LAW
Chapter 3 – Section 2 “THE FEDERAL COURT SYSTEM” Reading Guide

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FROM SECTION 3-2

WHAT ARE THE 2 GOALS FOR CHAPTER 3-2?

WHAT’S YOUR VERDICT? P.52
READ THE SECTION AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Who is correct? Why?

WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF POWER OF THE FEDERAL COURTS?

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READ THE SECTION AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Will the case be heard in the federal or state court? Why?

NAME THE THREE LEVELS OF FEDERAL COURTS AND DESCRIBE THE JURISDICTION OF EACH:

ASSESSMENT
ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON PAGE 54 OF YOUR TEXT UNDER “THINK ABOUT LEGAL CONCEPTS”

1____  3____  5____
2____  4____
THINK CRITICALLY ABOUT EVIDENCE:
STUDY THE SITUATION, ANSWER THE QUESTIONS, PREPARE ARGUMENTS TO SUPPORT YOUR ANSWERS:

Ms. Tant of New York City recently sued Mr. Bloom, also of New York City. She claimed that he had run into and injured her while he was jogging. She asked for $50,000 in damages. When she filed her suit in federal district court, Mr. Bloom’s attorney immediately objected on TWO grounds. What were they?

Ms. Tant’s case above was thrown out of federal court. She later filed it in the New York state court solely as a case involving Mr. Bloom’s negligent jogging. When she lost, she appealed all the way to the highest New York state court but still lose. She then sought to appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court. Will the Supreme Court hear her case? Why or why not?

Paul Stone sued his employer for assault and battery due to the actions of several of his female co-workers. While gathered around the coffee machine each morning, they would whistle at him, make lewd comments, and touch and pinch him. When the case was dismissed from the state circuit court, Stone appealed. The intermediate court of appeals sustained the result in the lower court and Stone appealed to the state supreme court. When the state Supreme Court also sustained, Stone sought to appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court. Are there any federal issues in this case that would allow the U. S. Supreme Court to take jurisdiction?

What might prevent the nation’s highest court from so doing?