

## JURISDICTION HYPOTHETICALS

1. Defendant lives in California. While on vacation in Wyoming, Defendant was involved in an automobile accident with Plaintiff. Plaintiff resides in Utah. Defendant has never been to Utah, nor does Defendant do any business in Utah. Defendant had been to Wyoming only one other time, approximately five years ago. Can a court in Wyoming exercise jurisdiction over the Defendant? Can a court in Utah? Can a court in California?
  
2. Plaintiff runs a mail-order greeting card business in Iowa. Plaintiff sent a catalogue to Defendant in the mail. Defendant, a resident of New Jersey, after receiving the catalogue placed an order with Plaintiff over the telephone. This was the first time that Defendant ever placed an order with Plaintiff, although Plaintiff previously had sent Defendant catalogues. Plaintiff shipped Defendant the cards, but Defendant has refused to pay. Can a court in Iowa exercise jurisdiction over Defendant? Can a court in New Jersey?
  
3. Defendant was on a business trip from Seattle, Washington to Orlando, Florida. While en route, the airplane on which Defendant was traveling made a scheduled stop in Dallas, Texas. Defendant, wanting to buy a newspaper at the Dallas airport before the flight resumed, stepped off the plane. He was immediately served with a summons and complaint requesting that he appear and defend an action in Dallas, Texas. The complaint was for breach of contract, based upon a contract that was entered into in Washington. Plaintiff was residing in Washington at the time the contract was entered into but has since moved to Dallas, Texas. Does the court in Texas have jurisdiction over the Defendant?
  
4. Defendant is a corporation that sells hair dryers. Defendant's principal place of business is Massachusetts and it is incorporated in Delaware. Defendant ships its hair dryers to ten regional distributors who thereafter ship the hair dryers to retail outlets within each distributor's region. Plaintiff purchased a hair dryer at a retail outlet in Omaha, Nebraska. The hair dryer had been shipped from the regional distributor in Memphis, Tennessee. Plaintiff was injured by the hair dryer when the hair dryer malfunctioned. Can a court in Nebraska exercise jurisdiction over the Defendant? Can a court in Tennessee? Can a court in Massachusetts? Can a court in Delaware?

## CALIFORNIA VENUE HYPOTHETICALS

1. Defendant #1, while driving Defendant #2's car in San Joaquin County (Stockton) hits Plaintiff's automobile causing damage to the Plaintiff's car and personal injuries to the Plaintiff. The Plaintiff lives in Sacramento County. Defendant #1 lives in Amador County. Defendant #2 lives in Madera County. If Plaintiff sues for personal injuries, in which county or counties is venue proper?

2. Defendant signs a contract to buy a copier machine for her office from Plaintiff. The Plaintiff's business is in Sacramento. The Defendant's business is in Placer County. Defendant resides in San Francisco. The Plaintiff delivered the contract to the Defendant who signed the contract in Placer County. The Defendant breaches the contract by failing to make the payments due on the copier. Where is the proper venue for a lawsuit by Plaintiff to recover the amounts due on the contract from Defendant? What if the contract was signed by Defendant in Sacramento County?