

## CHAPTER OVERVIEW

### 2: Organization and Functions of the American Court System

#### Learning Objectives

- Understand the US court system and how it affects the conduct of businesses.
- Understand the three branches of government and how they check and balance each other's powers.
- Describe the dual court system and its three tiers.
- Explain how you are protected and governed by different U.S. court systems.
- Know which kinds of cases must be heard in federal courts only.
- Explain diversity of citizenship jurisdiction and be able to decide whether a case is eligible for diversity jurisdiction in the federal courts.
- Distinguish between trial and appellate courts.

#### Chapter Outline

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