

## Who Has Jurisdiction?

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**Directions:** Read each situation below and decide what court would have jurisdiction over the case. Be sure to list the court, federal or state if necessary, and criminal or civil.

1. A large corporation is charged with violating federal laws against illegal campaign contributions. What court will hear this case?
2. The Texas Supreme Court rules that a man who lost his leg in a car wreck can recover damages only for that injury unless he can prove that his other disabilities resulted from that wreck. From what court was this appealed to the Texas Supreme Court?
3. A man sues a restaurant in Dallas that he claims denied him service because he was an African-American. What court has jurisdiction for this case?
4. Three U.T. football players allegedly spray painted "Hook 'Em" on the side of the Texas A&M Football Stadium, causing \$150 in damages. Who will make a decision about whether or not there is enough evidence to put these men on trial? If they are indicted, what court will have jurisdiction?
5. The state of California is suing Arizona over rights to water in the Colorado River. Who will hear this case?
6. An Austin woman found guilty on charges of felonious assault claims she was denied the right to present favorable witnesses at her trial. She appeals. What court will hear her case?
7. A 12 year old boy is charged with breaking into Hill Country Middle School and stealing a computer. What court has jurisdiction?
8. A deranged, pathetic man who attended Bowie High School is charged with engaging in counterfeiting \$20 bills. Who has jurisdiction for this case?
9. A woman is found guilty of J-walking and ordered to pay a \$35 fine. She appeals the ruling and will have an entirely new trial. Where was the case originally heard? Who will have jurisdiction over the new hearing? Why is there a new trial?
10. A man is charged driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI). Who will have jurisdiction over this case?
11. A man is found guilty of bank robbery. He appeals, and the ruling is overturned on a technicality. The prosecution appeals that ruling, saying the appellate court misapplied the law. What court would have jurisdiction over this situation?
12. A woman found guilty of kidnapping is upset with the verdict and swears she is innocent. She wants an appeal. Who will hear her appeal? Why?