewed to determine whether there has been an error that warrants a reversal or modification of the decision. Legal briefs are filed, and the parties are granted a brief oral hearing. The Supreme Court's decision is final.

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.2 Describe the federal court system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

40) _____ refers to an official notice that the Supreme Court will review a case.

A) Writ of *certiorari*

B) *Stare decisis*

C) *En banc* review

D) *Sua sponte*

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.3 List and describe the types of decisions that are issued by the U.S. Supreme Court.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

41) In the U.S. Supreme Court, if all the justices voting agree as to the outcome and reasoning used to decide a case, it is a _____ decision.

- A) tie
- B) plurality
- C) majority
- D) unanimous

Answer: D

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.3 List and describe the types of decisions that are issued by the U.S. Supreme Court.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

42) In the U.S. Supreme Court, if a majority of the justices agree as to the outcome of a case but not as to the reasoning for reaching the outcome, it is a _____ decision.

- A) unanimous
- B) majority
- C) plurality
- D) tie

Answer: C

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.3 List and describe the types of decisions that are issued by the U.S. Supreme Court.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

43) Mary has already won her case at the U.S. Court of Appeals. When the case is reviewed by the Supreme Court, only eight judges are present. Four of the judges vote for Mary while the other four vote against her. Which of the following will be the result of this case?

- A) The case will be sent to the U.S. Court of Appeals for a review.
- B) Mary will win the case as she had already won at the U.S. Court of Appeals.
- C) The case will be reviewed again by the U.S. Supreme Court when all the judges are present.
- D) Mary will win and the case will set a precedent for later cases.

Answer: B

Diff: 2

Skill: Factual Application

LO: 2.3 List and describe the types of decisions that are issued by the U.S. Supreme Court.

AACSB: Application of knowledge

Classification: Application

44) Which of the following is true about a plurality decision of the Supreme Court?

- A) It settles a case but does not set the precedent for later cases.
- B) It affirms the decision of the lower court.
- C) It settles a case and sets the precedent for later cases.
- D) It causes a case to be reviewed again at a later date.

Answer: A

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.3 List and describe the types of decisions that are issued by the U.S. Supreme Court.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

45) Which of the following is true about a majority decision reached by the U.S. Supreme Court?

- A) All the judges agree as to the outcome and reasoning used to decide a case.
- B) A majority of the judges agree as to the outcome but not the reasoning used to decide a case.
- C) A majority of the justices agree as to the outcome and reasoning used to decide a case.
- D) An equal number of judges vote for and against the petitioner and the case remains undecided.

Answer: C

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.3 List and describe the types of decisions that are issued by the U.S. Supreme Court.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

46) Which of the following similarities is observed between tie and plurality decisions reached by the U.S. Supreme Court?

- A) The decisions can be appealed against in the U.S. courts of appeals.
- B) The decisions do not set precedent for later cases.
- C) The decision of the lower court is affirmed.
- D) New evidence and testimony is heard before reaching decisions.

Answer: B

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.3 List and describe the types of decisions that are issued by the U.S. Supreme Court.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

47) Sue, a resident of the state of New York, is visiting her aunt in Iowa. On her way, her car is hit by Jerry, a resident of the state of Iowa who is drunk. Sue is injured in the accident. Which of the following actions is Sue allowed to take?

A) Sue can sue Jerry and bring the case to Iowa state court provided that the dollar amount of the controversy exceeds \$75,000.

B) Sue can file a case against Jerry in the New York state court as she is a resident of that state.

C) Sue can file a case against Jerry only in the Iowa state court as this is a matter that involves state negligence law.

D) Sue can sue Jerry and bring the case to Iowa federal court as this is a case that involves diversity of citizenship.

Answer: D

Diff: 3

Skill: Factual Application

LO: 2.3 List and describe the types of decisions that are issued by the U.S. Supreme Court.

AACSB: Application of knowledge

Classification: Application

48) A petitioner must file a petition for *certiorari*, asking the Supreme Court to hear the case.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.3 List and describe the types of decisions that are issued by the U.S. Supreme Court.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

49) A tie decision by the U.S. Supreme Court sets a precedent for later cases.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.3 List and describe the types of decisions that are issued by the U.S. Supreme Court.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

50) A justice who agrees with the outcome of a case but not the reason proffered by other justices can issue a dissenting opinion that sets forth his or her reasons for deciding the case.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.3 List and describe the types of decisions that are issued by the U.S. Supreme Court.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

51) The U.S. Supreme Court hears new evidence and testimony that was not permitted in the U.S. district court.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.3 List and describe the types of decisions that are issued by the U.S. Supreme Court.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

52) The U.S. Congress gives the Supreme Court discretion to decide what cases it will hear.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.3 List and describe the types of decisions that are issued by the U.S. Supreme Court.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

53) _____ refer to cases arising under the U.S. Constitution, treaties, and federal statutes and regulations.

A) Federal question cases

B) Diversity of citizenship cases

C) Federal crimes cases

D) Copyrights and trademarks cases

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.4 Compare the jurisdiction of state courts with that of federal courts.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

54) In which of the following cases do federal and state courts have concurrent jurisdiction?

A) bankruptcy cases

B) diversity of citizenship cases

C) antitrust cases

D) patents cases

Answer: B

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.4 Compare the jurisdiction of state courts with that of federal courts.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

55) In which of the following cases do federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction?

- A) cases involving sales and lease contracts
- B) federal question cases
- C) suits against the United States
- D) diversity of citizenship cases

Answer: C

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.4 Compare the jurisdiction of state courts with that of federal courts.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

56) Altonvista Inc., a company based in California, is sued by a plaintiff from the state of Texas. Which of the following statements would apply to this situation?

- A) The case must be heard in the California federal court as this is a subject matter in which federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction.
- B) If the plaintiff chooses to bring the case to the California federal court, it would stay in the federal court.
- C) If the plaintiff decides to bring the case to the California federal court, Altonvista Inc. can have the case moved to a California state court.
- D) The case can only be heard in a California state court as the matter is not subject to federal jurisdiction.

Answer: B

Diff: 2

Skill: Factual Application

LO: 2.4 Compare the jurisdiction of state courts with that of federal courts.

AACSB: Application of knowledge

Classification: Application

57) For federal question cases to be brought in a federal court, the dollar amount of the controversy must exceed \$75,000.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.4 Compare the jurisdiction of state courts with that of federal courts.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

58) If a plaintiff brings a diversity of citizenship case in state court, it will remain there unless a defendant removes the case to federal court.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.4 Compare the jurisdiction of state courts with that of federal courts.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

59) The federal court must apply federal laws in deciding diversity of citizenship cases.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.4 Compare the jurisdiction of state courts with that of federal courts.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

60) Antitrust, bankruptcy, patent and copyright cases can be heard by state courts.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.4 Compare the jurisdiction of state courts with that of federal courts.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

61) Jeremy crashes his friend John's car because he is an incompetent driver. Emily, John's sister, is outraged and wants John to sue his friend. John refuses to file a case against his long-time friend. Which of the following is Emily allowed to do in this situation?

A) She can sue Jeremy on John's behalf, as she has standing to sue.

B) She can sue Jeremy, provided that John gives his consent.

C) She can file a case in the state court where she will have standing to sue.

D) She cannot sue Jeremy as she has no stake in the outcome of the case.

Answer: D

Diff: 2

Skill: Factual Application

LO: 2.5 Define personal jurisdiction, standing to sue, and venue.

AACSB: Application of knowledge

Classification: Application

62) _____ refers to a court's jurisdiction over the parties to a lawsuit.

A) *In rem* jurisdiction

B) *Quasi in rem* jurisdiction

C) *In personam* jurisdiction

D) *Sua sponte* jurisdiction

Answer: C

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.5 Define personal jurisdiction, standing to sue, and venue.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

63) _____ refers to jurisdiction to hear a case because of jurisdiction over the property of the lawsuit.

- A) *In rem* jurisdiction
- B) *Quasi in rem* jurisdiction
- C) Private jurisdiction
- D) *In personam* jurisdiction

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.5 Define personal jurisdiction, standing to sue, and venue.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

64) _____ refers to jurisdiction that allows a plaintiff who obtains a judgment in one state to try to collect the judgment by attaching property of the defendant located in another state.

- A) *In rem* jurisdiction
- B) *In personam* jurisdiction
- C) Private jurisdiction
- D) *Quasi in rem* jurisdiction

Answer: D

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.5 Define personal jurisdiction, standing to sue, and venue.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

65) Why do courts need to accomplish a service of process?

- A) to obtain personal jurisdiction over the plaintiff in a lawsuit
- B) to obtain personal jurisdiction over the defendant in a lawsuit
- C) to obtain jurisdiction to hear a case where the court has jurisdiction over the property in the lawsuit
- D) to obtain jurisdiction over nonresidents who were not served summons within a state

Answer: B

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.5 Define personal jurisdiction, standing to sue, and venue.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

66) Bill is trying to sell his house in Oklahoma City to George who lives in Arkansas. They have a dispute over the terms of the contract and Bill decides to sue George. Which of the following statements is true in this situation?

- A) The Arkansas state court will hear this case as it has *in personam* jurisdiction over George.
- B) The Arkansas state court has *in rem* jurisdiction to hear this case.
- C) The Oklahoma state court has *in rem* jurisdiction to hear this case.
- D) The Oklahoma state court does not have jurisdiction to hear this case as the defendant is from another state.

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Skill: Factual Application

LO: 2.5 Define personal jurisdiction, standing to sue, and venue.

AACSB: Application of knowledge

Classification: Application

67) Jill wins a lawsuit against Terry in the Wyoming state court. The court passes a judgment for Terry to pay \$20,000 to Jill. Immediately after the case is settled, Terry moves to Colorado, where she owns a house, and refuses to pay Jill the money. Which of the following is the best course of action for Jill?

- A) file a lawsuit against Terry in a Colorado state court to enforce the Wyoming court judgment
- B) file another case against Terry in the Wyoming state court to collect the money against Terry's property
- C) file a case against Terry in Wyoming to force Terry to sell her house in Colorado to pay the money
- D) file a case in the Colorado federal court as this qualifies as a federal question case

Answer: A

Diff: 2

Skill: Factual Application

LO: 2.5 Define personal jurisdiction, standing to sue, and venue.

AACSB: Application of knowledge

Classification: Application

68) _____ refers to a concept that requires lawsuits to be heard by a court with jurisdiction that is nearest the location in which an incident occurred or where the parties reside.

- A) Jurisdiction
- B) Venue
- C) Circuit
- D) Doctrine of *stare decisis*

Answer: B

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.5 Define personal jurisdiction, standing to sue, and venue.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

69) Donald, who is a resident of Louisiana, is robbed in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. The robber, who is a resident of the state of Texas, is soon apprehended. Which of the following is the proper venue to hear this case?

- A) state court in Louisiana because the plaintiff is from Louisiana
- B) state court in Texas because the defendant is from Texas
- C) Oklahoma federal court because the robber has committed a federal crime
- D) Oklahoma County Court because it is nearest in location to the scene of the crime

Answer: D

Diff: 2

Skill: Factual Application

LO: 2.5 Define personal jurisdiction, standing to sue, and venue.

AACSB: Application of knowledge

Classification: Application

70) _____ refers to a contract provision that designates a certain court to hear any dispute concerning nonperformance of the contract.

- A) No-contest clause
- B) Choice-of-law clause
- C) Forum-selection clause
- D) Arbitration clause

Answer: C

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.5 Define personal jurisdiction, standing to sue, and venue.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

71) _____ refers to a contract provision that designates a certain state's law or country's law that will be applied in any dispute concerning nonperformance of the contract.

- A) Choice-of-law clause
- B) Forum-shopping
- C) Arbitration clause
- D) Forum-selection clause

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.5 Define personal jurisdiction, standing to sue, and venue.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

72) A plaintiff, by filing a lawsuit with a court, gives the court *in personam* jurisdiction over him- or herself.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.5 Define personal jurisdiction, standing to sue, and venue.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

73) Parties are not allowed to argue against the imposition of jurisdiction by a court.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.5 Define personal jurisdiction, standing to sue, and venue.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

74) A change of venue may be requested in order to find a jury that is not prejudiced.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.5 Define personal jurisdiction, standing to sue, and venue.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

75) Where a long-arm statute is present, a defendant need not have minimum contact with a state for that state's courts to have jurisdiction over the defendant.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.5 Define personal jurisdiction, standing to sue, and venue.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

76) A forum-selection clause forbids parties to a contract to designate and agree to the jurisdiction of a court that otherwise might not have personal jurisdiction.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.5 Define personal jurisdiction, standing to sue, and venue.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

77) Discuss the need and significance of the long-arm statute.

Answer: In most states, a state court can obtain jurisdiction in a civil lawsuit over persons and businesses located in another state or country through the state's long-arm statute. These statutes extend a state's jurisdiction to nonresidents who are not served a summons within the state. The nonresident defendant in the civil lawsuit must have had some minimum contact with the state such that the maintenance of that lawsuit in that state does not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

The exercise of long-arm jurisdiction is generally permitted over nonresidents who have (1) committed torts within the state (e.g., caused an automobile accident in the state), (2) entered into a contract either in the state or that affects the state (and allegedly breached the contract), or (3) transacted other business in the state that allegedly caused injury to another person.

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

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AACSB: Analytical thinking

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78) Compare and contrast between *in rem* and *quasi in rem* jurisdiction.

Answer: A court may have jurisdiction to hear and decide a case because it has jurisdiction over the property of the lawsuit. This is called *in rem* jurisdiction ("jurisdiction over the thing").

Sometimes a plaintiff who obtains a judgment against a defendant in one state will try to collect the judgment by attaching property of the defendant that is located in another state. This is permitted under *quasi in rem* jurisdiction, or attachment jurisdiction. Under the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the U.S. Constitution (Article IV, Section 1), a judgment of a court of one state must be given "full faith and credit" by the courts of another state.

Diff: 1

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79) Describe the need for forum-selection and choice-of-law clauses.

Answer: One issue that often comes up when parties from different states or countries have a legal dispute is which jurisdiction's court will be used. Also, sometimes there is a dispute as to which jurisdiction's laws apply to a case. When the parties have not agreed in advance, courts must make the decision about which court has jurisdiction and what law applies. This situation causes ambiguity, and resolving it will cost the parties time and money. Therefore, parties sometimes agree in their contract as to what state's courts, what federal court, or what country's court will have jurisdiction to hear a legal dispute should one arise. Such clauses in contracts are called forum-selection clauses or choice-of-forum clauses. Of course, the selected court must have jurisdiction to hear the case.

In addition to agreeing to a forum, the parties also often agree in contracts as to what state's law or country's law will apply in resolving a dispute. These clauses are called choice-of-law clauses. The selected law may be of a jurisdiction that does not have jurisdiction to hear the case.

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

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AACSB: Analytical thinking

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80) Discuss the significance of the Zippo Manufacturing Company v. Zippo Dot Com, Inc. case in terms of jurisdiction in cyberspace.

Answer: A seminal case that addressed jurisdiction in cyberspace was Zippo Manufacturing Company v. Zippo Dot Com, Inc. Zippo Manufacturing Company (Zippo) manufactures its well-known line of tobacco lighters in Bradford, Pennsylvania, and sells them worldwide. Zippo Dot Com, Inc. (Dot Com), which was a California corporation with its principal place of business and its servers located in Sunnyvale, California, operated an Internet website that transmitted information and sexually explicit material to its subscribers.

Three thousand of Dot Com's 140,000 paying subscribers worldwide were located in Pennsylvania. Zippo sued Dot Com in U.S. District Court in Pennsylvania for trademark infringement. Dot Com defended, alleging that it was not subject to personal jurisdiction in Pennsylvania because the "minimum contacts" and "traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice" standards were not met and therefore did not permit Pennsylvania to assert jurisdiction over it.

The court held that Dot Com was subject to personal jurisdiction under the Pennsylvania long-arm statute and ordered Dot Com to defend itself in Pennsylvania.

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 2.5 Define personal jurisdiction, standing to sue, and venue.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept