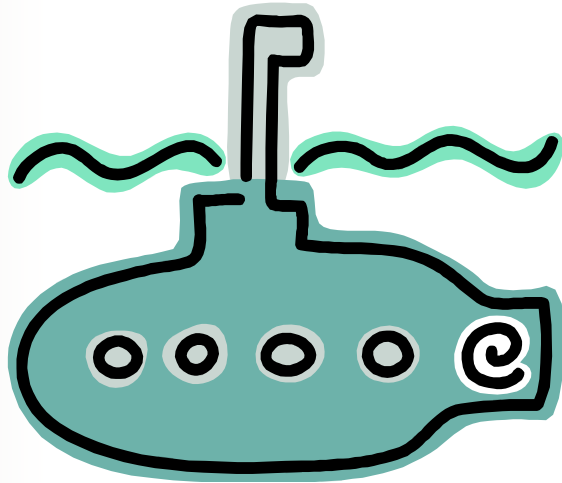


# JUDICIAL BRANCH



DEEP DIVE!



## Mini Review

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Court of Appeals

Supreme Court

District Court

## Mini Review

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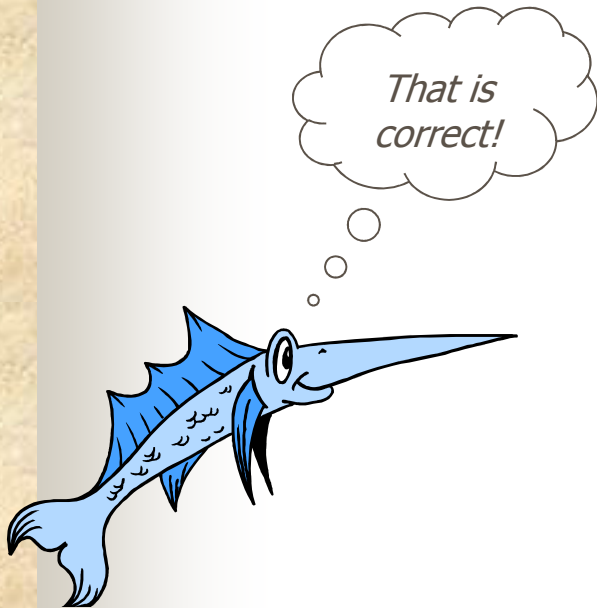
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Court of Appeals



District Court

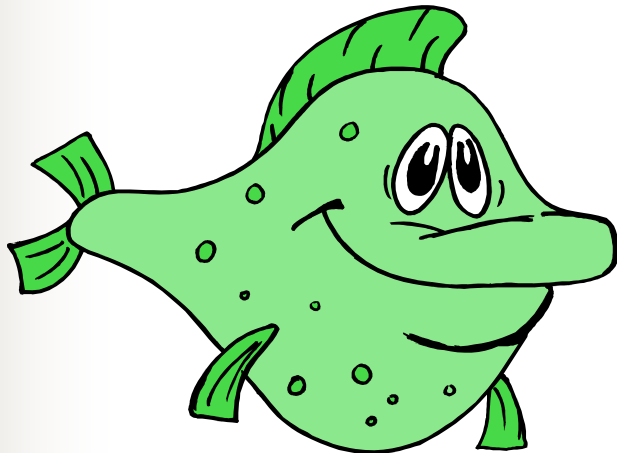


Time for word scramble #1!

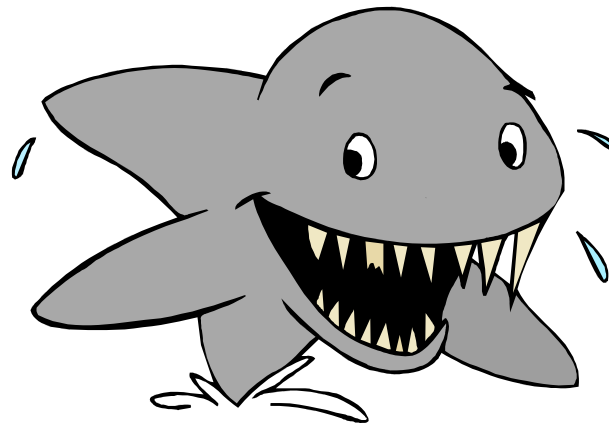
# A Tale of Two Cases

Freddy Federal and State Court Sam both have cases that need to go to court! However, Freddy has a federal case, while Sam has a state case.

Freddy Federal



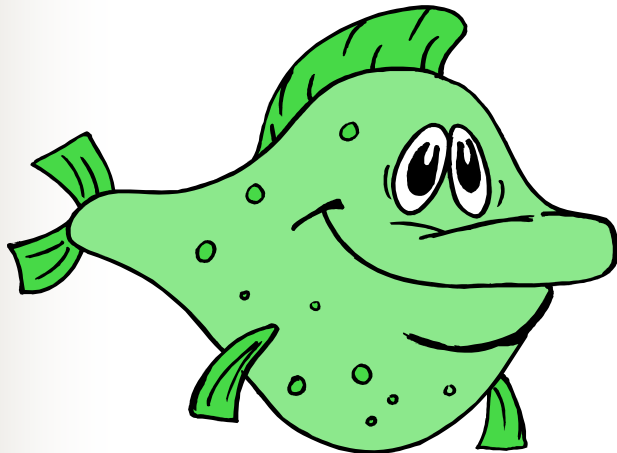
State Court Sam



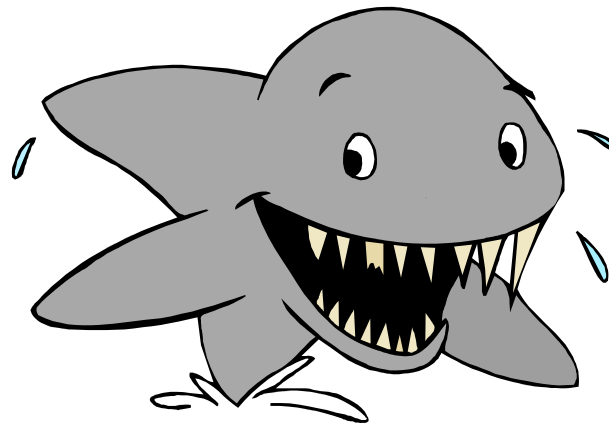
# A Tale of Two Cases

How do you know if a case will be a federal case or a state case?

Freddy Federal



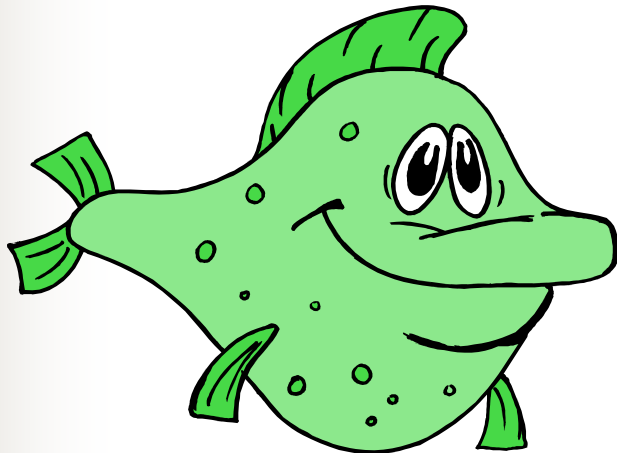
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# A Tale of Two Cases

The federal system deals with cases about laws that apply to the whole United States.

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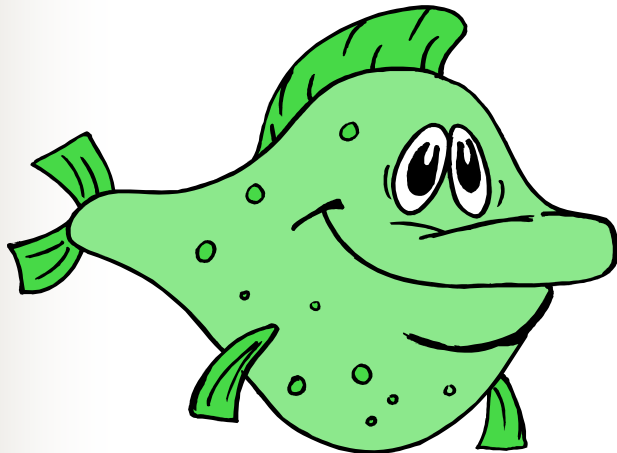


Some examples might be:

# A Tale of Two Cases

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Freddy Federal



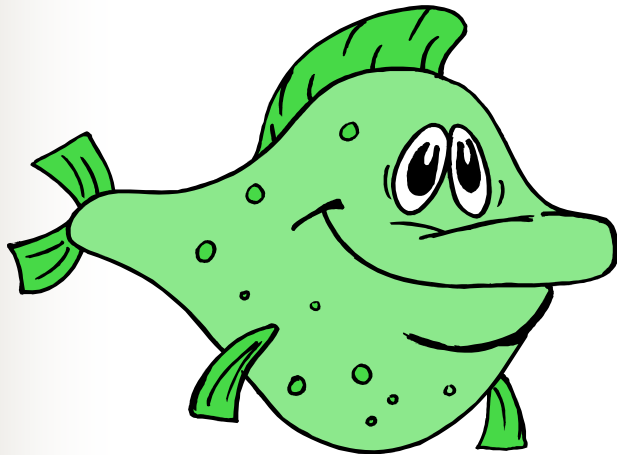
Some examples might be:

- ✓ Disputes about the Constitution

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Freddy Federal



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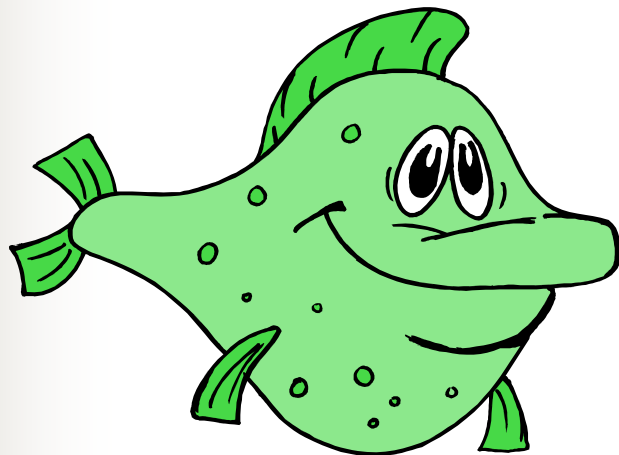
- ✓ Disputes about the Constitution
- ✓ Disputes about immigration



# A Tale of Two Cases

The federal system deals with cases about laws that apply to the whole United States.

Freddy Federal



Some examples might be:

- ✓ Disputes about the Constitution
- ✓ Disputes about immigration
- ✓ Disputes about a U.S. law

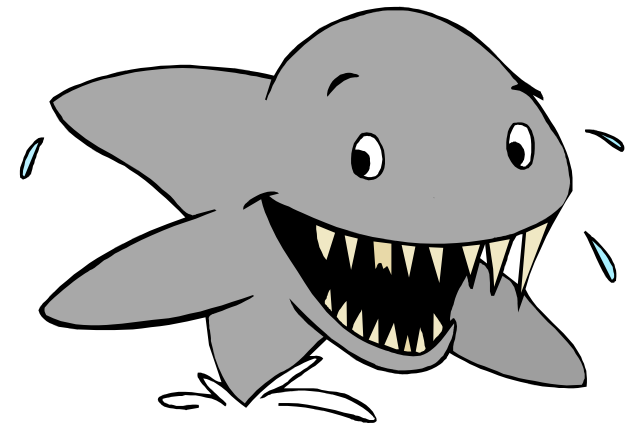
Time for word scramble #2!

# A Tale of Two Cases

A state's court system only deals with laws from that state.

Some examples might be:

State Court Sam



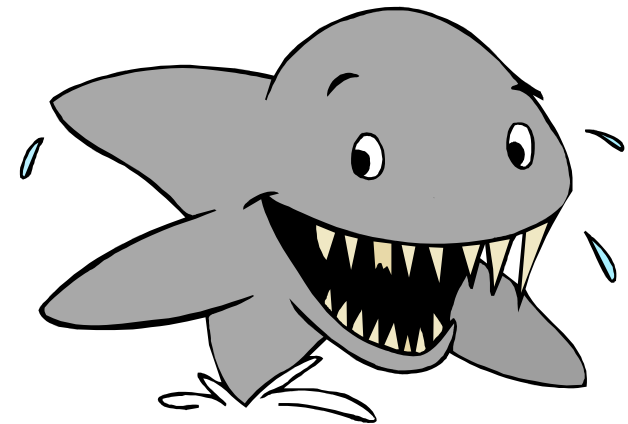
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State Court Sam



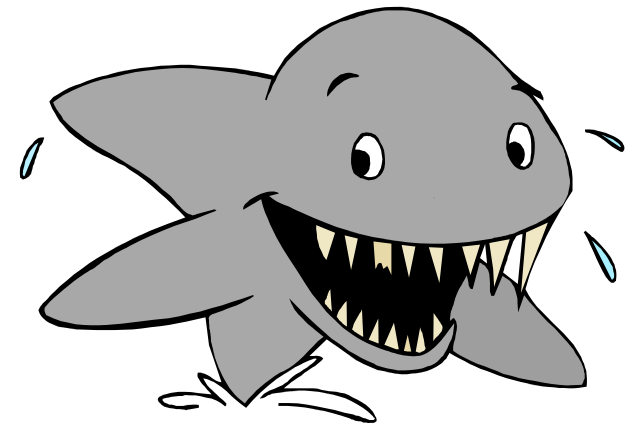
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State Court Sam



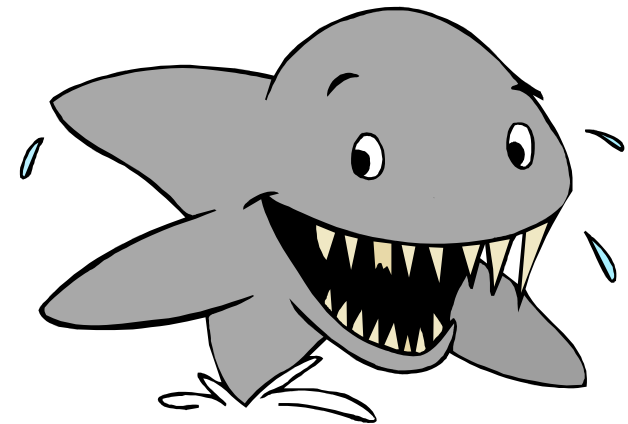
# A Tale of Two Cases

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Some examples might be:

- ✓ Disputes about property
- ✓ Disputes about accidents
- ✓ Prosecuting someone for a crime

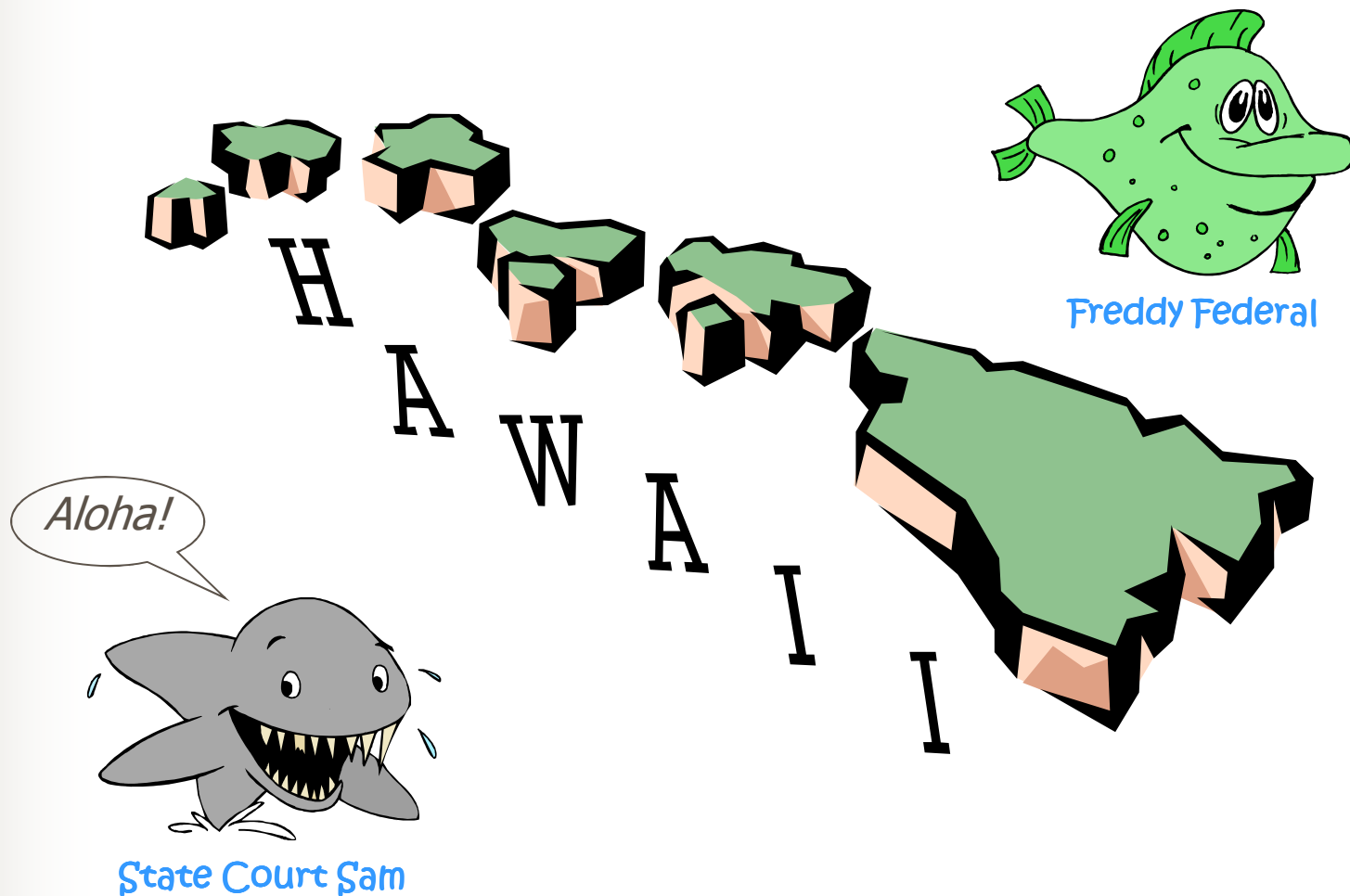
State Court Sam



Time for word scramble #3!

# A Tale of Two Cases

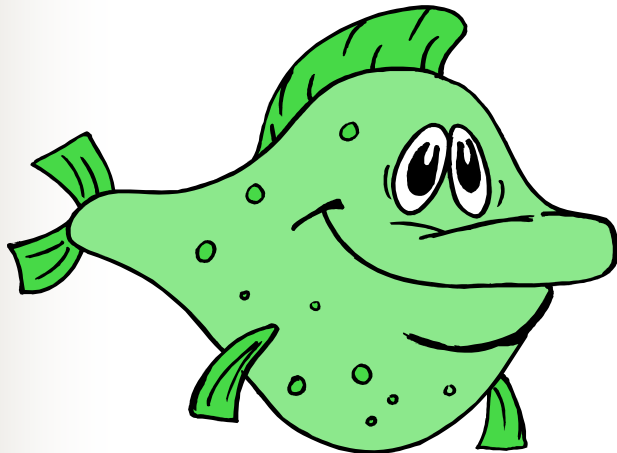
Both Freddy Federal and State Court Sam live in the State of Hawaii.



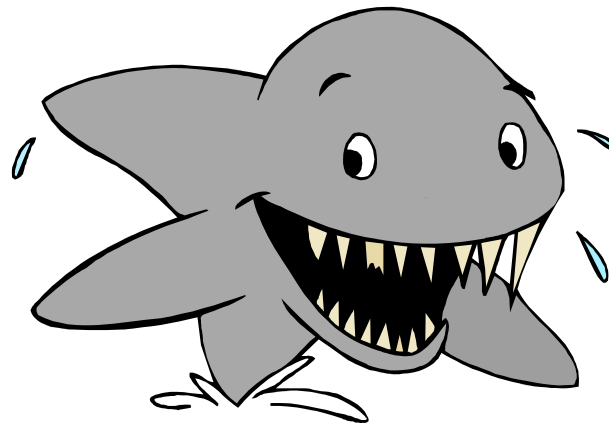
# A Tale of Two Cases

*Hey Freddy! Let's go  
to court together!*

Freddy Federal



State Court Sam

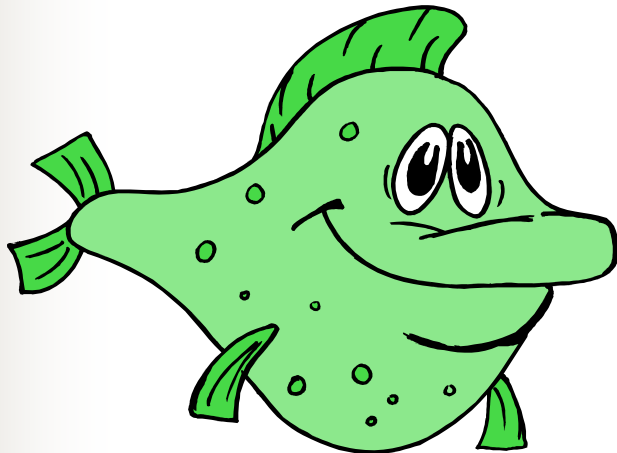


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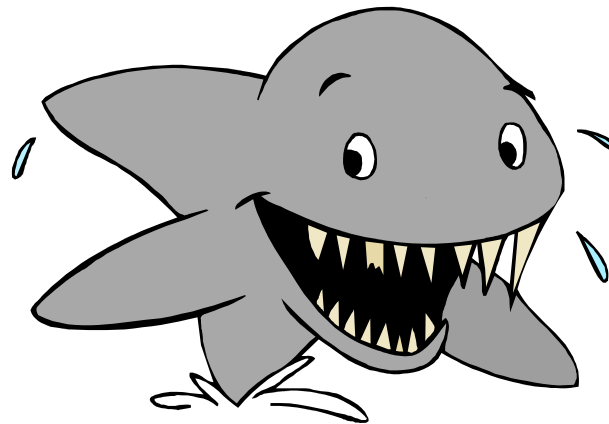
Hold on! Can Freddy Federal and State Court Sam go to court together?

Even though they both live in Hawaii, will their cases start in the same court?

Freddy Federal



State Court Sam



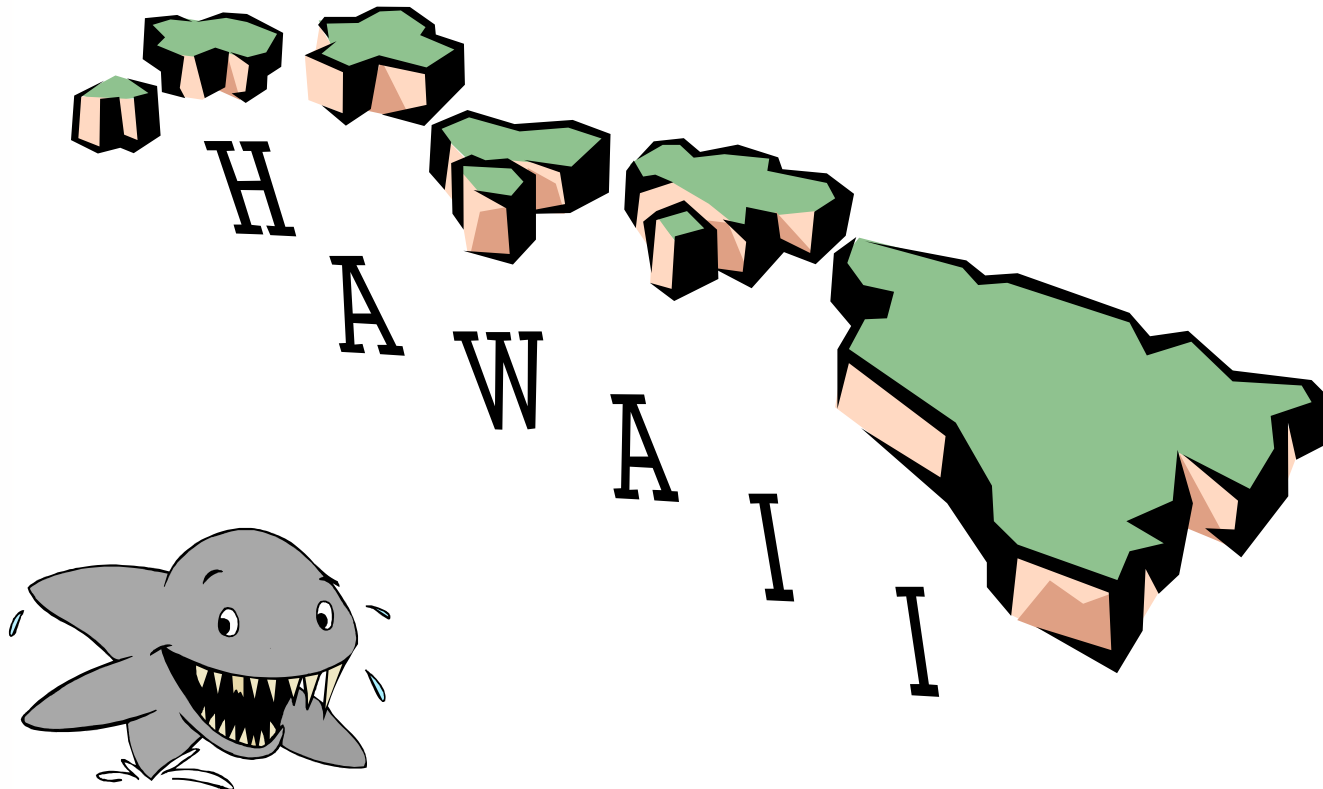
(Hint: This is a yes or no question.)



# A Tale of Two Cases

**NO!**

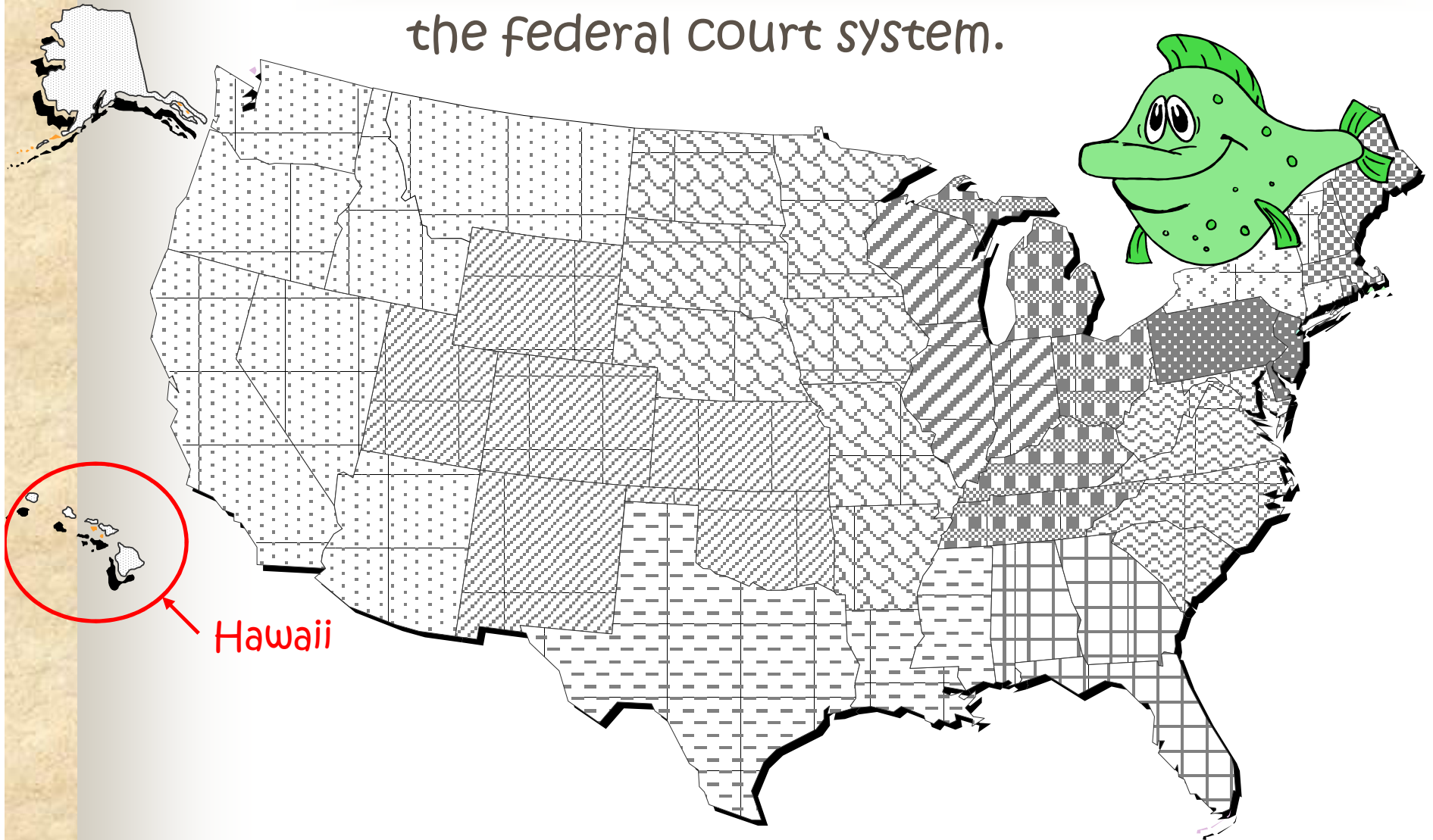
Sam will take his case through the Hawaii court system. Hawaii has its own system of state courts. (So does every other state.)



State Court Sam

# A Tale of Two Cases

Freddy will take his Case through the federal court system.

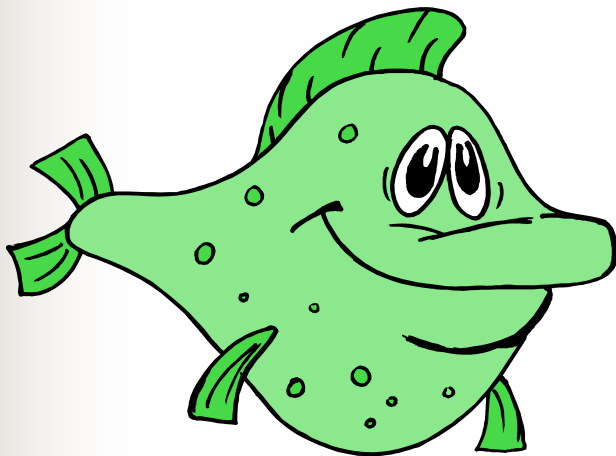


Time for word scramble #4!

# GIVE-AWAY REVIEW #1

Which court system will Freddy's case be heard in?

- A. Hawaii's state court system
- B. The federal court system

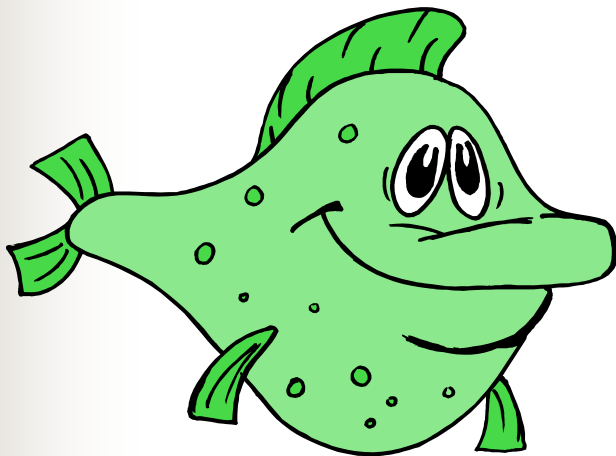


Freddy Federal

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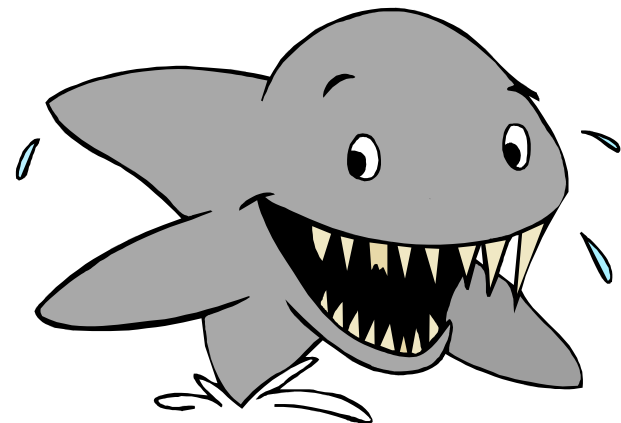


Freddy Federal

# GIVE-AWAY REVIEW #2

Which court system will Sam's case be heard in?

- A. Hawaii's state court system
- B. The federal court system



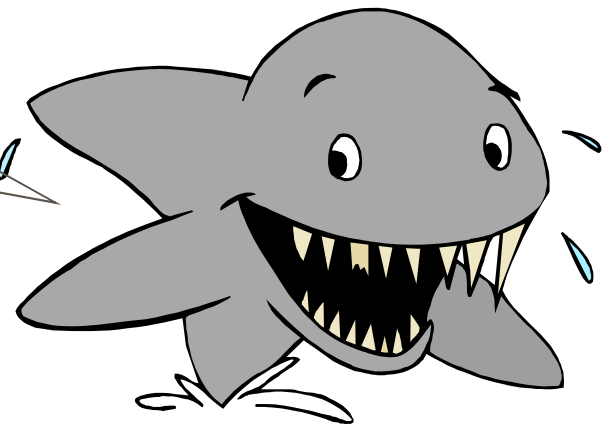
State Court Sam

# GIVE-AWAY REVIEW #2

Which court system will Sam's case be heard in?

- ☒ A. Hawaii's state court system
- ☐ B. The federal court system

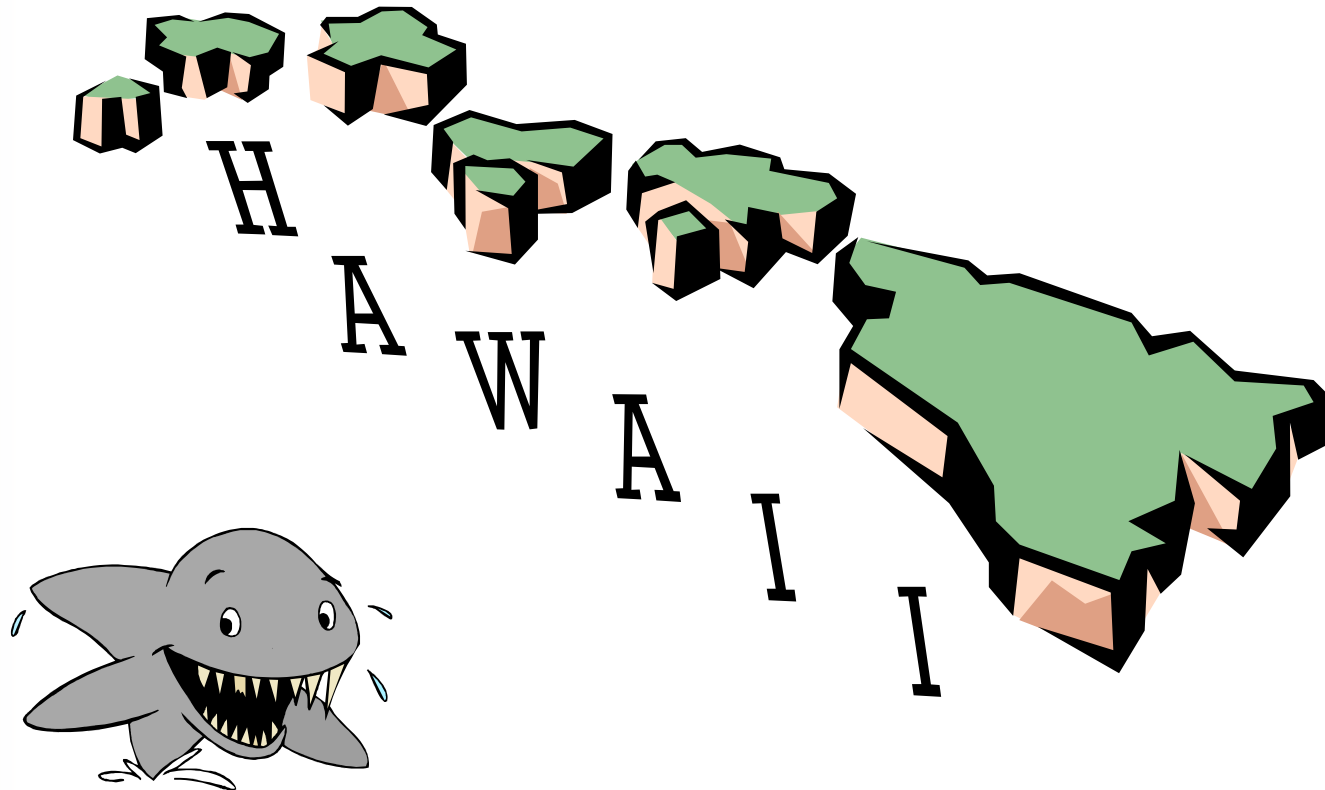
*Sorry, Fred! Guess we  
can't go to court together  
after all.*



State Court Sam

# A Tale of Two Cases

Hawaii has its own state courts that deal with Hawaii's laws.



State Court Sam

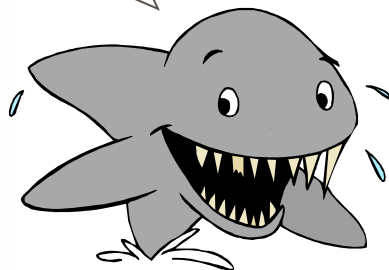
Time for word scramble #5!

# A Tale of Two Cases

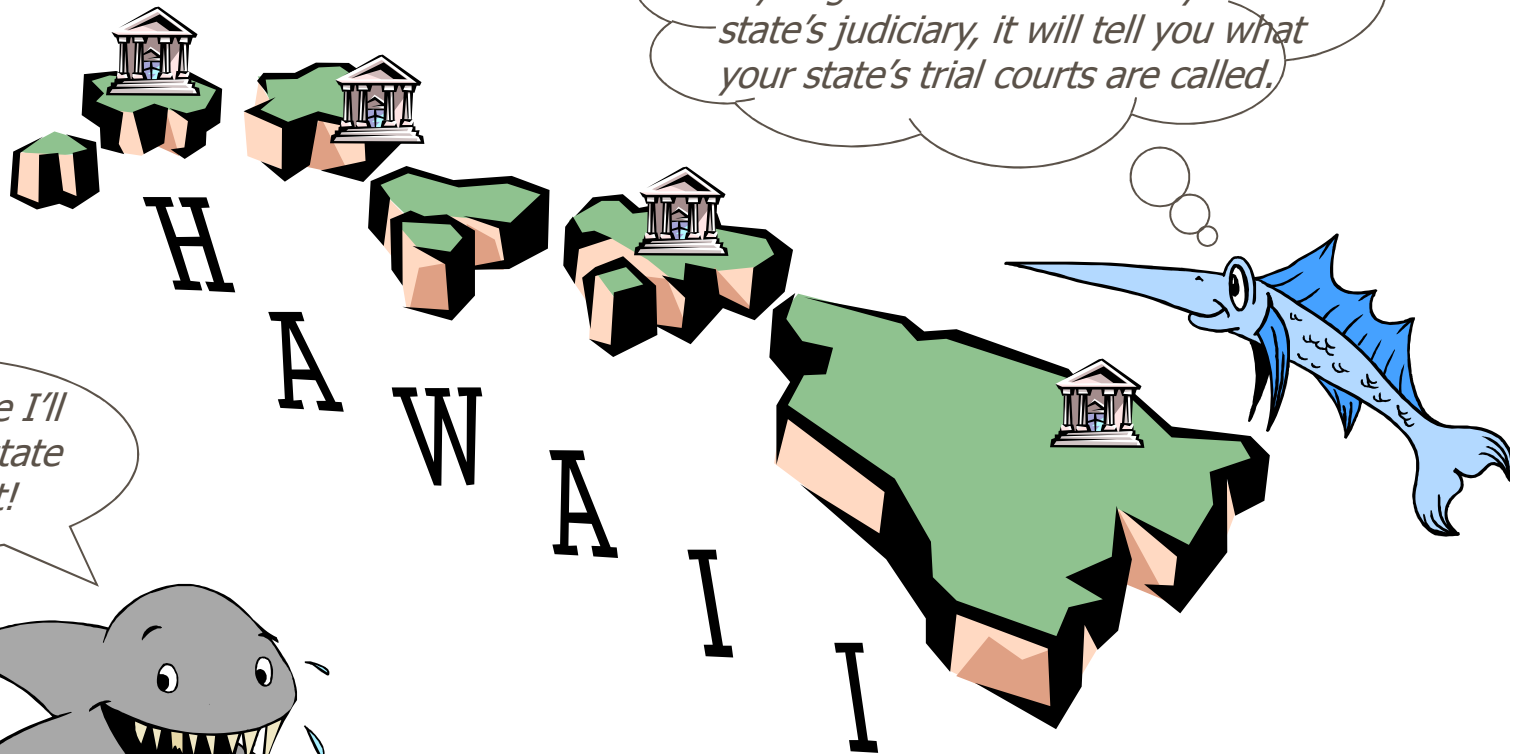
Hawaii has its own trial courts . . .

*In Hawaii, there are different kinds of trial courts with different names. If you go to the website for your state's judiciary, it will tell you what your state's trial courts are called.*

*That's where I'll start—in a state trial court!*



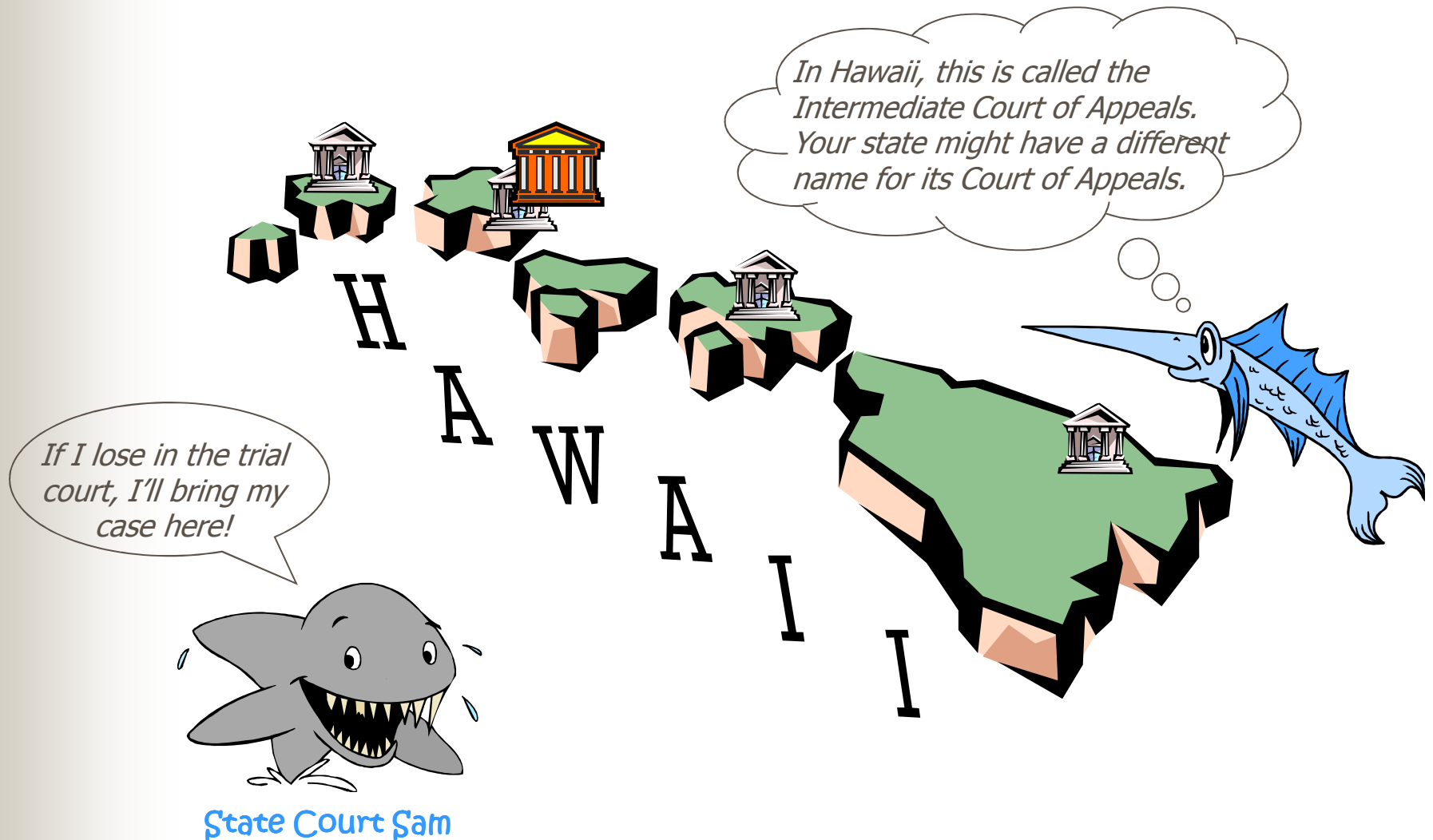
State Court Sam





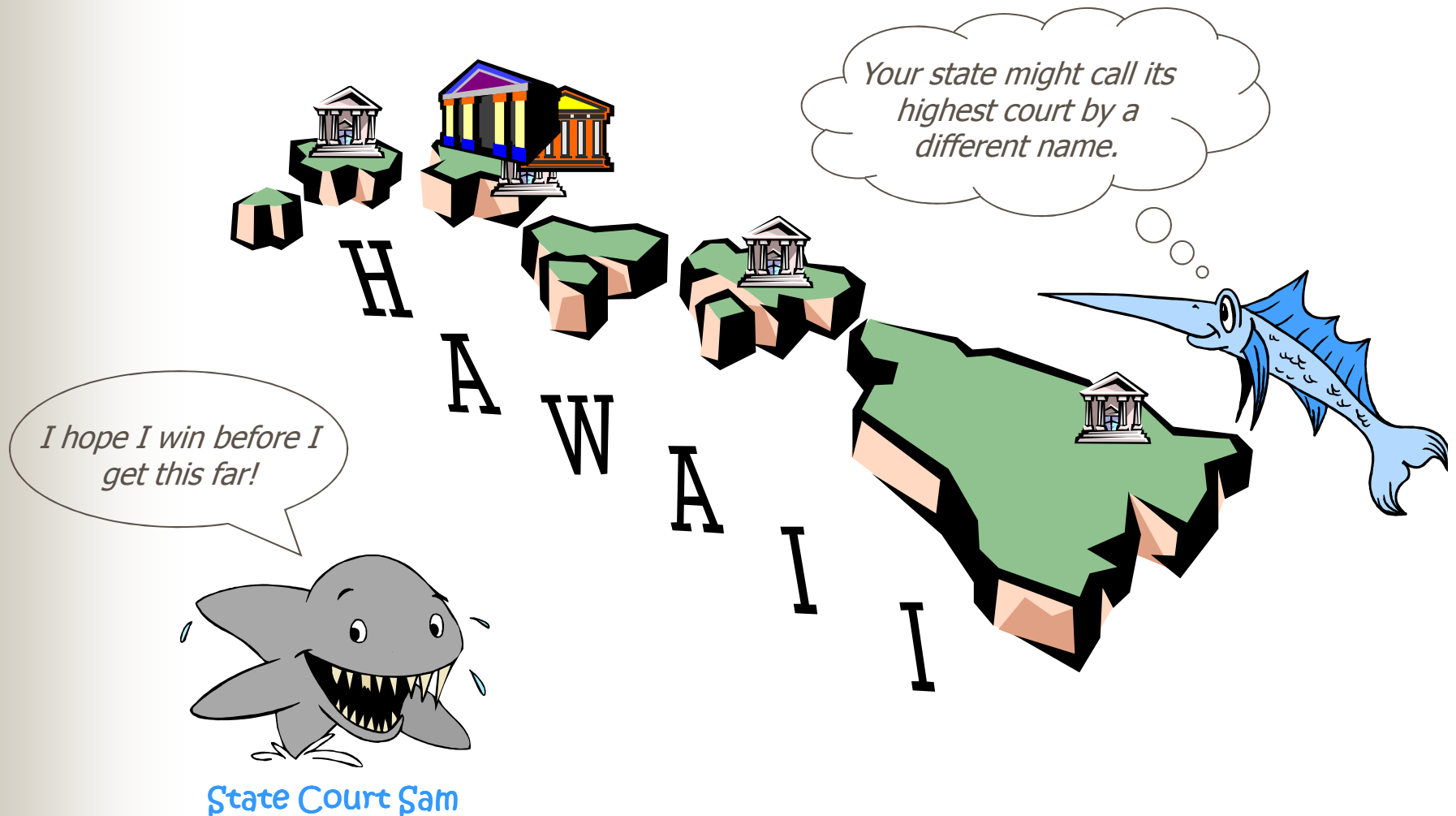
# A Tale of Two Cases

And its own Court of Appeals . . .



# A Tale of Two Cases

And its own Supreme Court!



# Quick Review

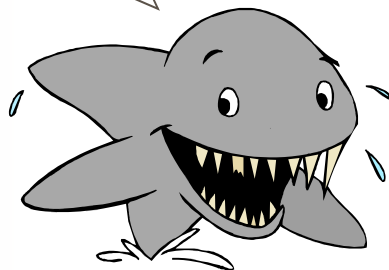
Help State Court Sam remember how the state court system works.

1) Does Hawaii have its own trial courts?

A. Yes

B. No

*Uh-oh... I can't  
remember!*



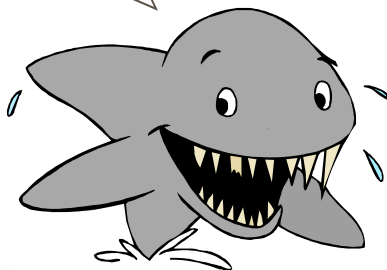
# Quick Review

Help State Court Sam remember how the state court system works.

1) Does Hawaii have its own trial courts?

- A. Yes
- B. No

*I remember now!*



# Quick Review

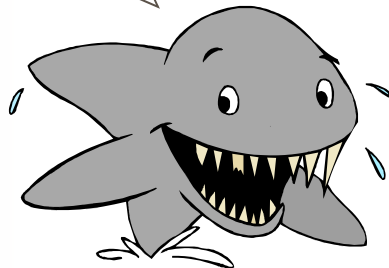
Help State Court Sam remember how the state court system works.

2) Do all states have their very own trial courts?

A. Yes

B. No

*I think I know  
this one...*



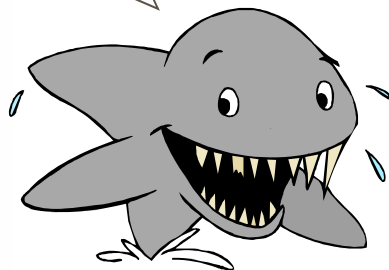
# Quick Review

Help State Court Sam remember how the state court system works.

2) Do all states have their very own trial courts?

- A. Yes
- B. No

*I got it right!*



# Quick Review

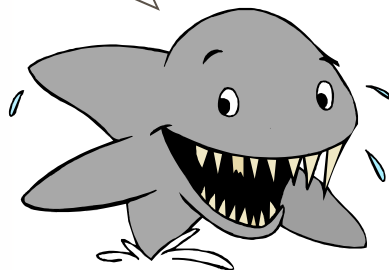
Help State Court Sam remember how the state court system works.

3) Does Hawaii have its own Court of Appeals and Supreme Court?

A. Yes

B. No

*I'm starting to  
catch on...*



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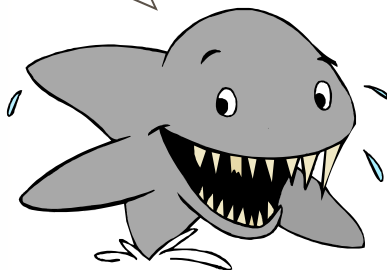
Help State Court Sam remember how the state court system works.

3) Does Hawaii have its own Court of Appeals and Supreme Court?

A. Yes

B. No

Woo-hoo!





# Quick Review

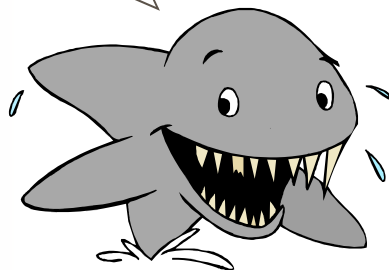
Help State Court Sam remember how the state court system works.

4) Do all states call their highest court the "Supreme Court?"

A. Yes

B. No

*Oh, no! This one is tricky!*



# Quick Review

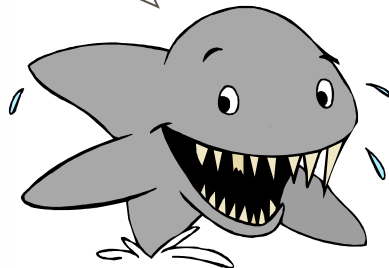
Help State Court Sam remember how the state court system works.

4) Do all states call their highest court the "Supreme Court?"

A. Yes

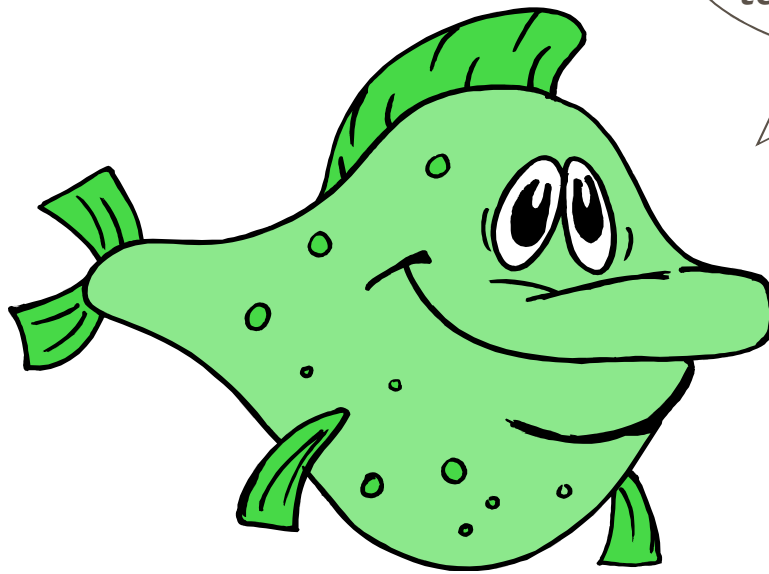
☒ B. No

*Whew! That was  
a hard one.*



*(Remember: Different states may call their courts by different names.)*

# A Tale of Two Cases



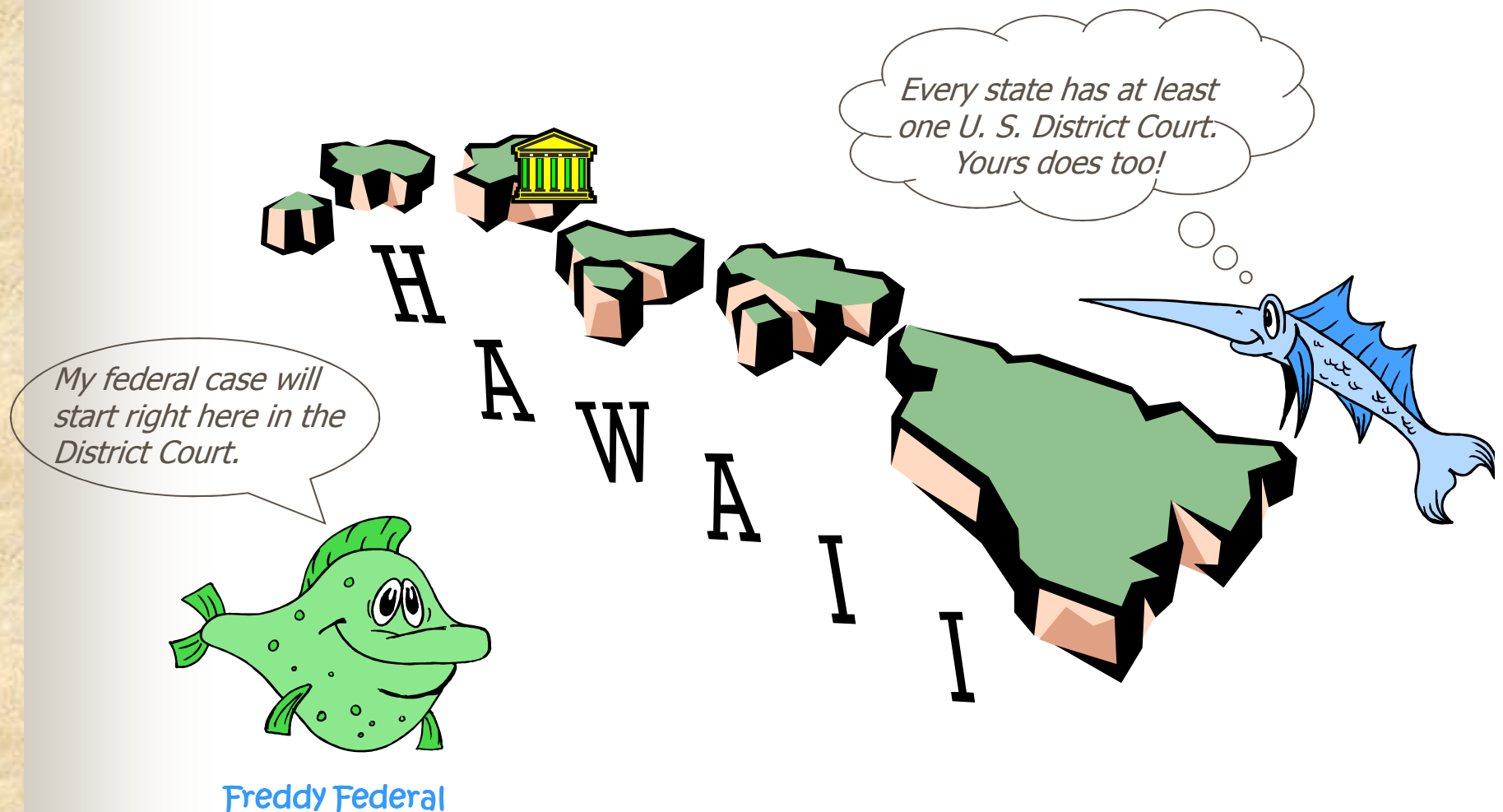
*What about me?  
I live in Hawaii. Do I go  
to court in Hawaii too?*

**Freddy Federal**

(What do you think? Are there any federal courts in Hawaii? Hint: This is another yes or no question!)

# A Tale of Two Cases

## YES!

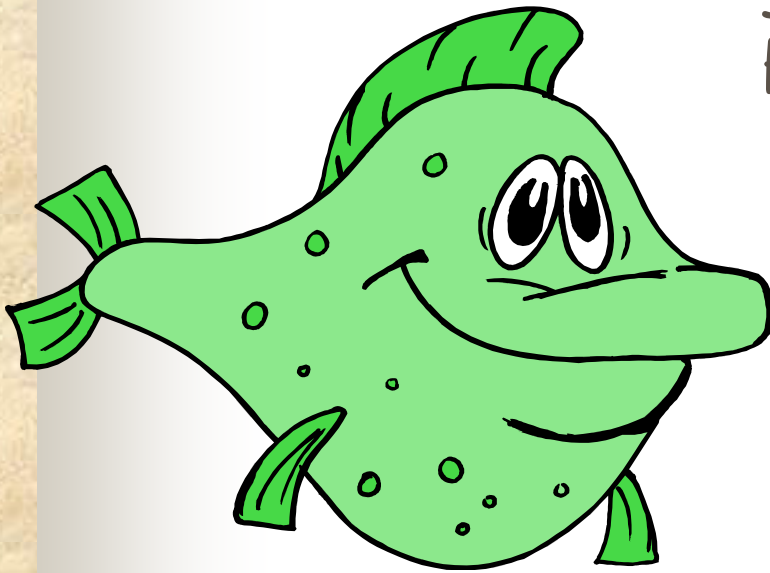


Time for word scramble #7!

Hold on...

Help Freddy understand what's going on.

Is the District Court part of the  
Hawaii state court system?



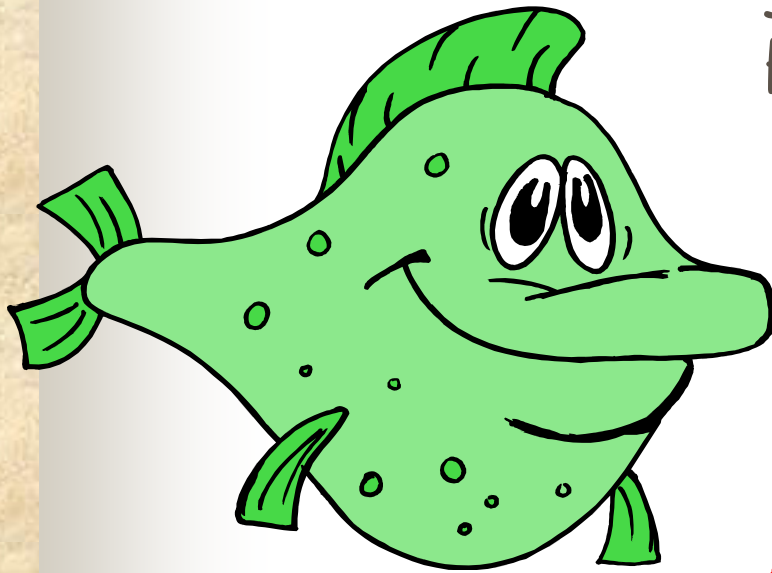
A. Yes

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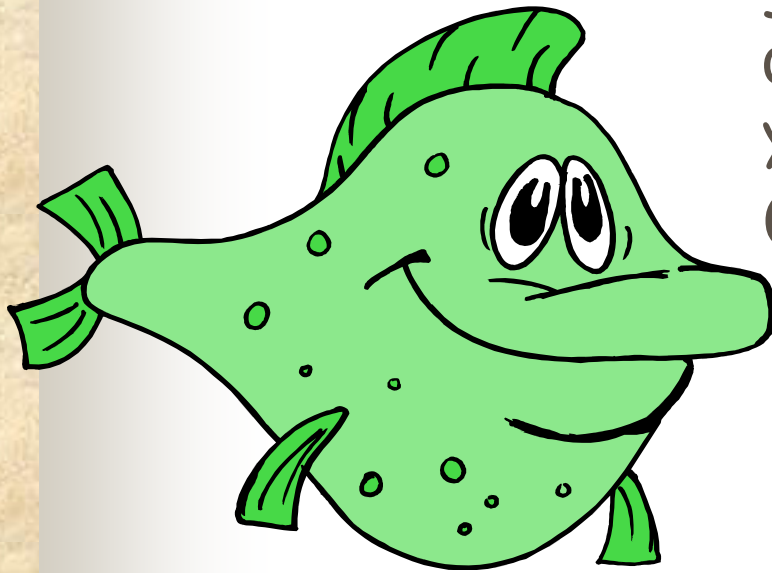
A. Yes

☒ B. No

(Remember: The federal system is  
separate from the state systems.)

Hold on...

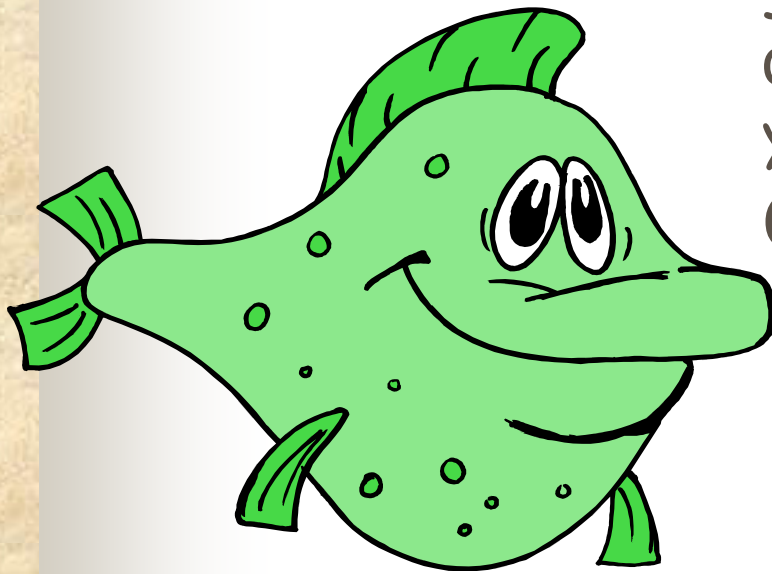
Help Freddy understand what's going on.



If the District Court is not part of Hawaii's court system, why do you think there is a District Court in Hawaii?

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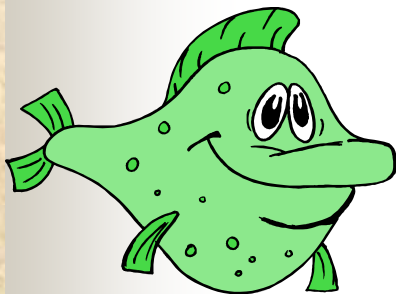
(District Courts are the trial courts for the federal system. Lots of people go there! It would make things difficult if people had to travel very far to find a District Court.)



## Review question

If Freddy loses in the U.S. District Court, what court can he appeal to?

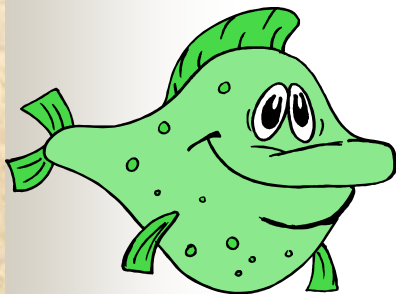
- A. He can go straight to the U.S. Supreme Court
- B. He can appeal to a U.S. Court of Appeals
- C. He can try again in the same District Court
- D. He can appeal to the Hawaii Court of Appeals



## Review question

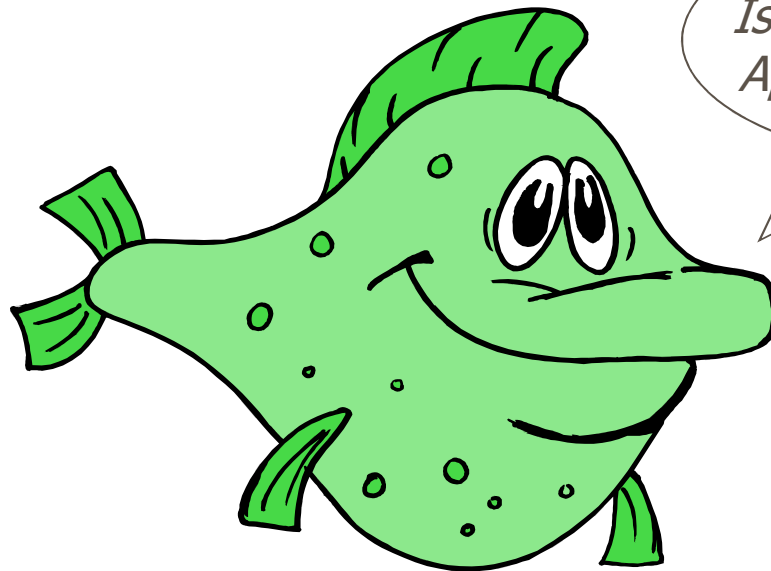
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- ☒ B. He can appeal to a U.S. Court of Appeals
- C. He can try again in the same District Court
- D. He can appeal to Hawaii's Court of Appeals



Time for word scramble #8!

# A Tale of Two Cases



*Is there a U.S. Court of Appeals in Hawaii too?*

**Freddy Federal**

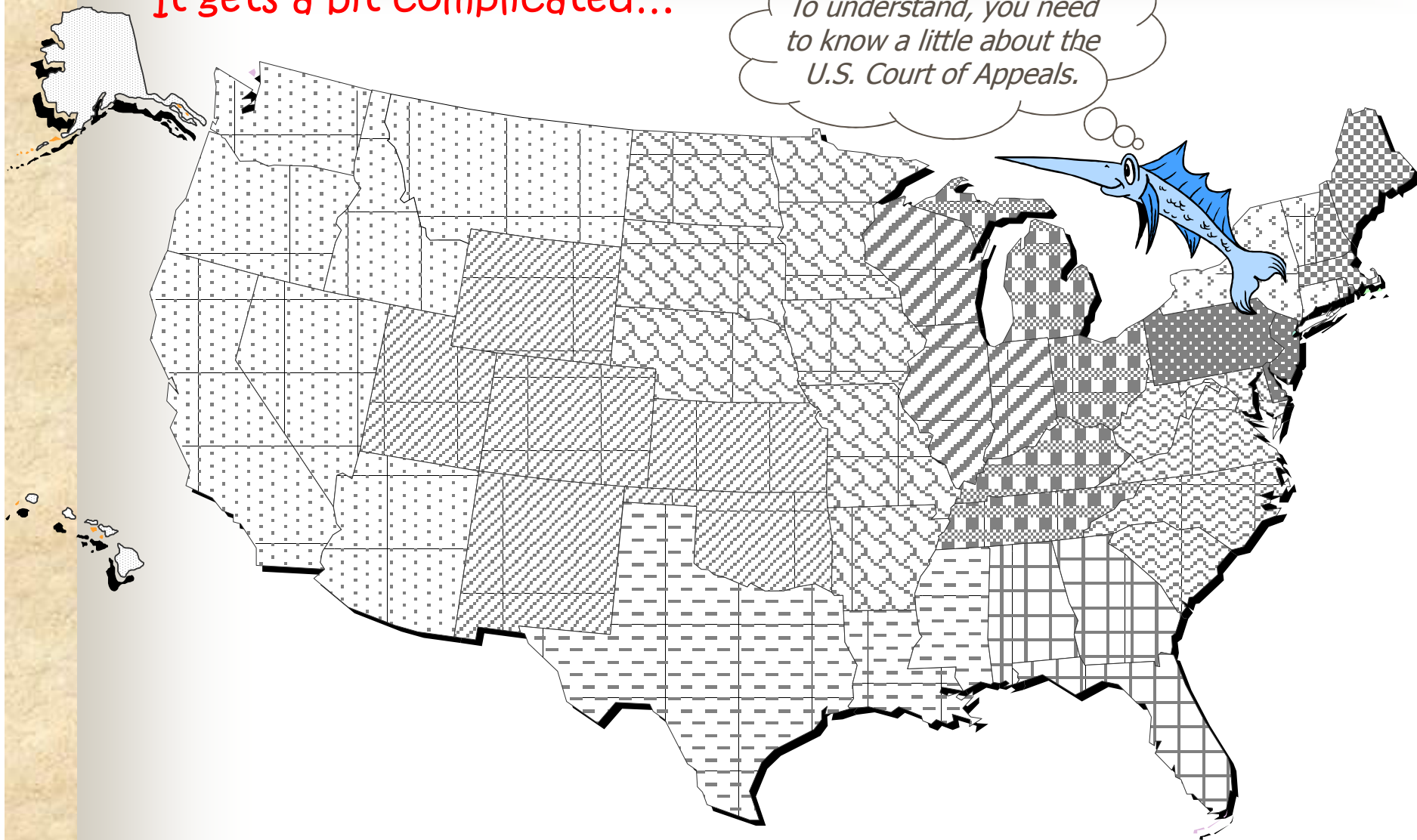
What do you think? Should there be a U.S. Court of Appeals in every state?

Do you think everyone who has a case in the District Court also goes to the Court of Appeals?

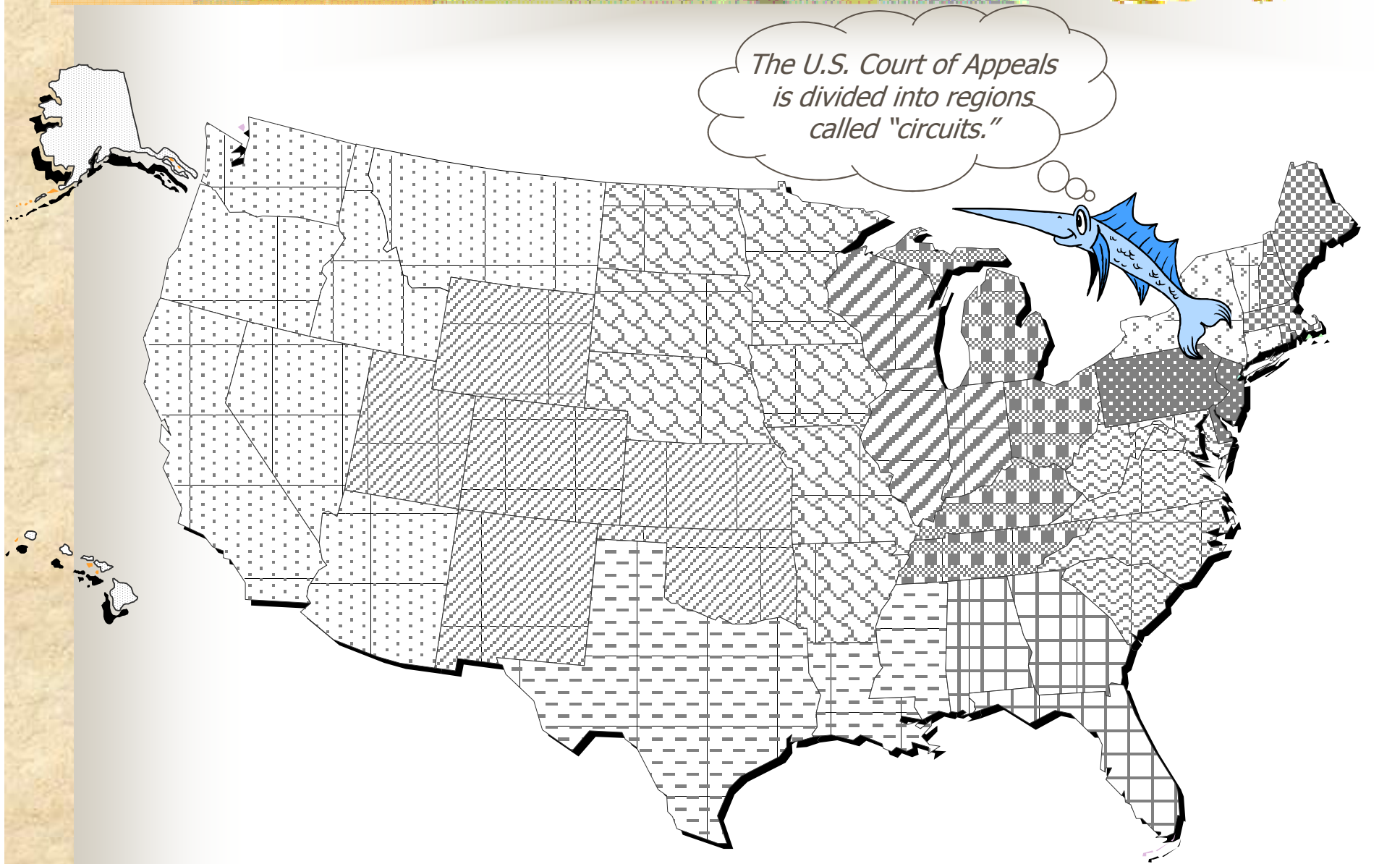
# The United States circuit courts

It gets a bit complicated...

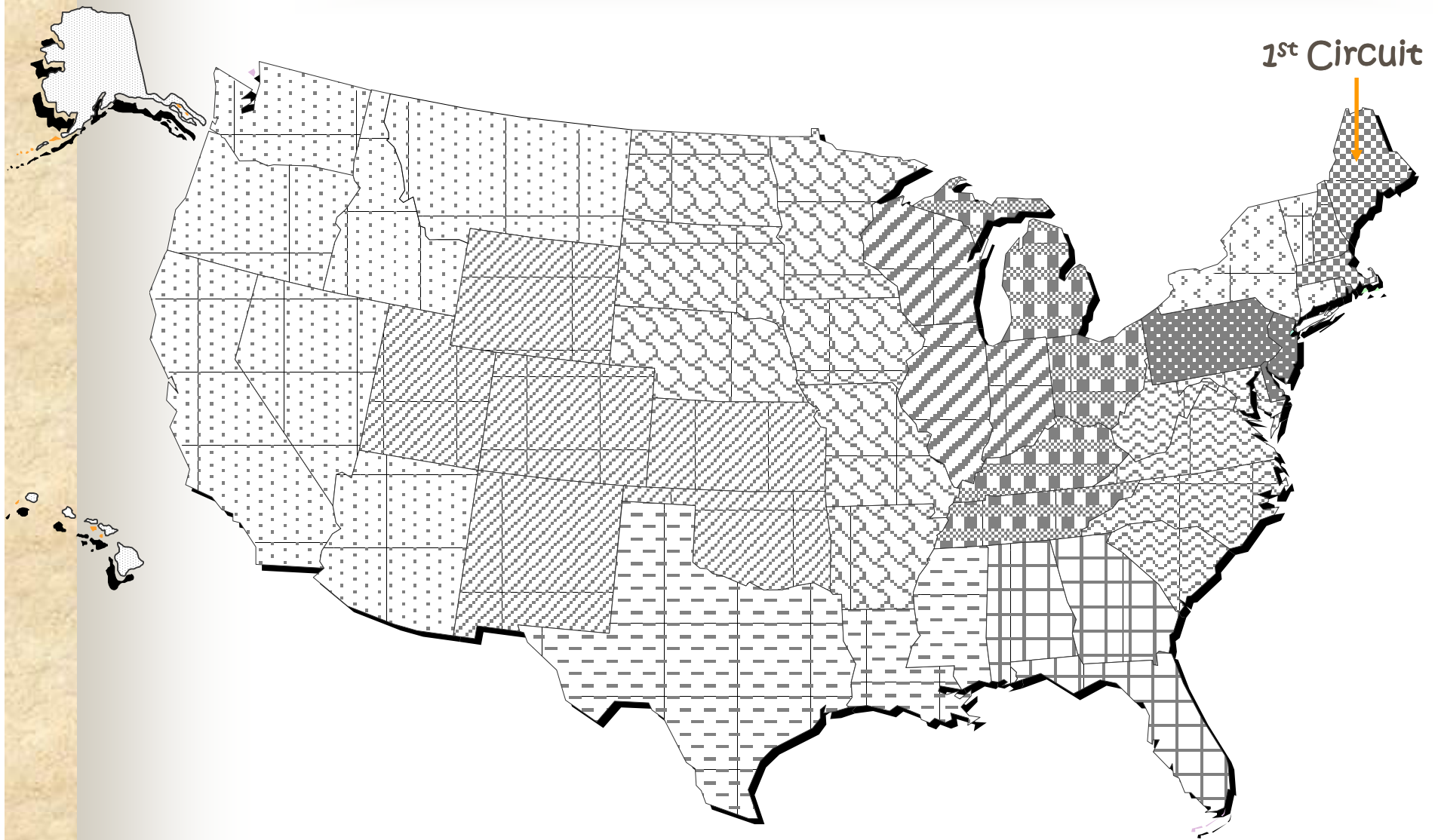
*To understand, you need  
to know a little about the  
U.S. Court of Appeals.*



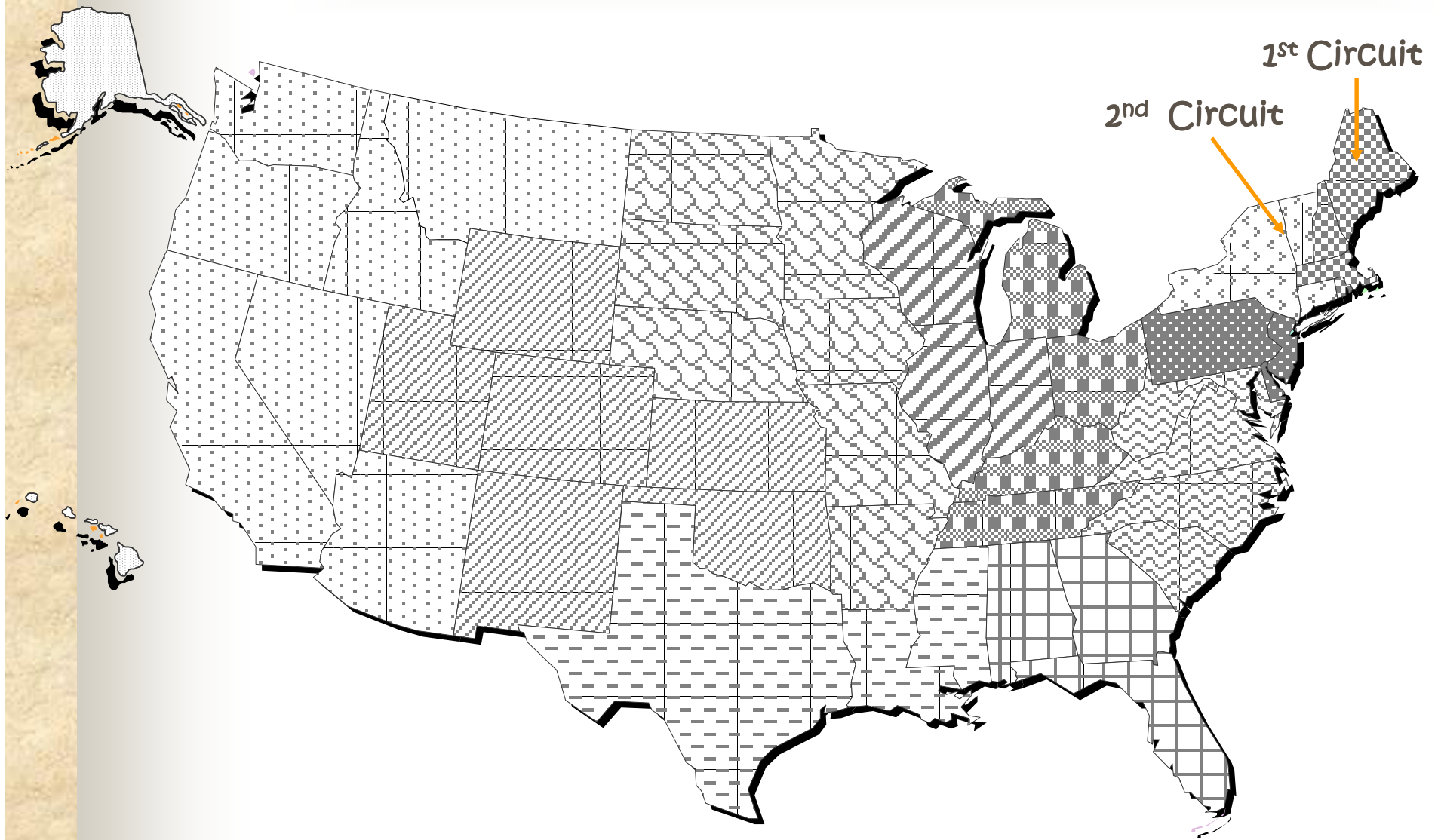
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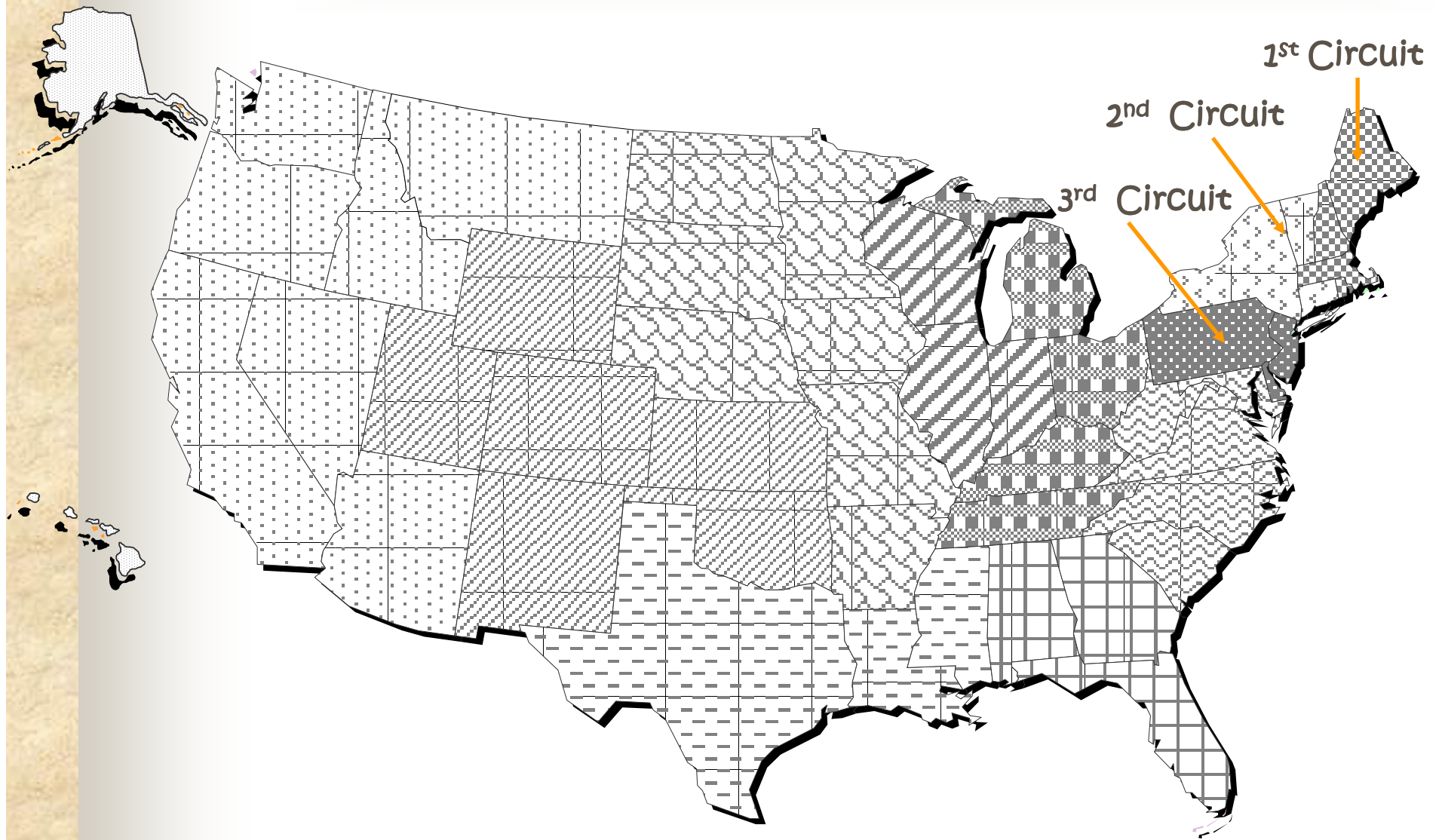


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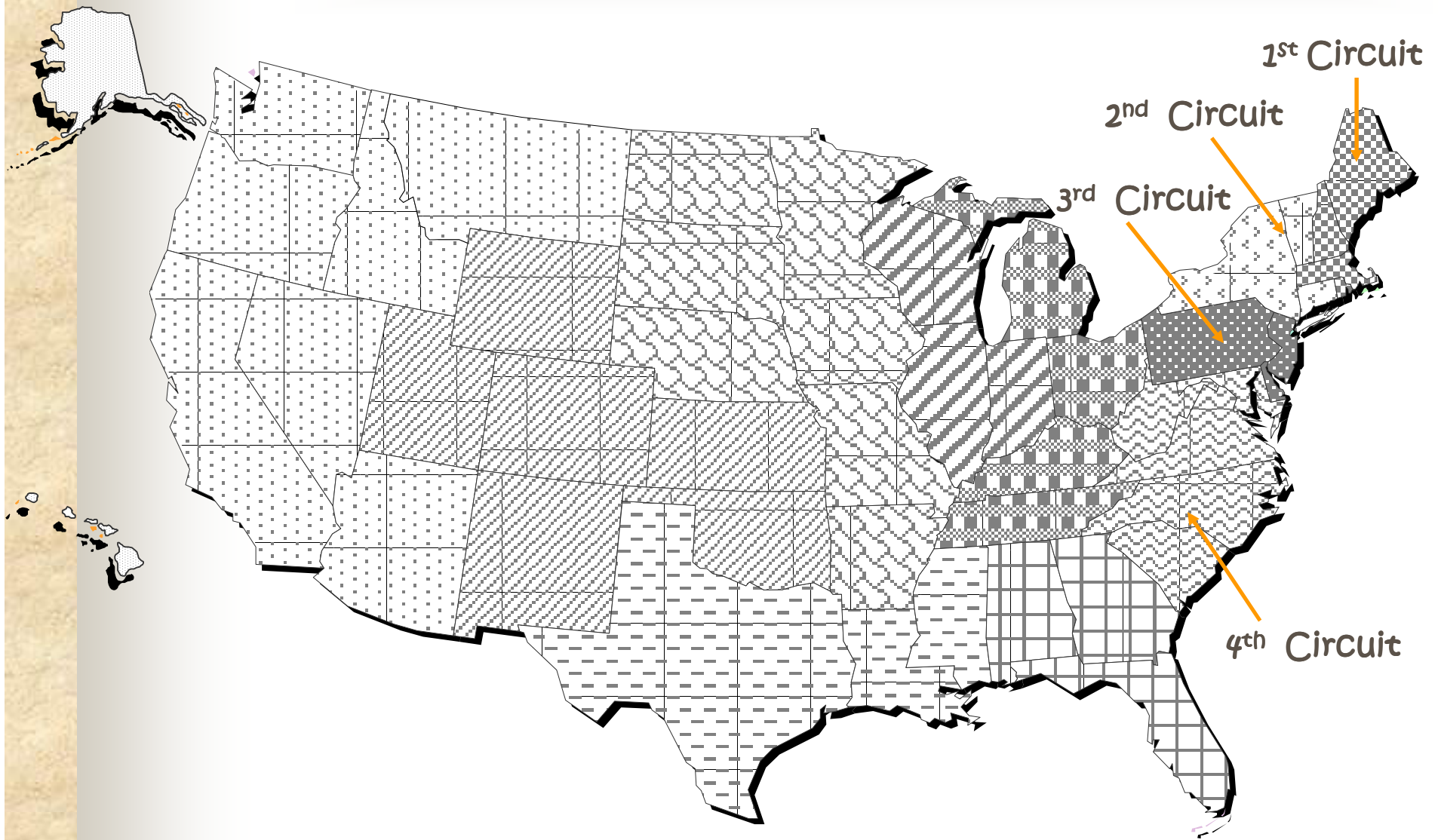


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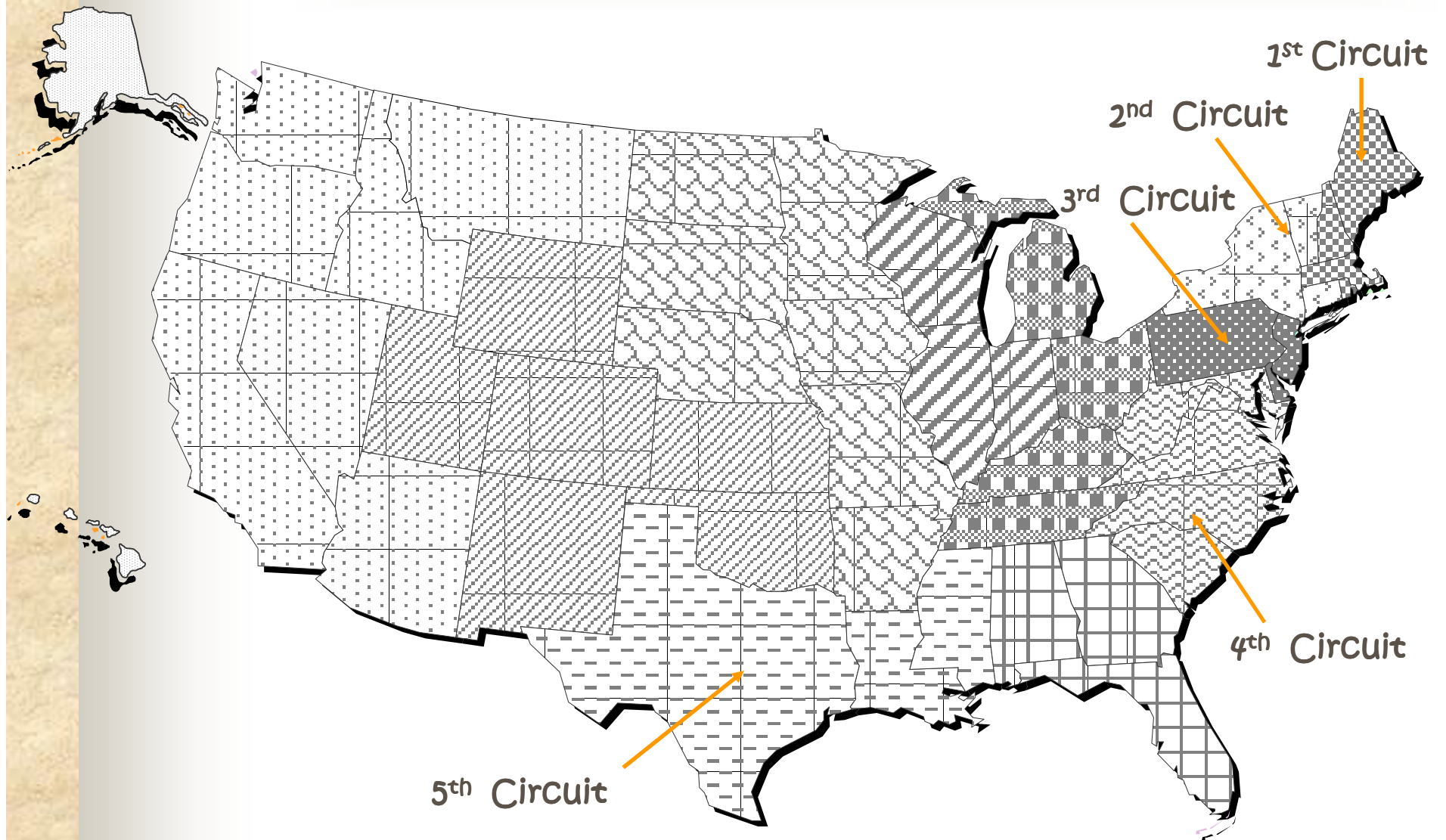




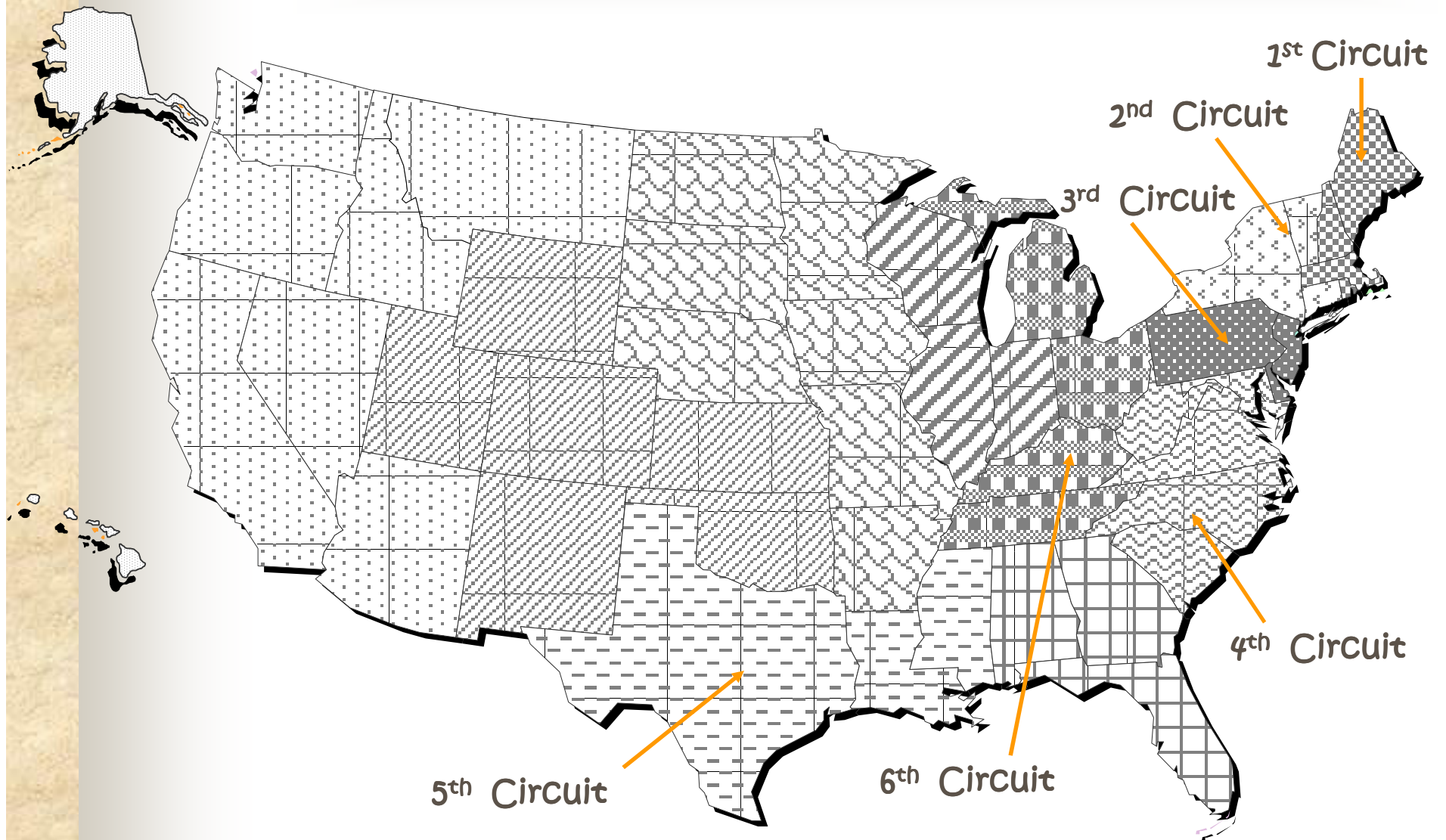
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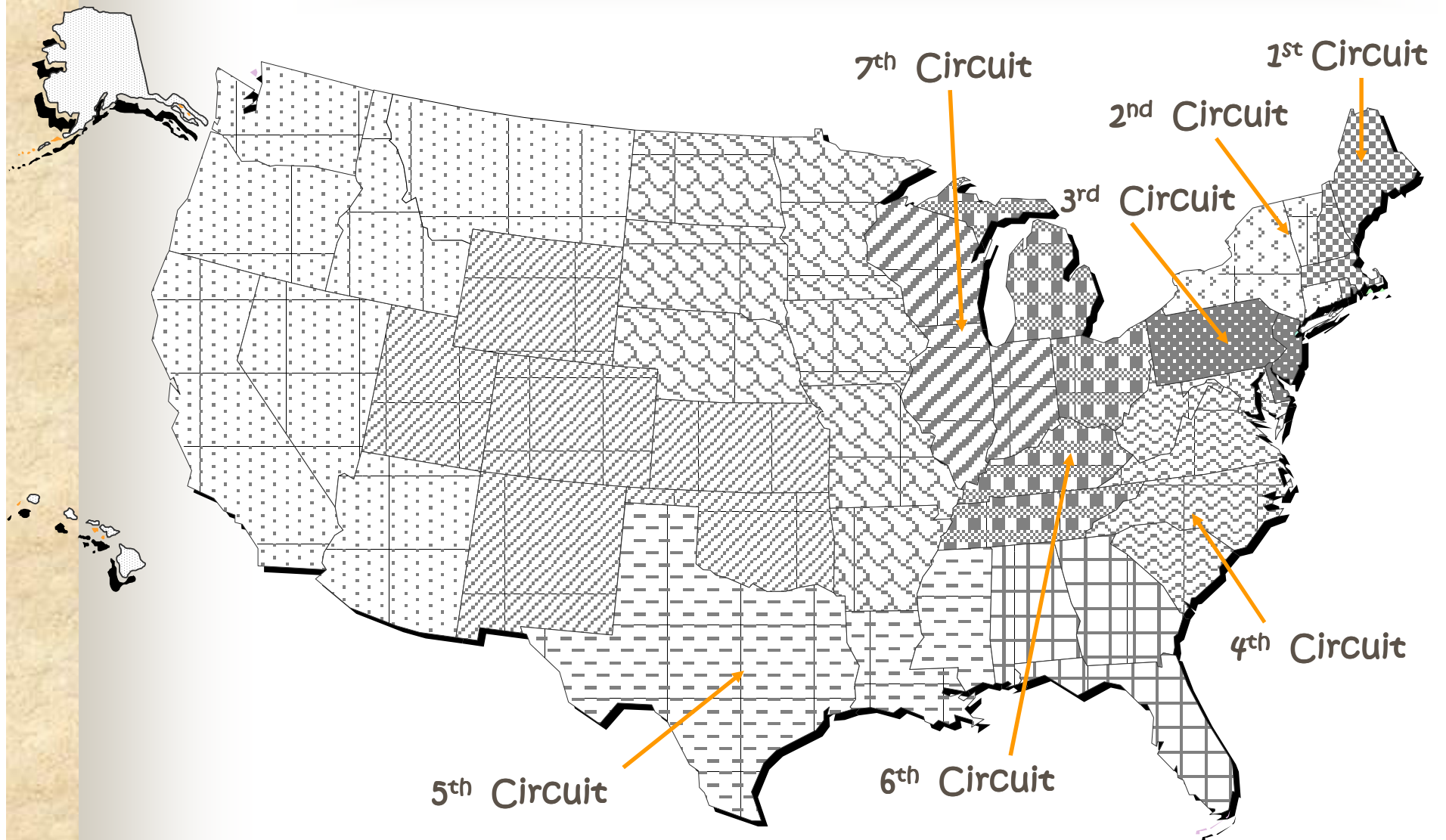
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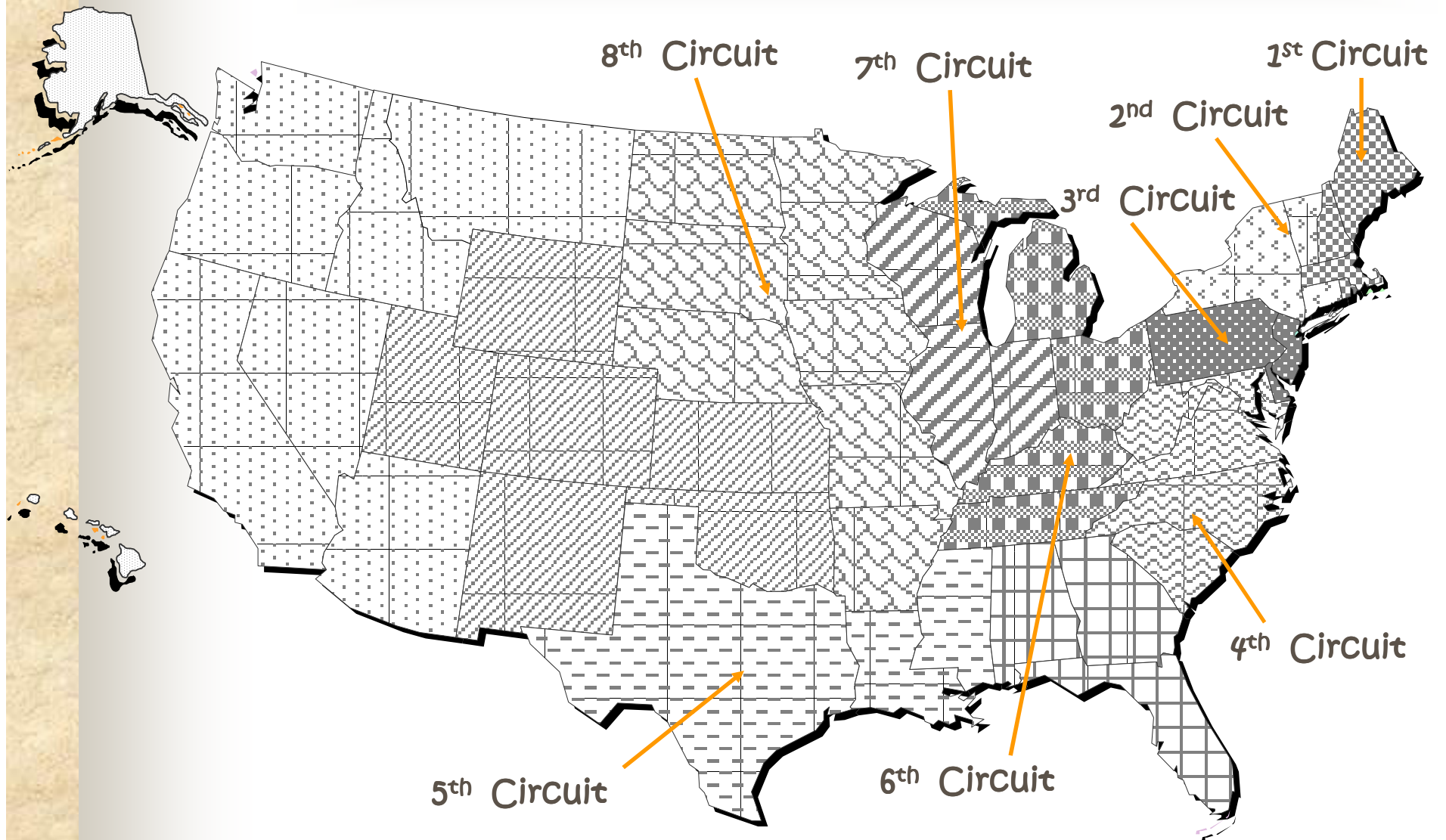
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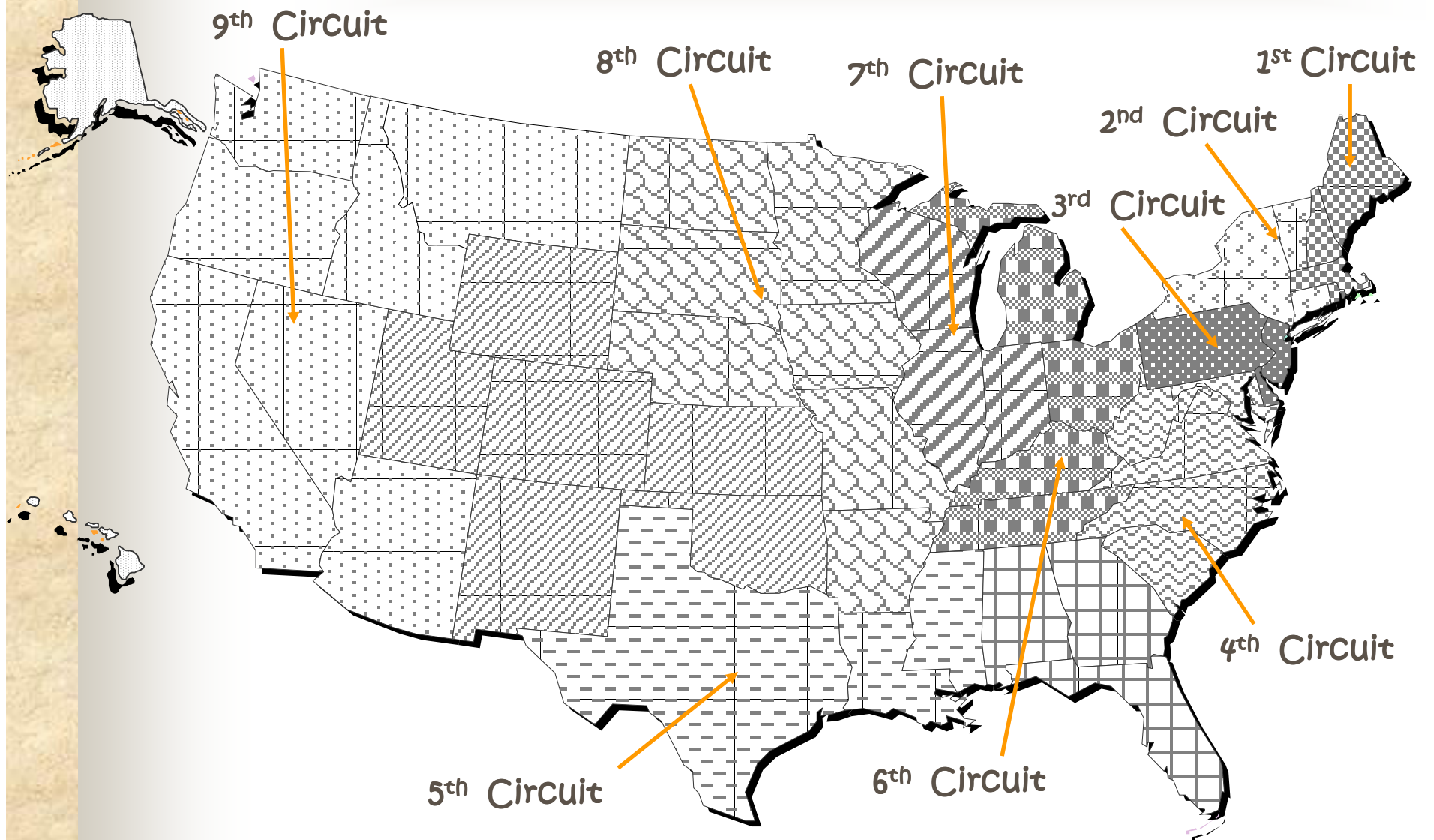
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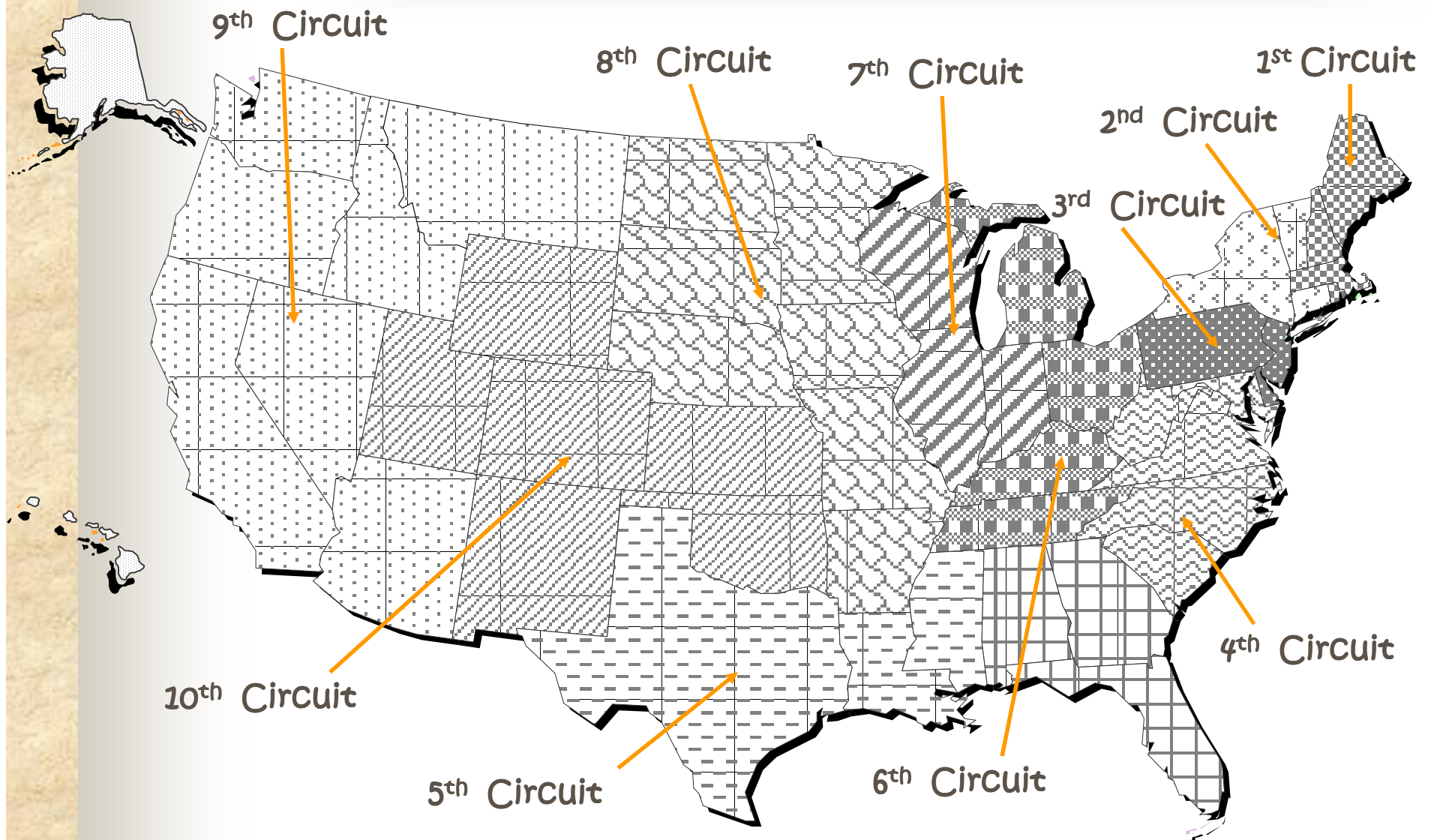
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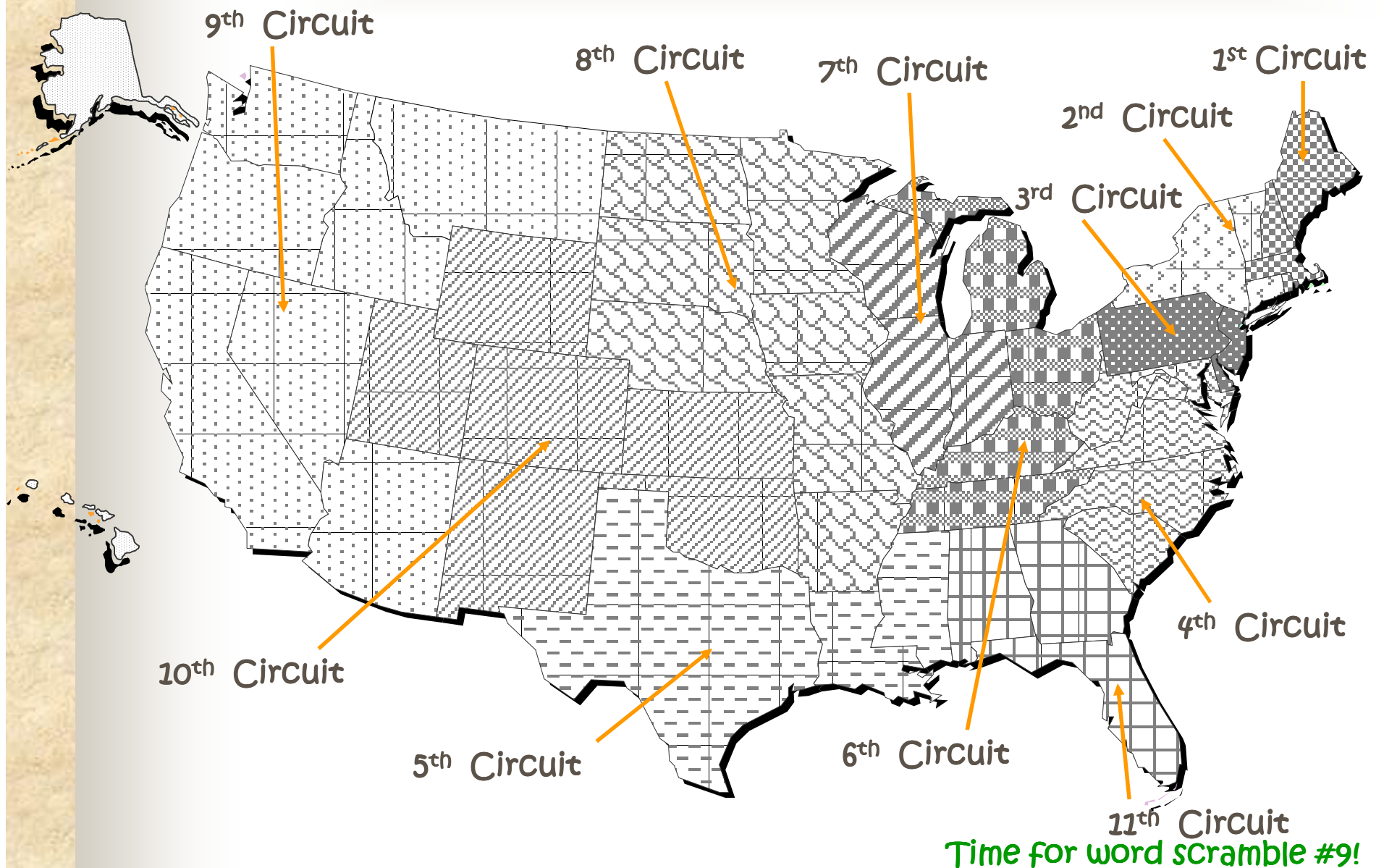


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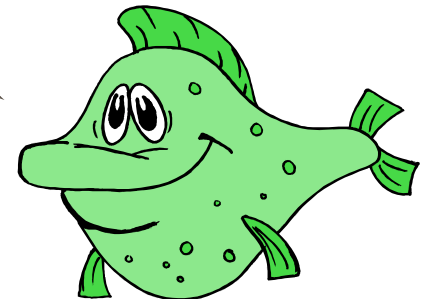




# Pop Quiz!

How many circuits are there?

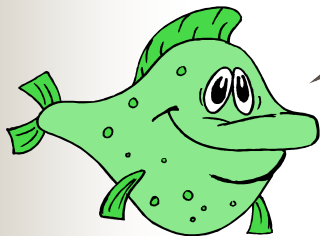
*Hey!  
Where's the  
map?*



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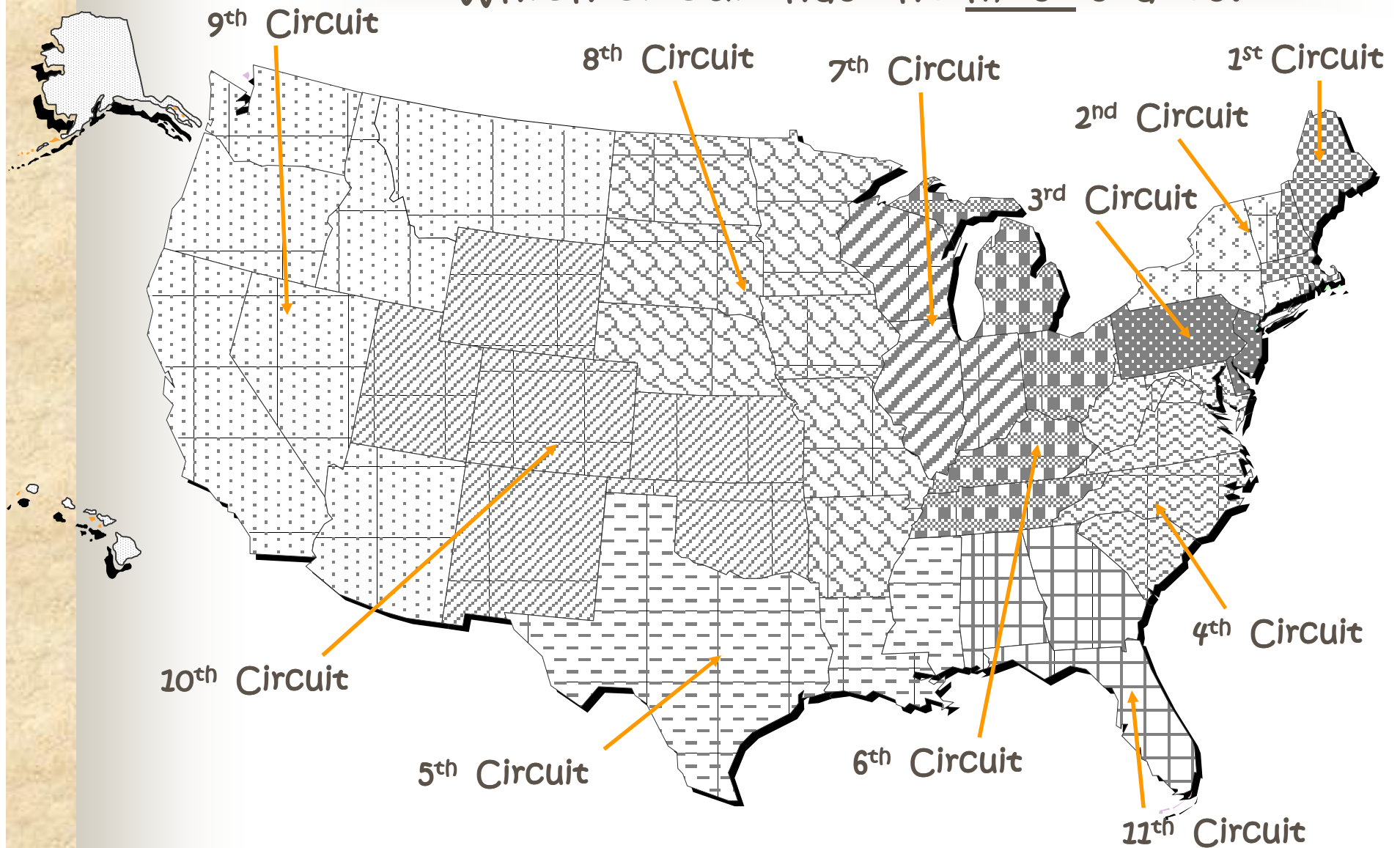
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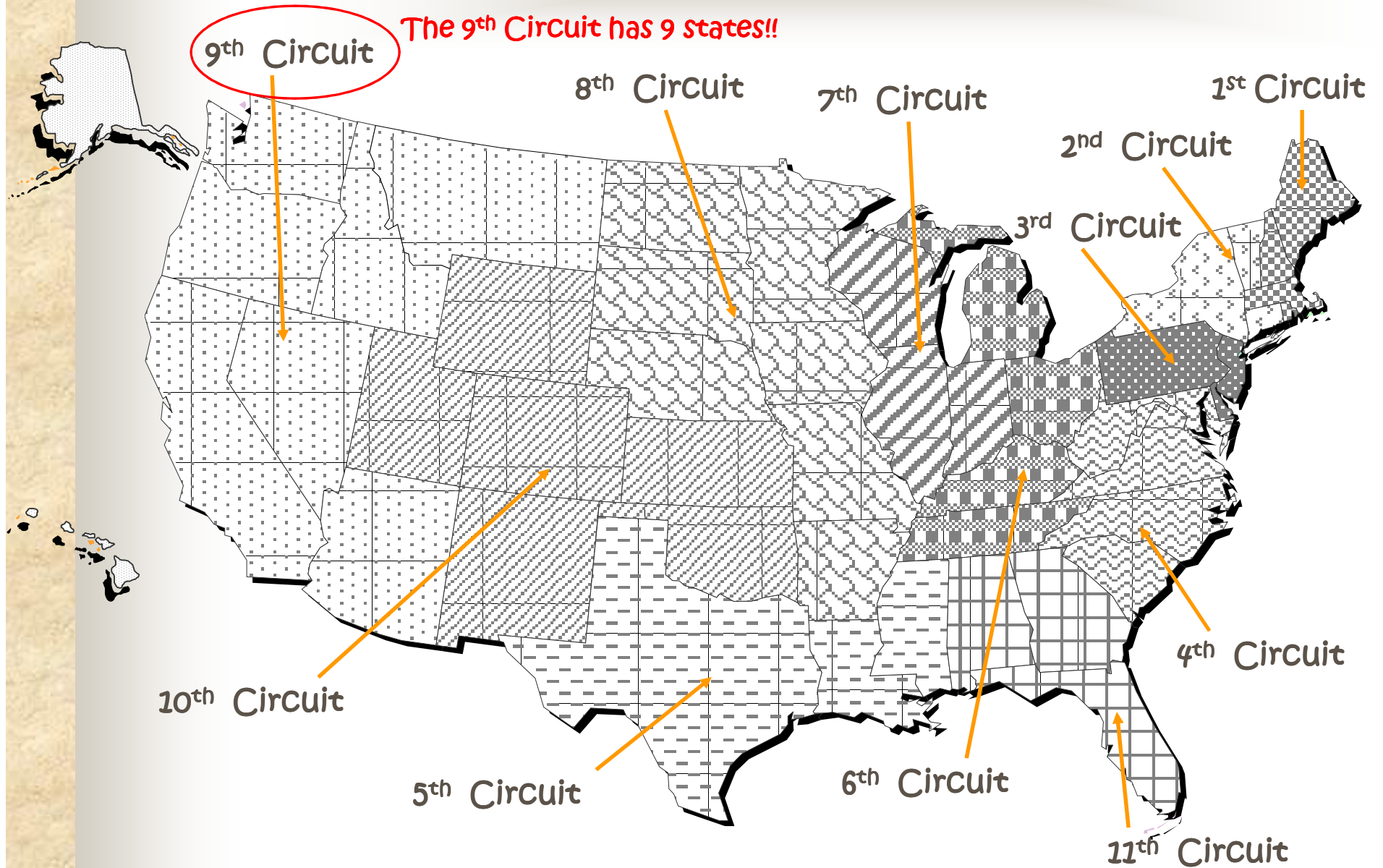
*That wasn't  
so hard.*

# Pop Quiz!

Which circuit has the most states?

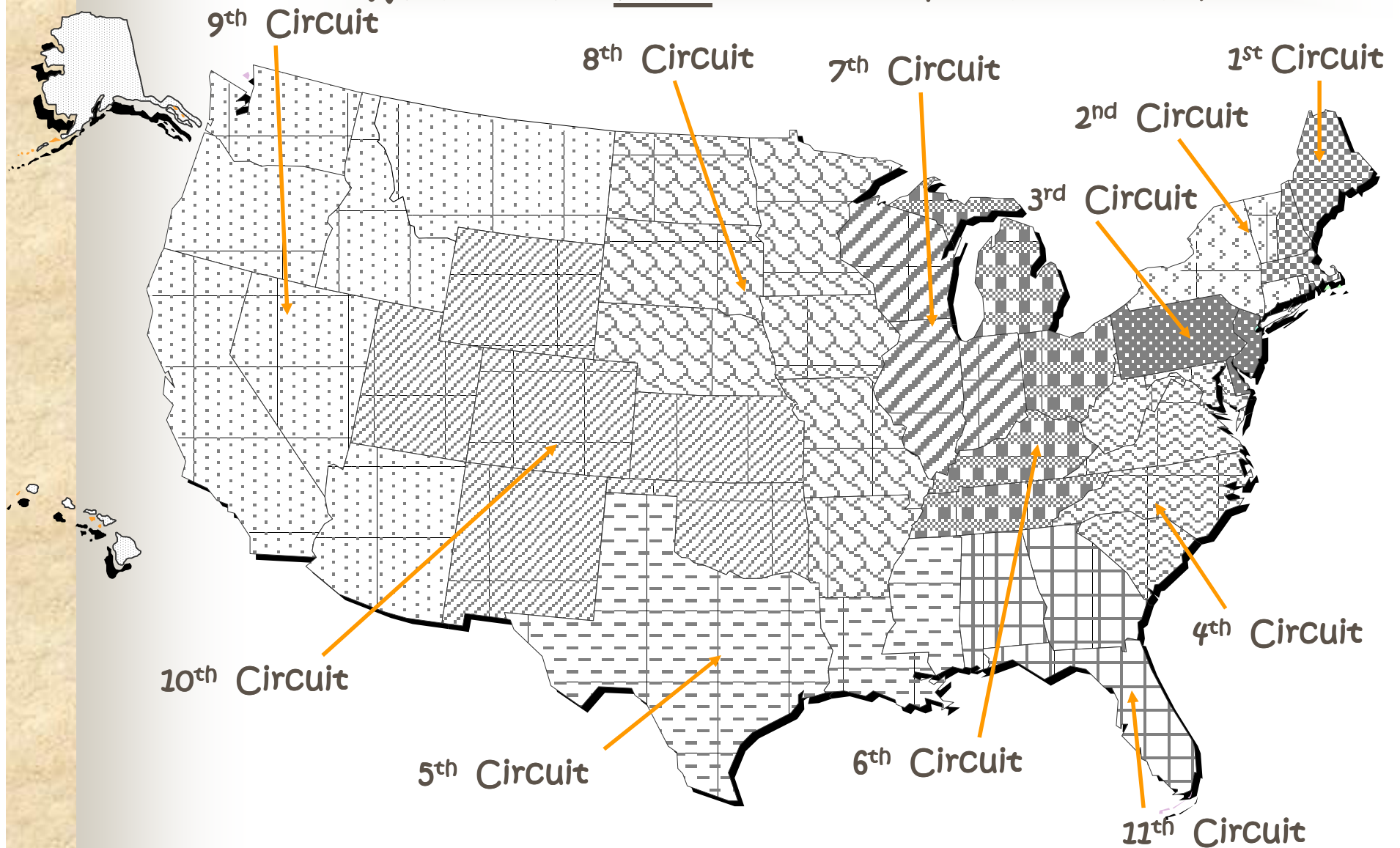


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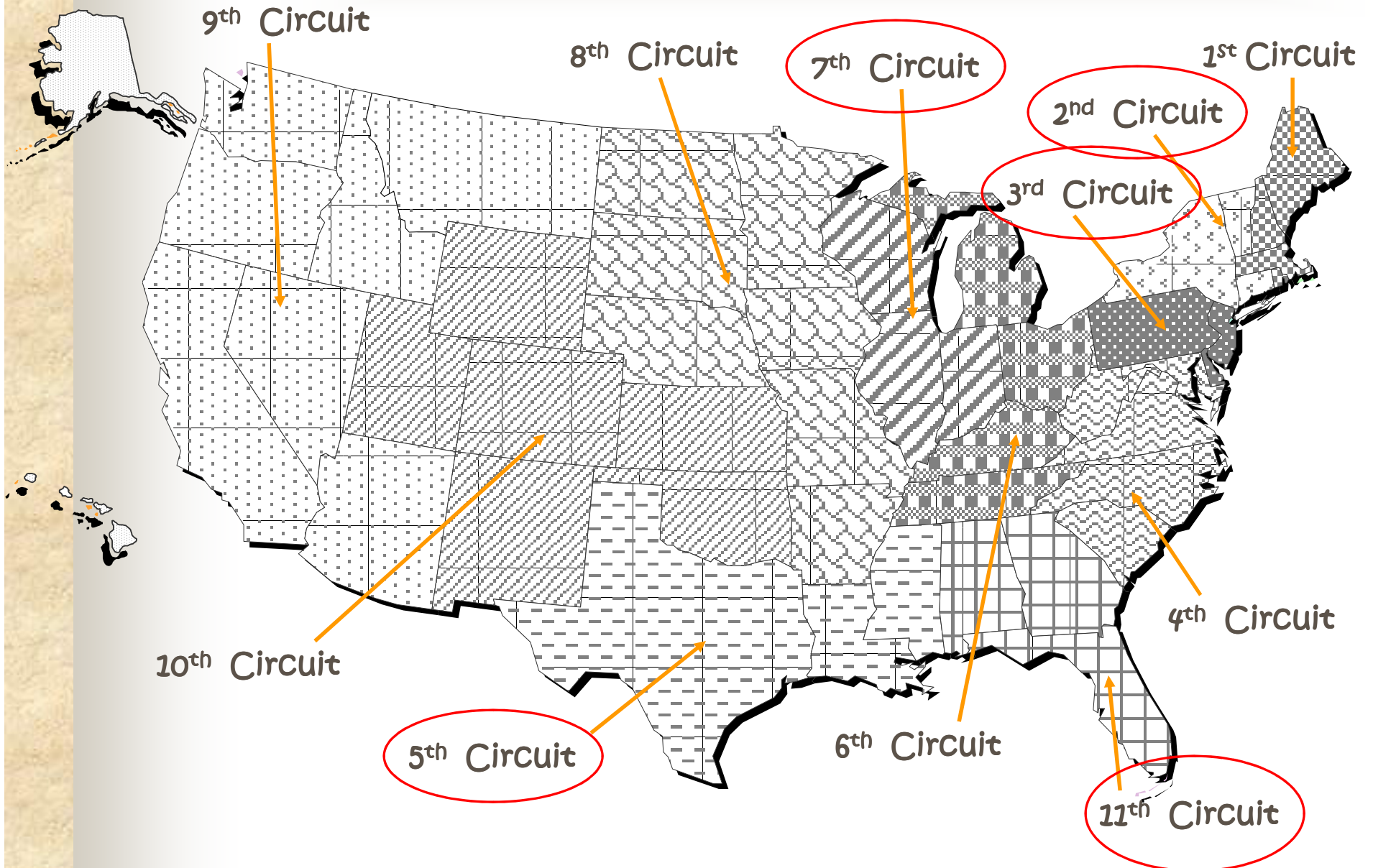
# Pop Quiz!

What is the least number of states in any circuit?



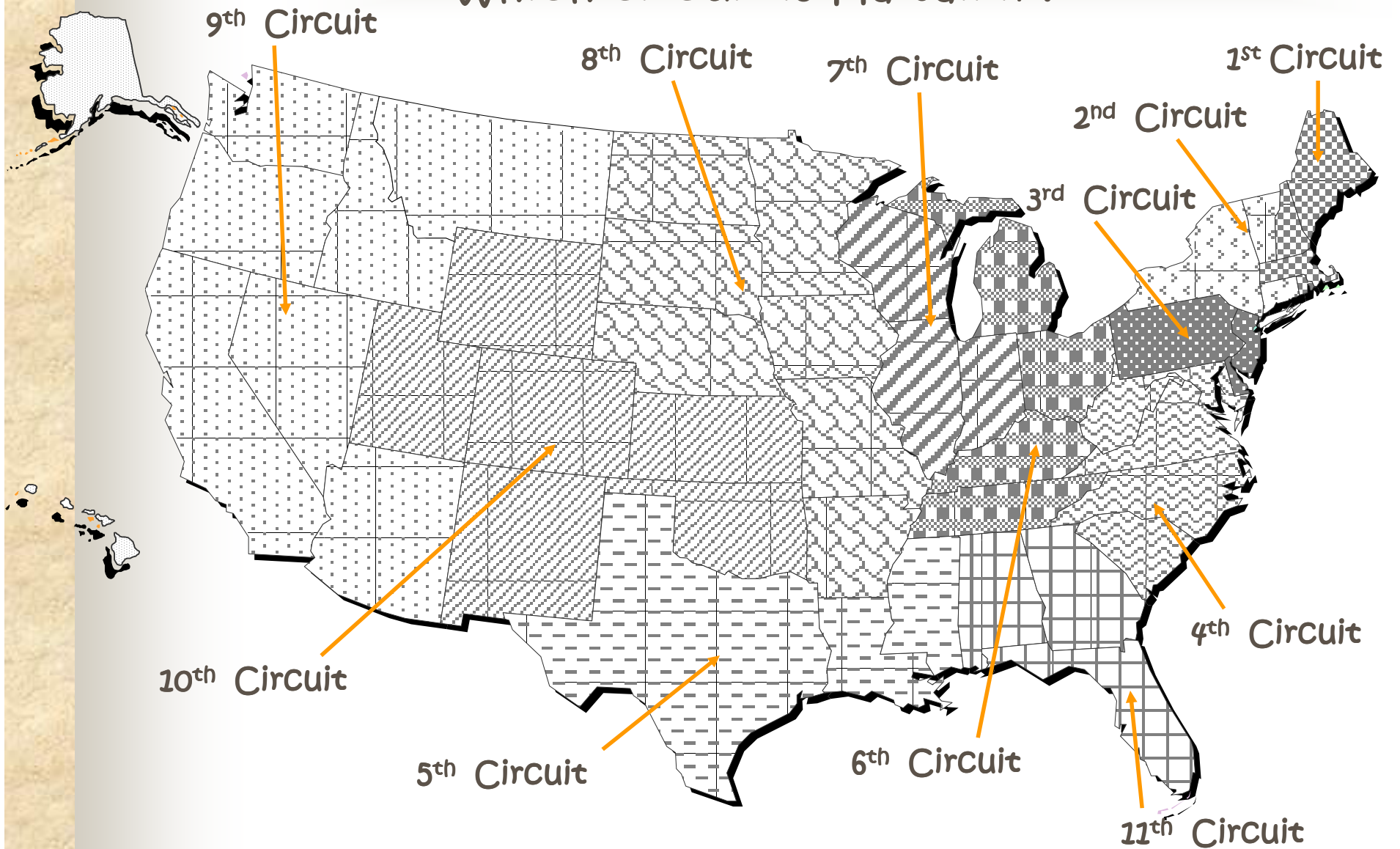
# Pop Quiz!

These circuits only have three states each!



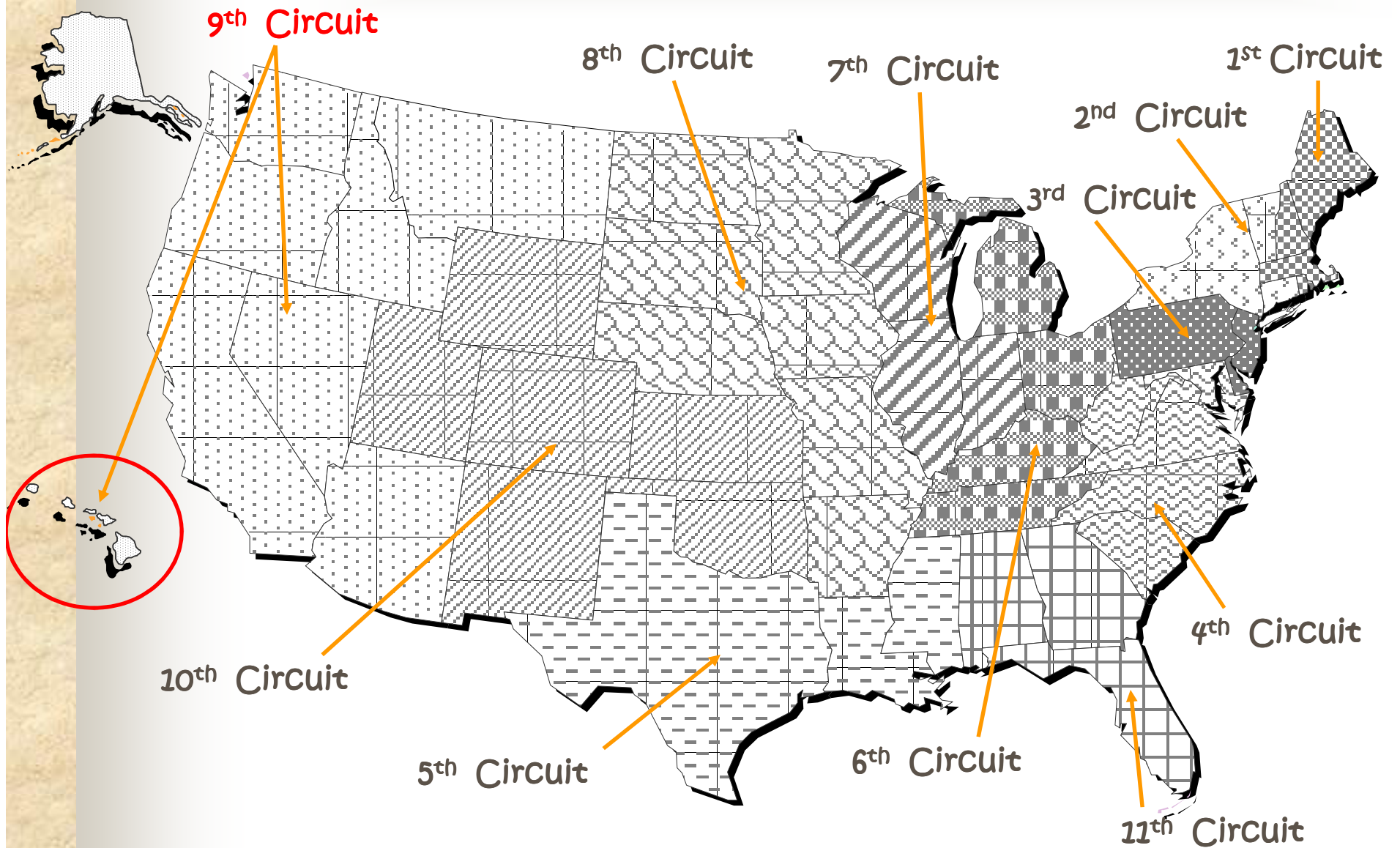
# Pop Quiz!

Which circuit is Hawaii in?





# Pop Quiz!

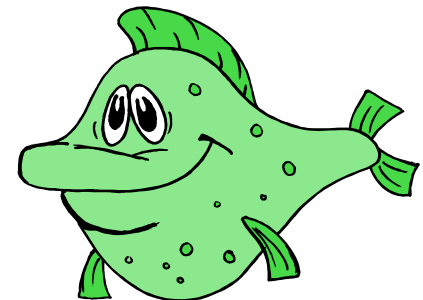




What about this?

Hawaii is in the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit. Do you think Freddy can appeal to a 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals if he wants to?

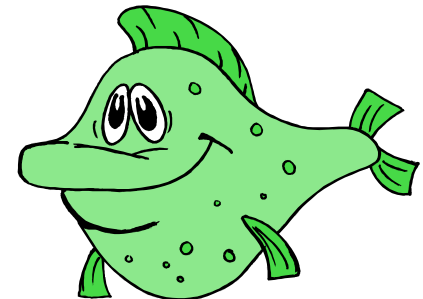
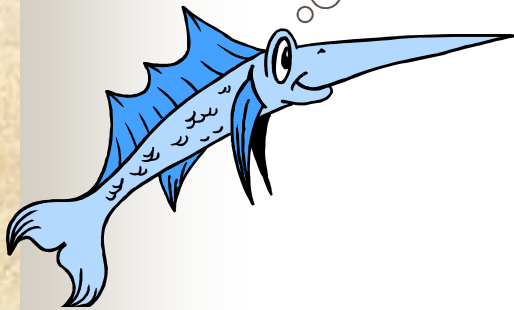
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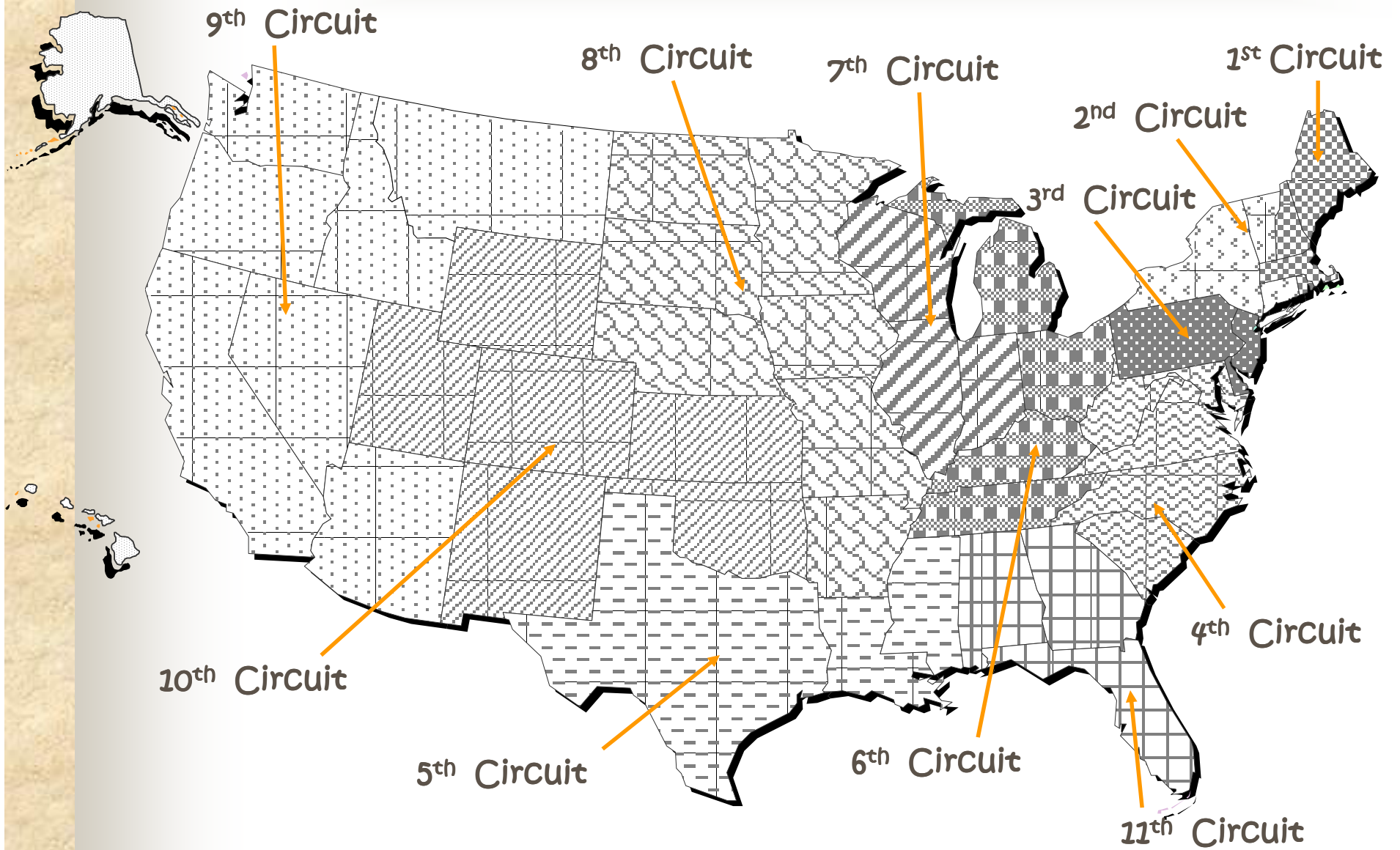
What about this?

NO!

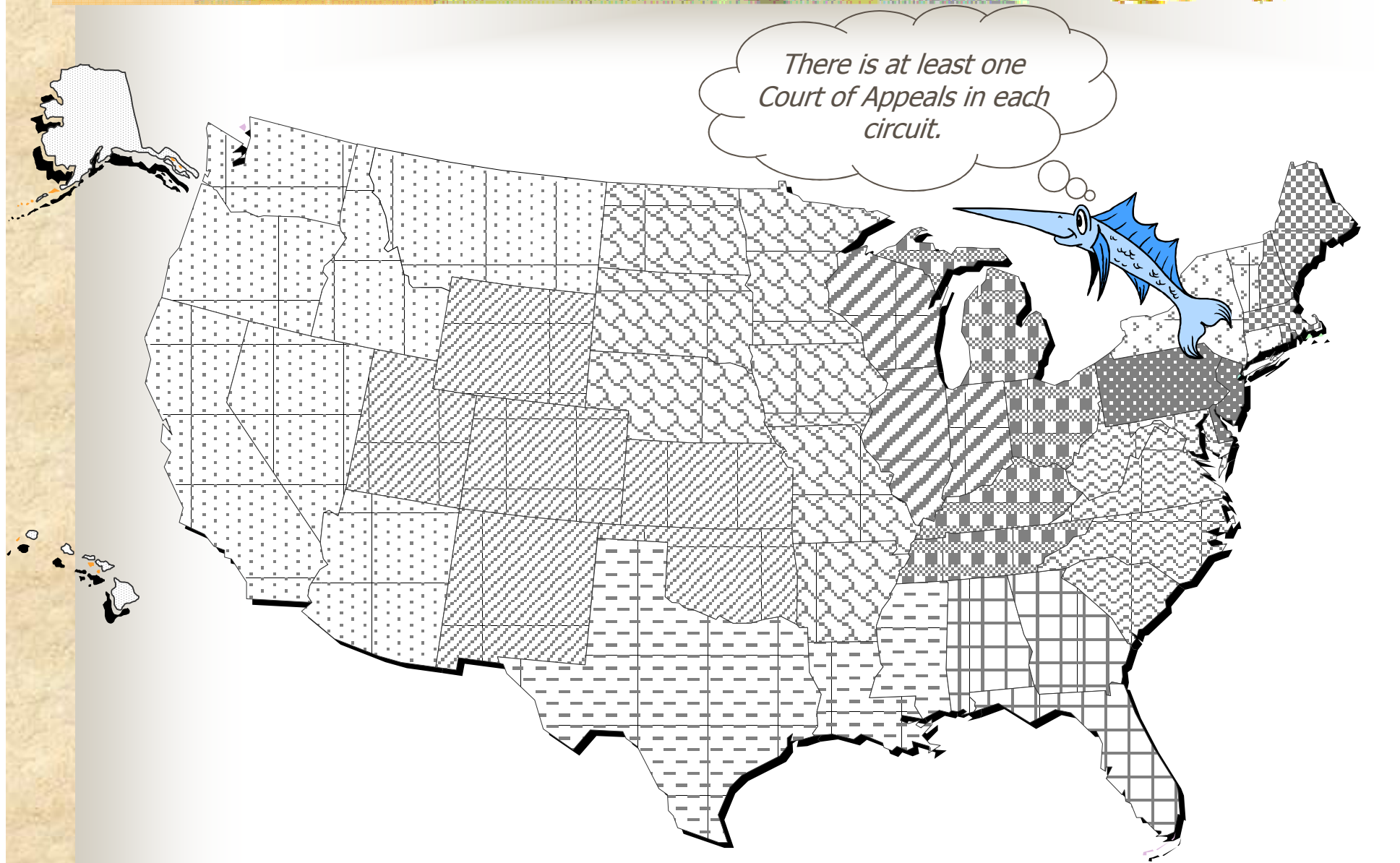
*Sorry, Fred. You can only  
appeal to the Circuit where  
your District Court is located.*



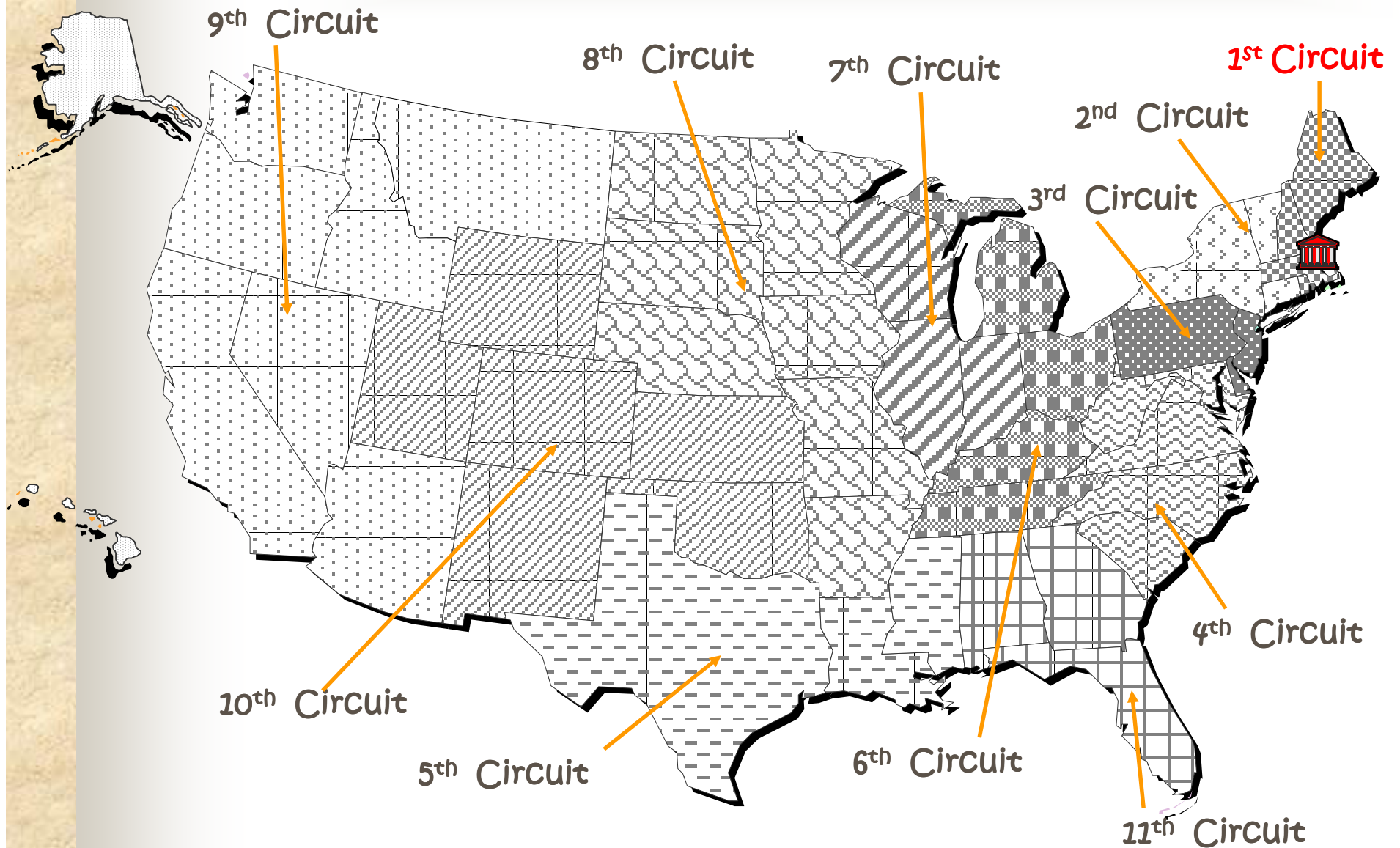
## Which Circuit is your state in??



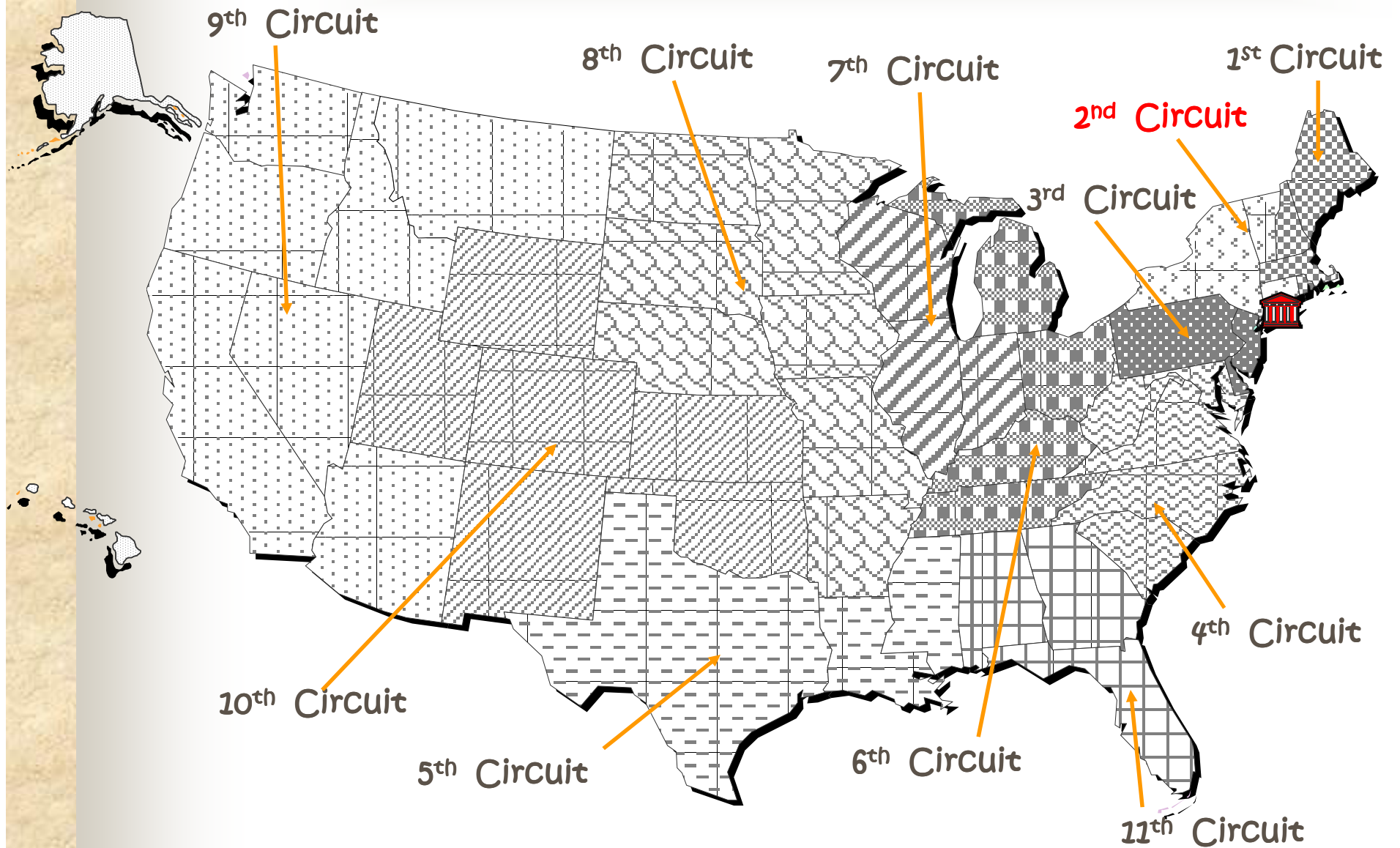
# The United States circuit courts



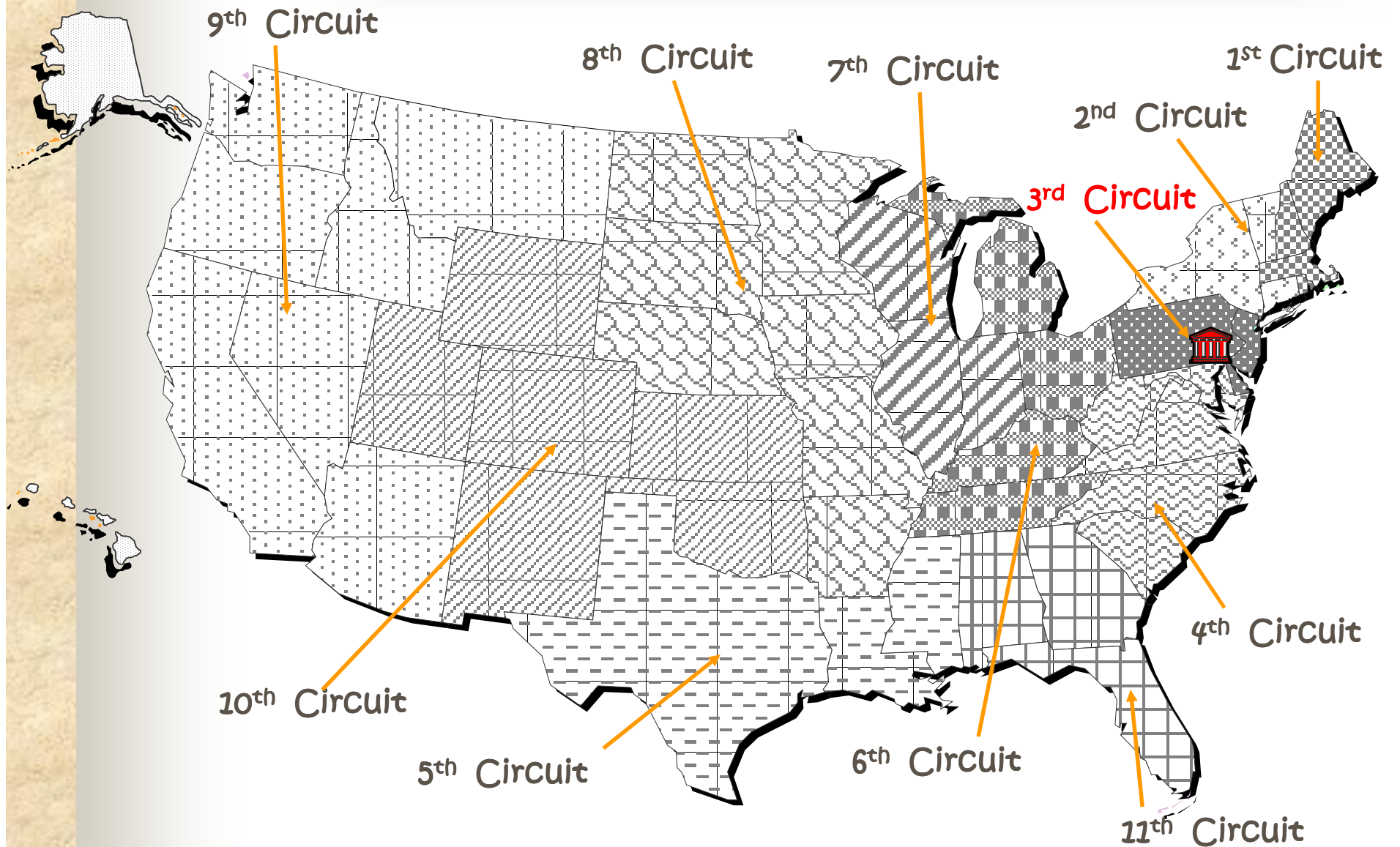
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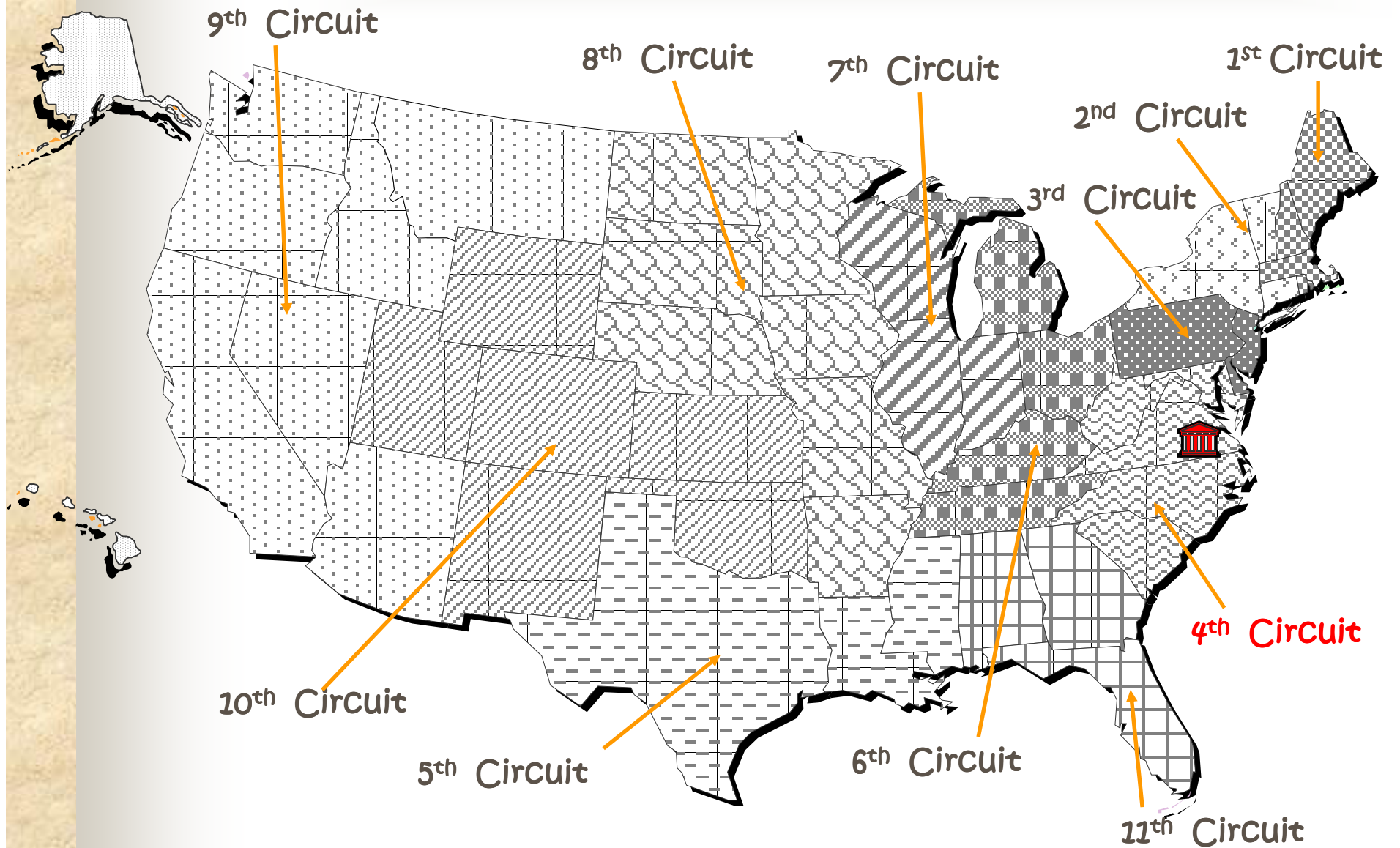


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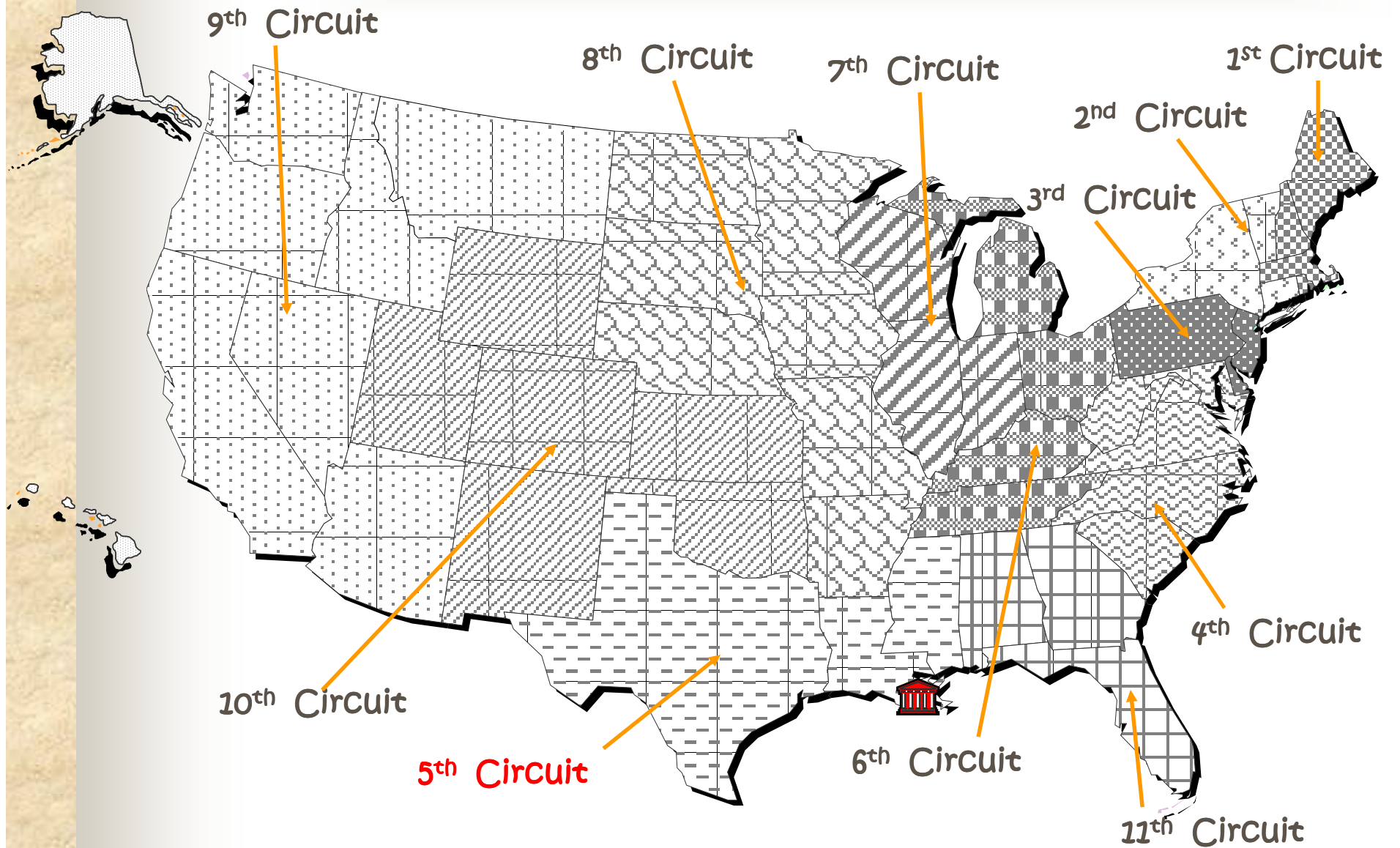


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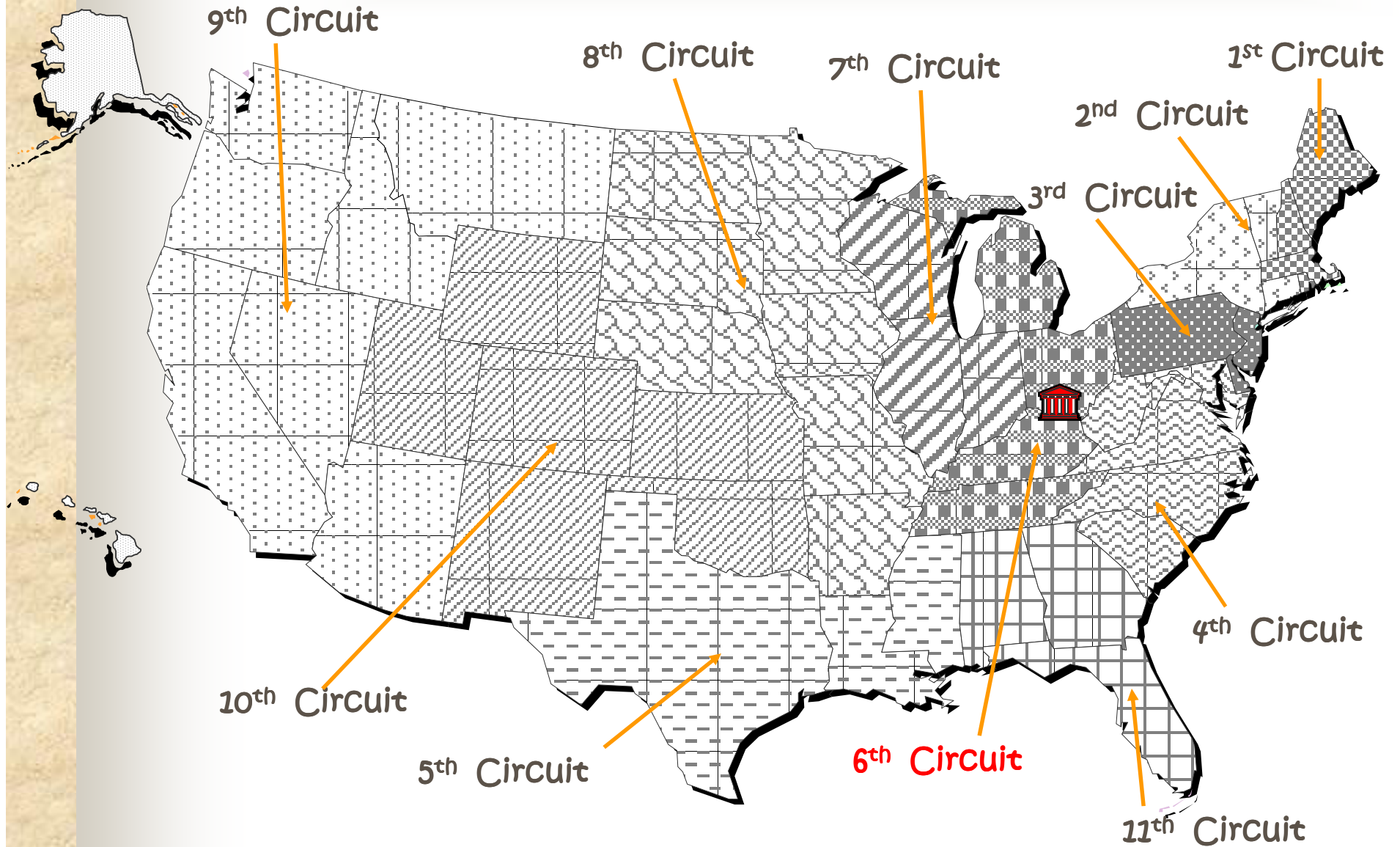




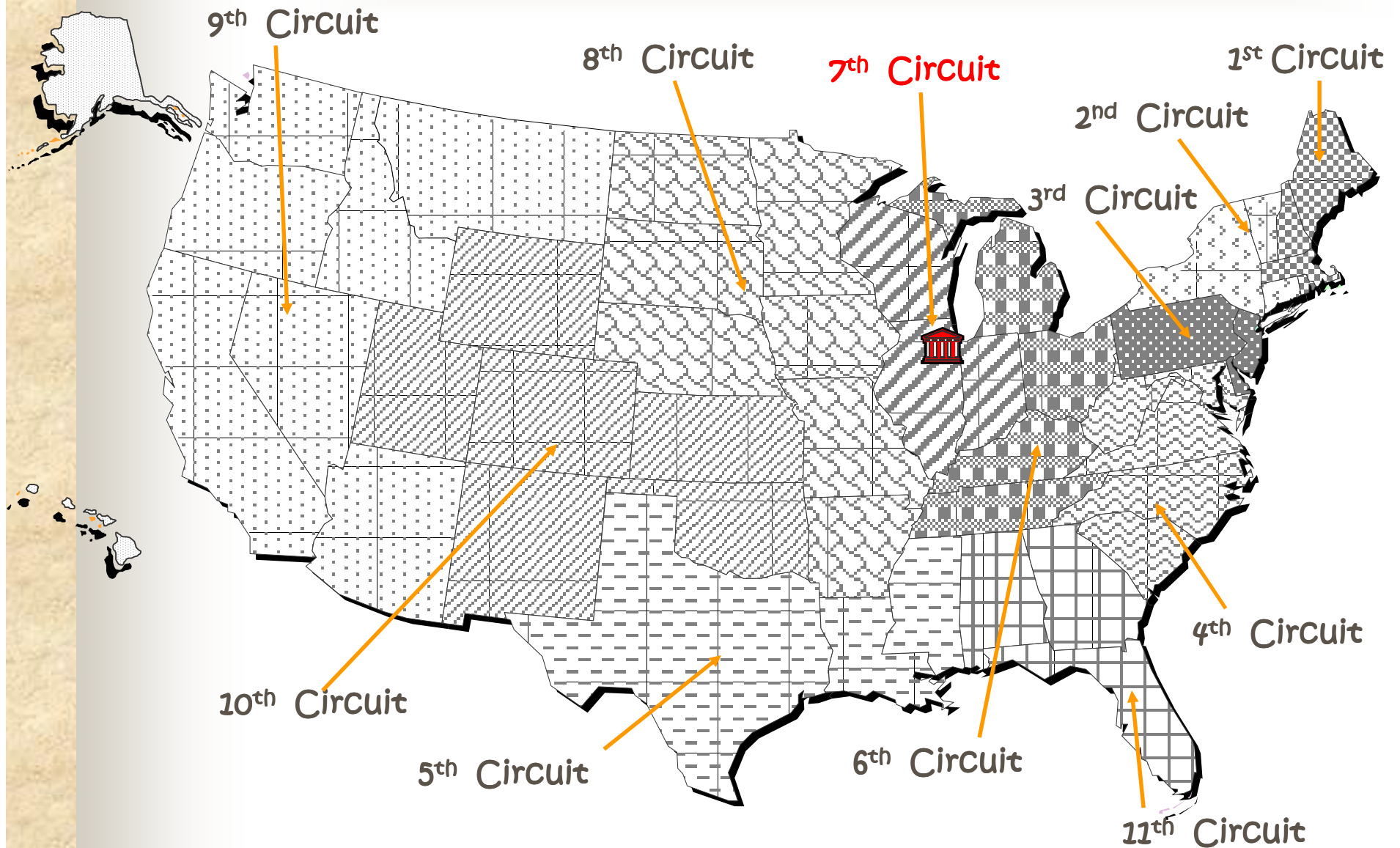
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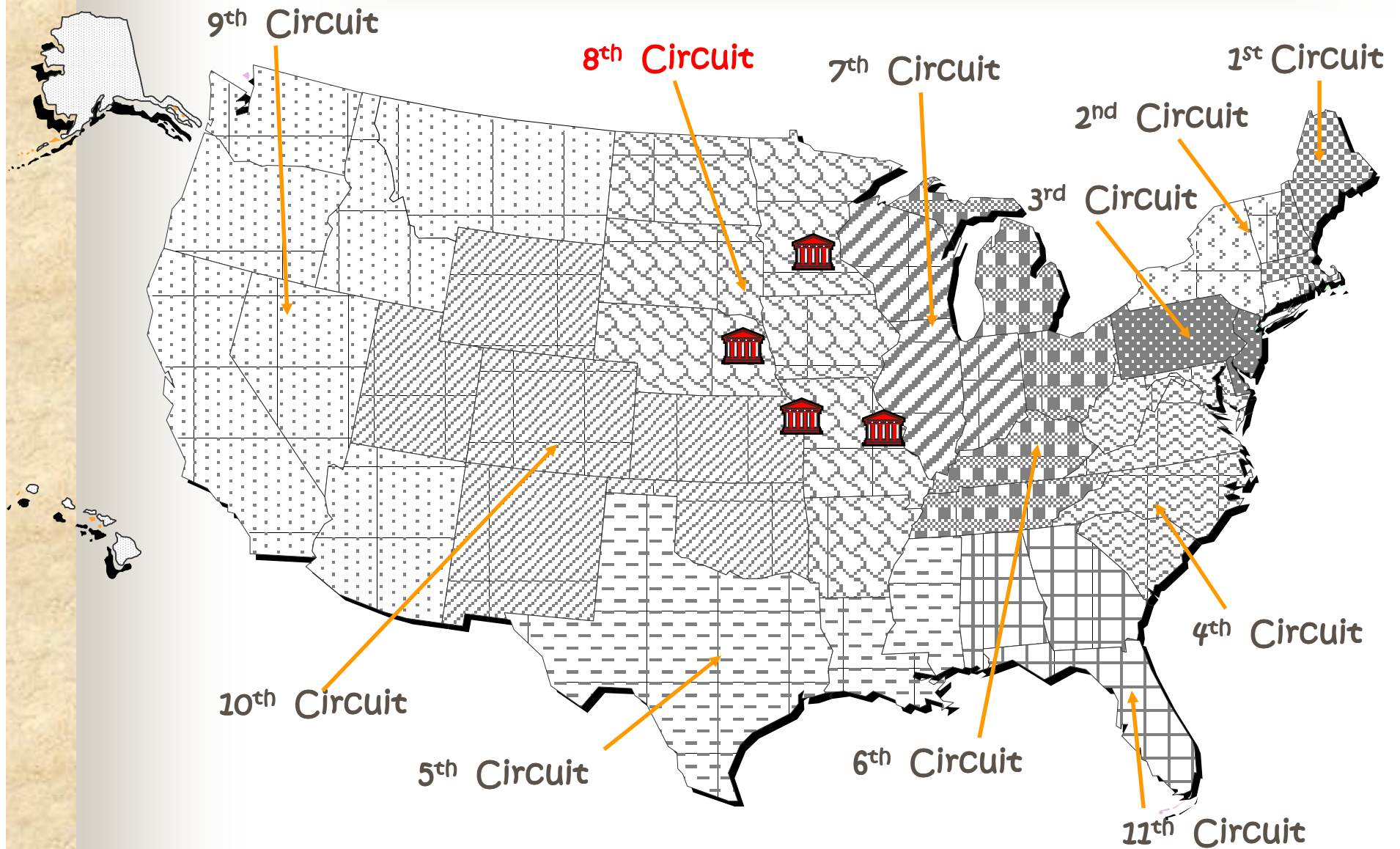
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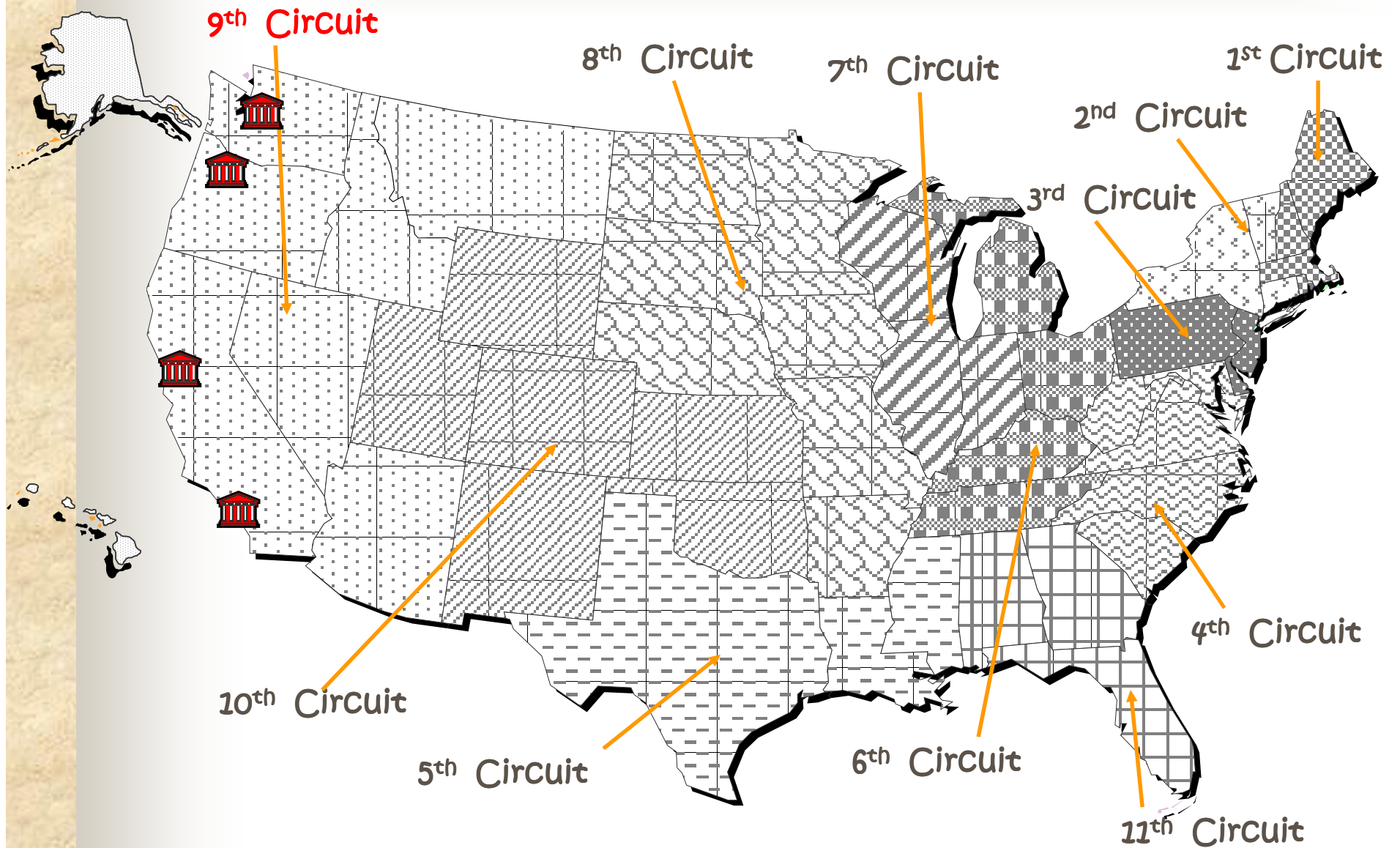
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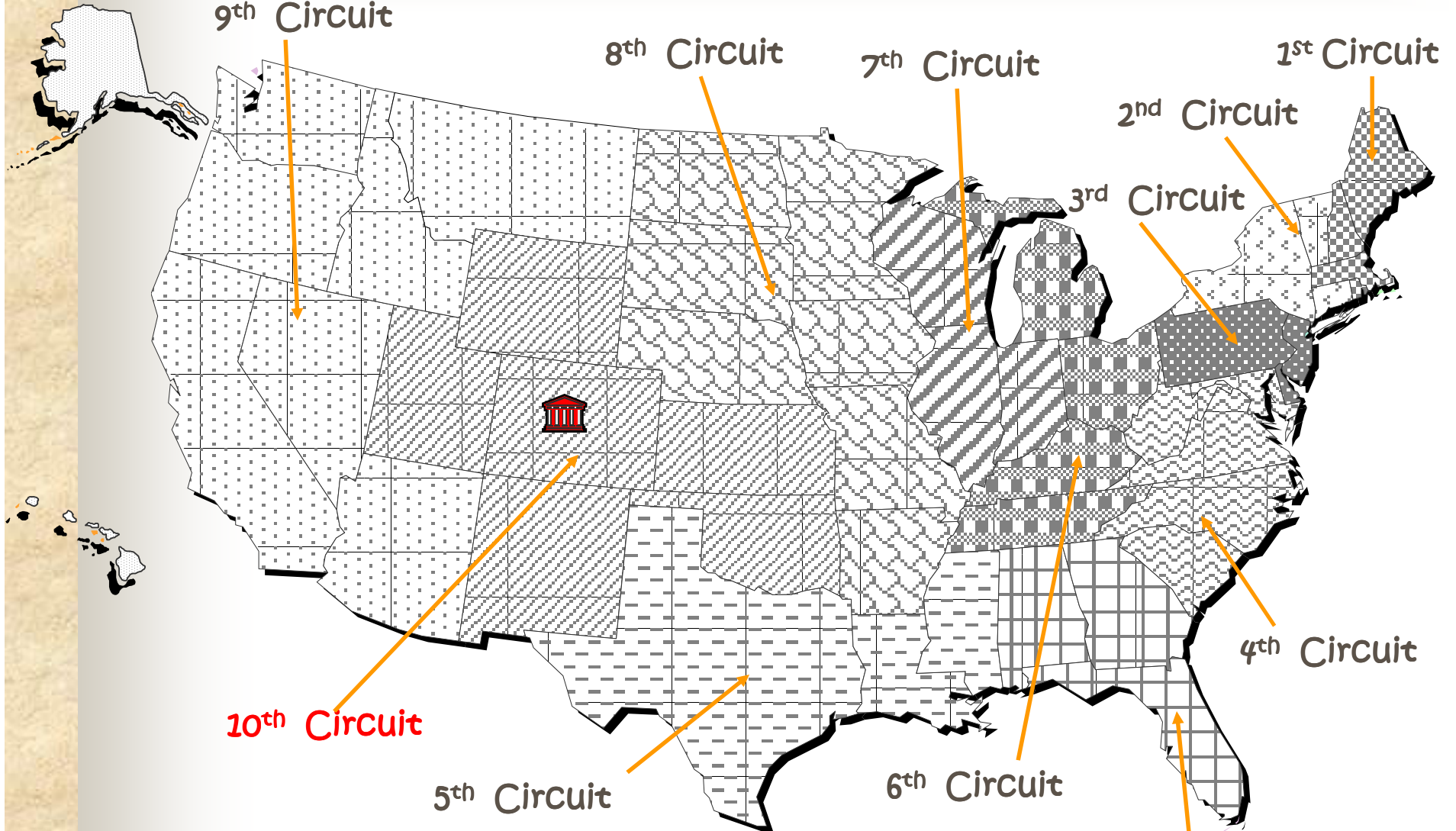
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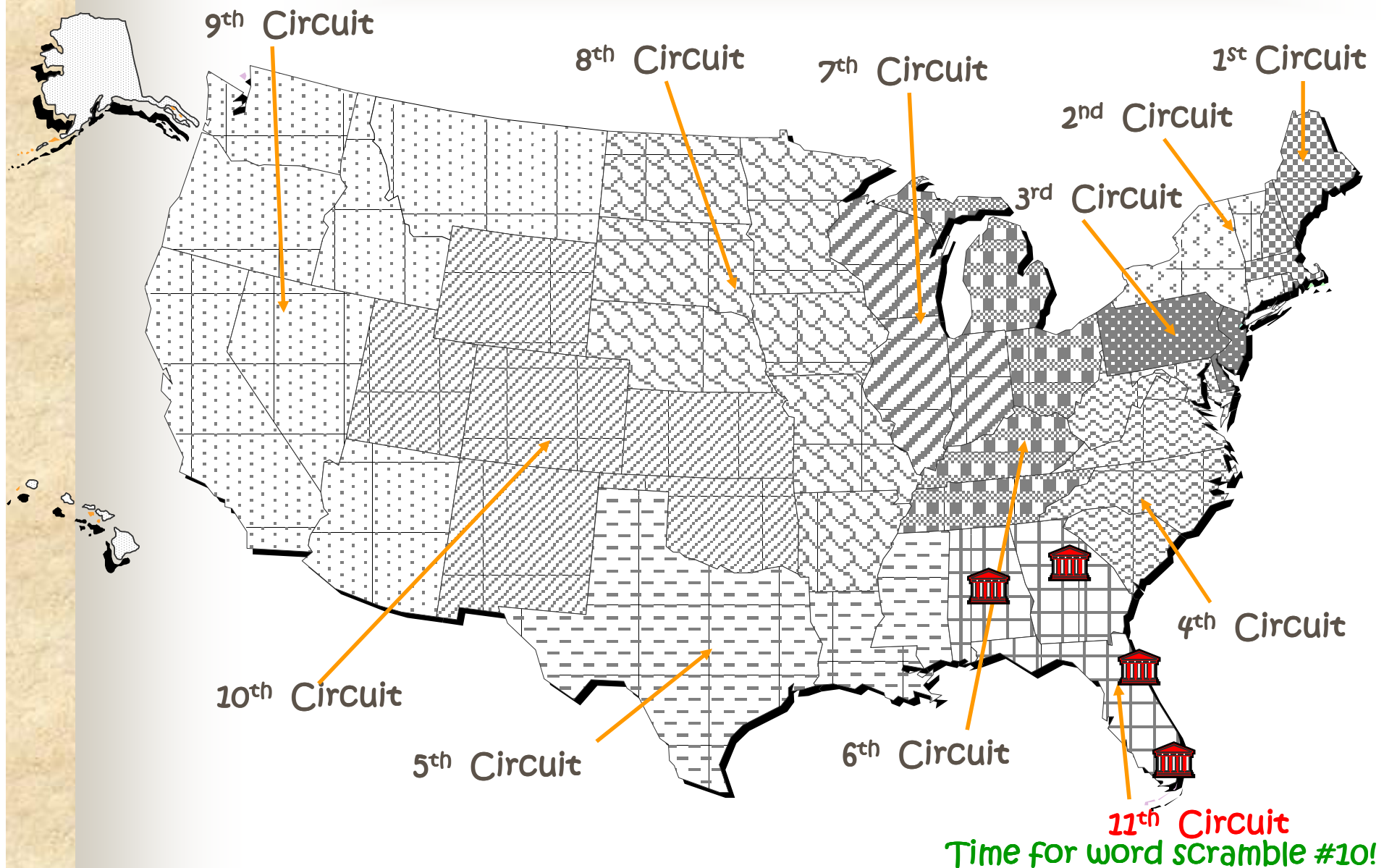


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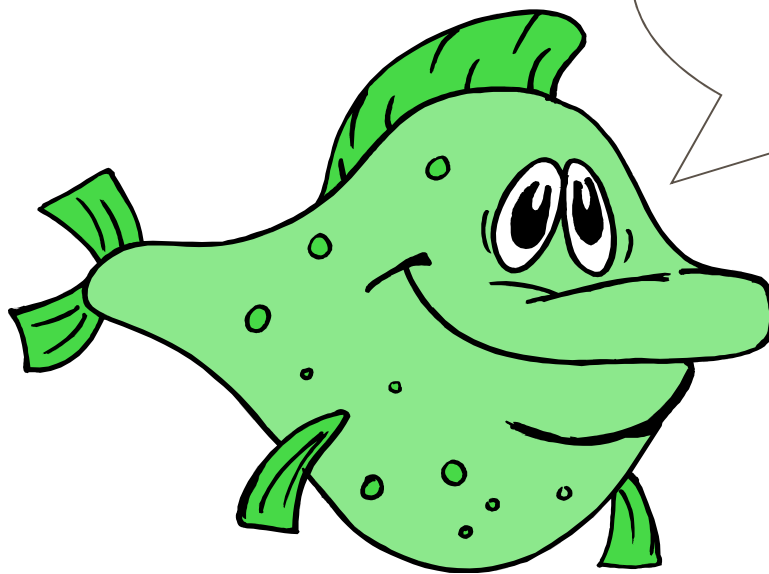




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# A Tale of Two Cases



*But I still don't know if I  
can go to a U.S. Court of  
Appeals in Hawaii!*

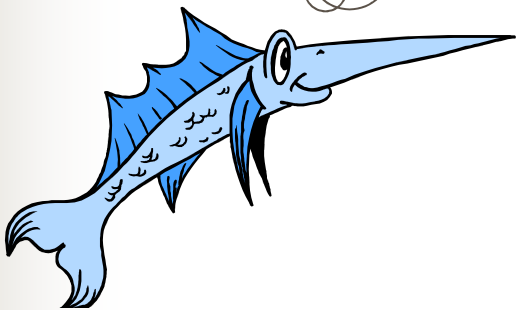
Freddy Federal



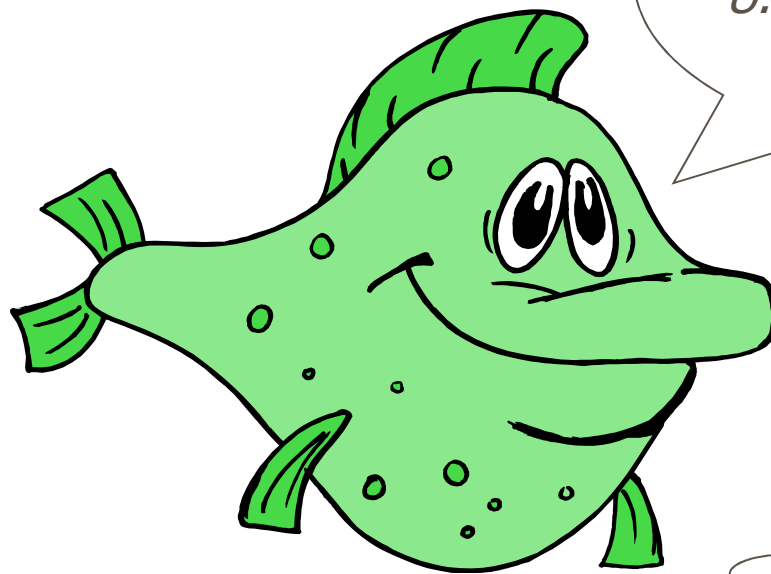
# What if a state has no U.S. Court of appeals?

*Not every state has a U.S. Court of Appeals. Often, people must travel to get to the place where their Circuit Court of Appeals usually sits.*

*However, sometimes the Court will travel, too! The Court in most circuits will spend a few days a year in places away from its usual locations.*



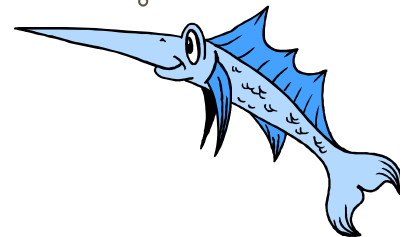
# A Tale of Two Cases



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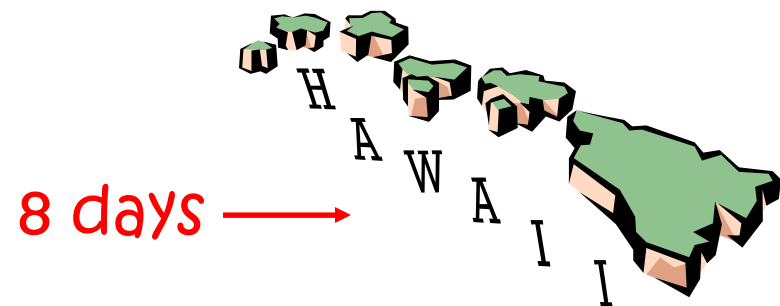
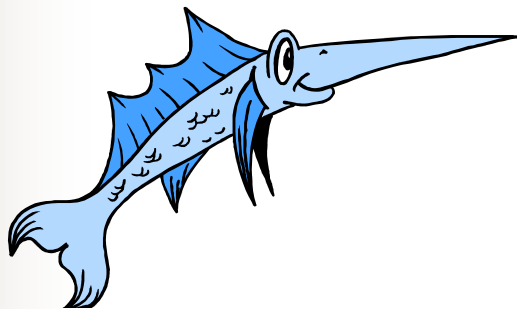
*That means I can go to a  
U.S. Court of Appeals in  
Hawaii!*

*Not so fast, Freddy...*

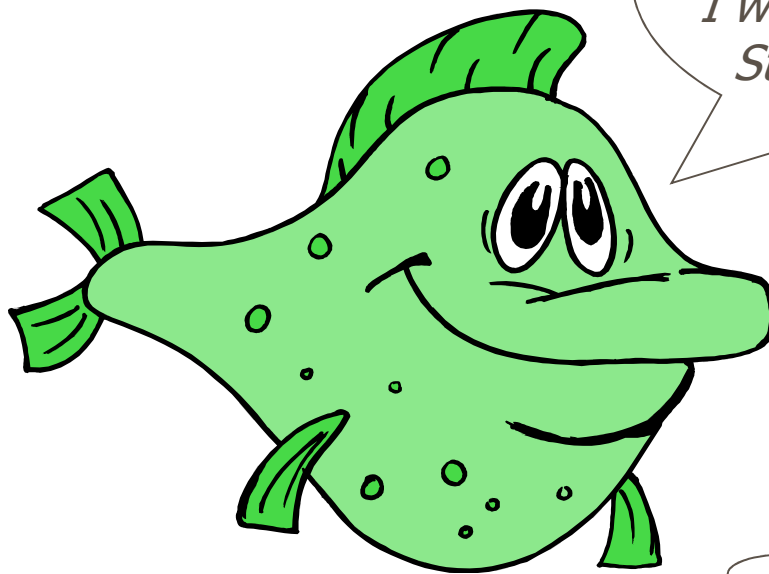


# An important note about the traveling court...

*The 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit calendar for 2010 includes only 8 days in Hawaii! That means, most likely, Freddy will have to travel if he wants to take his case to the U.S. Court of Appeals.*



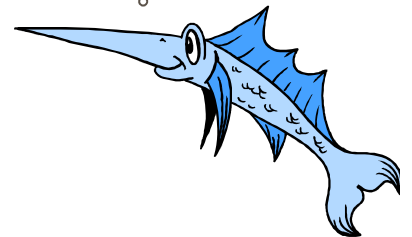
# A Tale of Two Cases



Freddy Federal

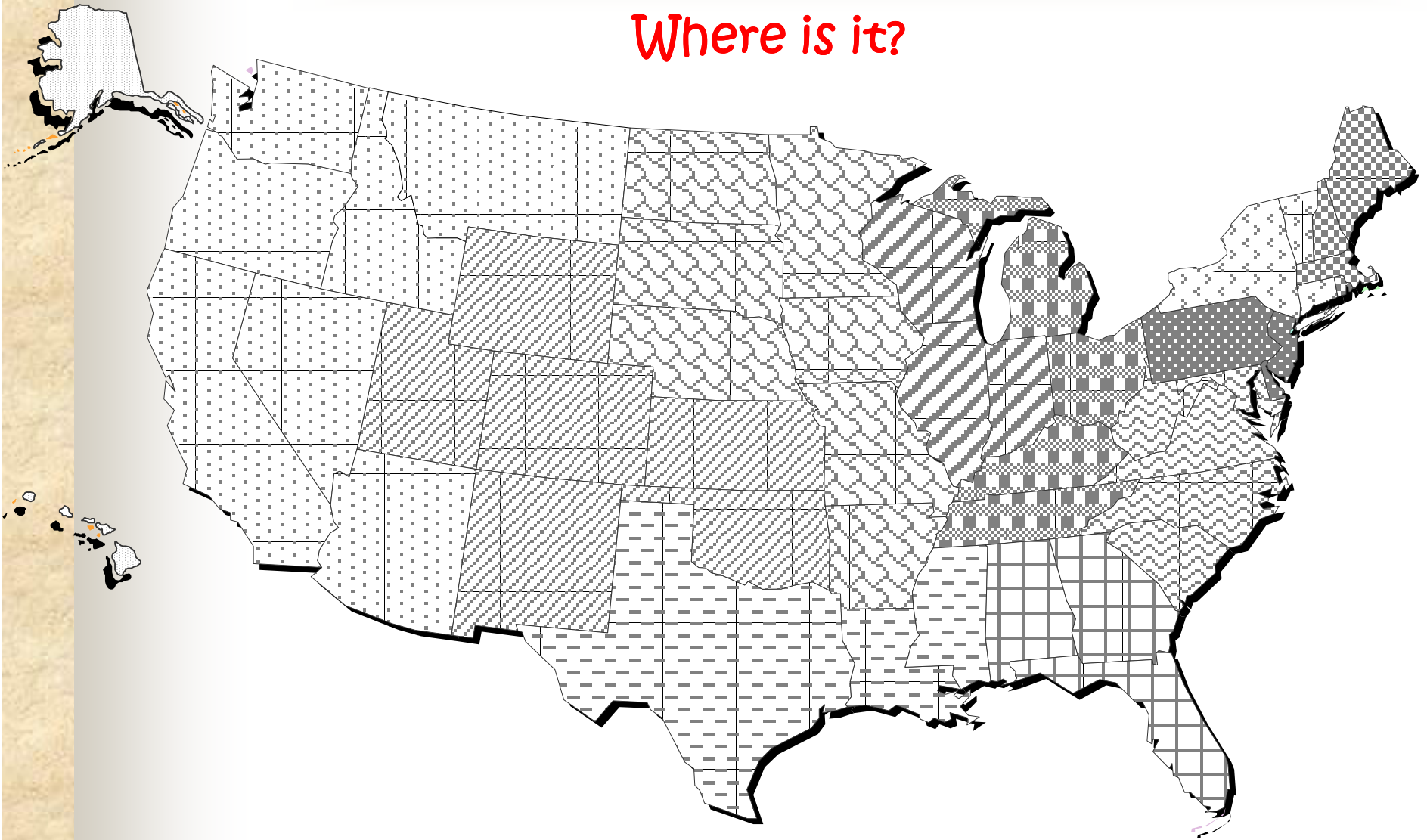
*OK—enough of this Court of Appeals stuff. What if I want to go to the United States Supreme Court?*

*Now you'll have to travel for sure...*

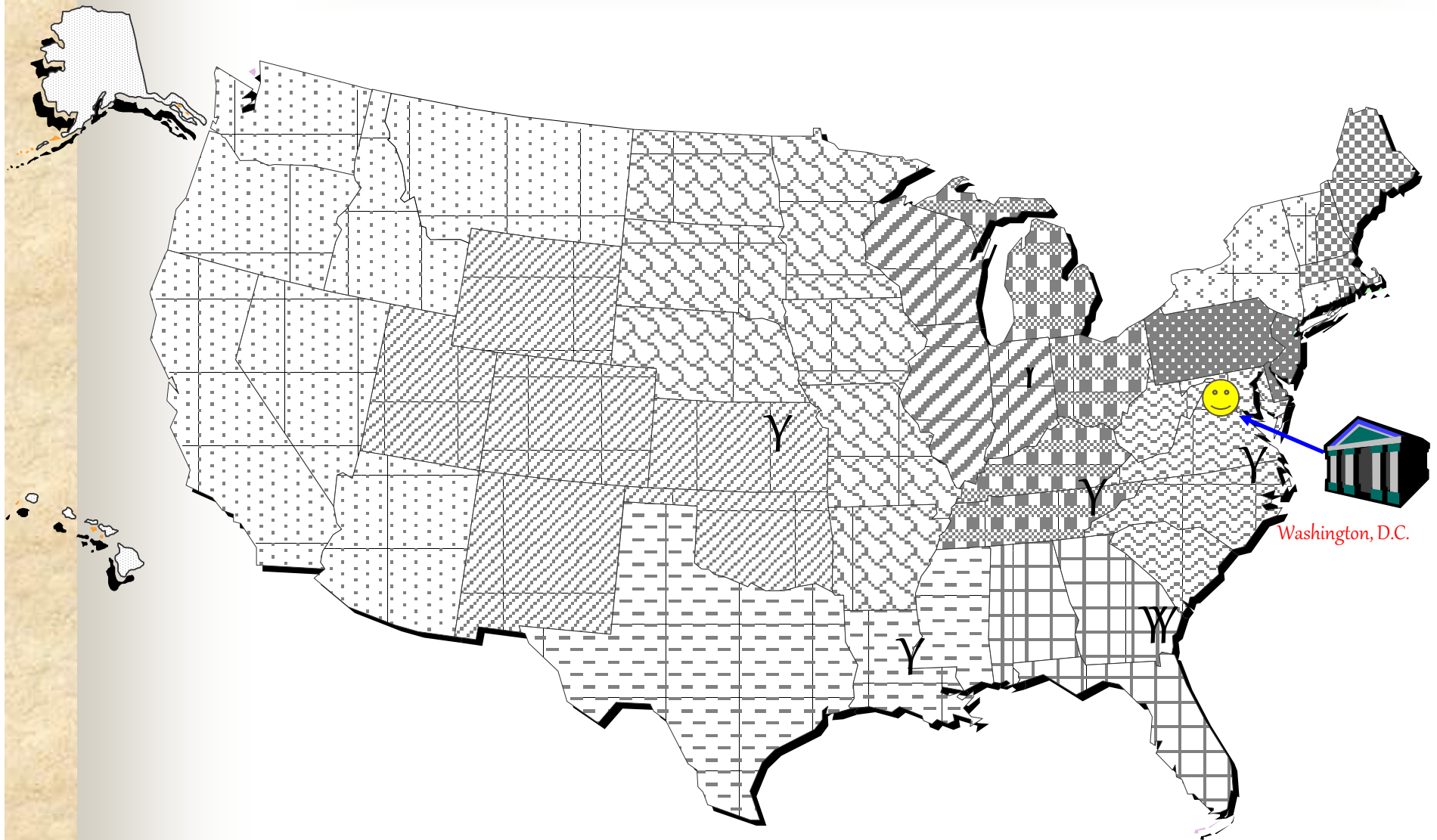


# The Supreme Court of the United States

Where is it?



# The Supreme Court of the United States

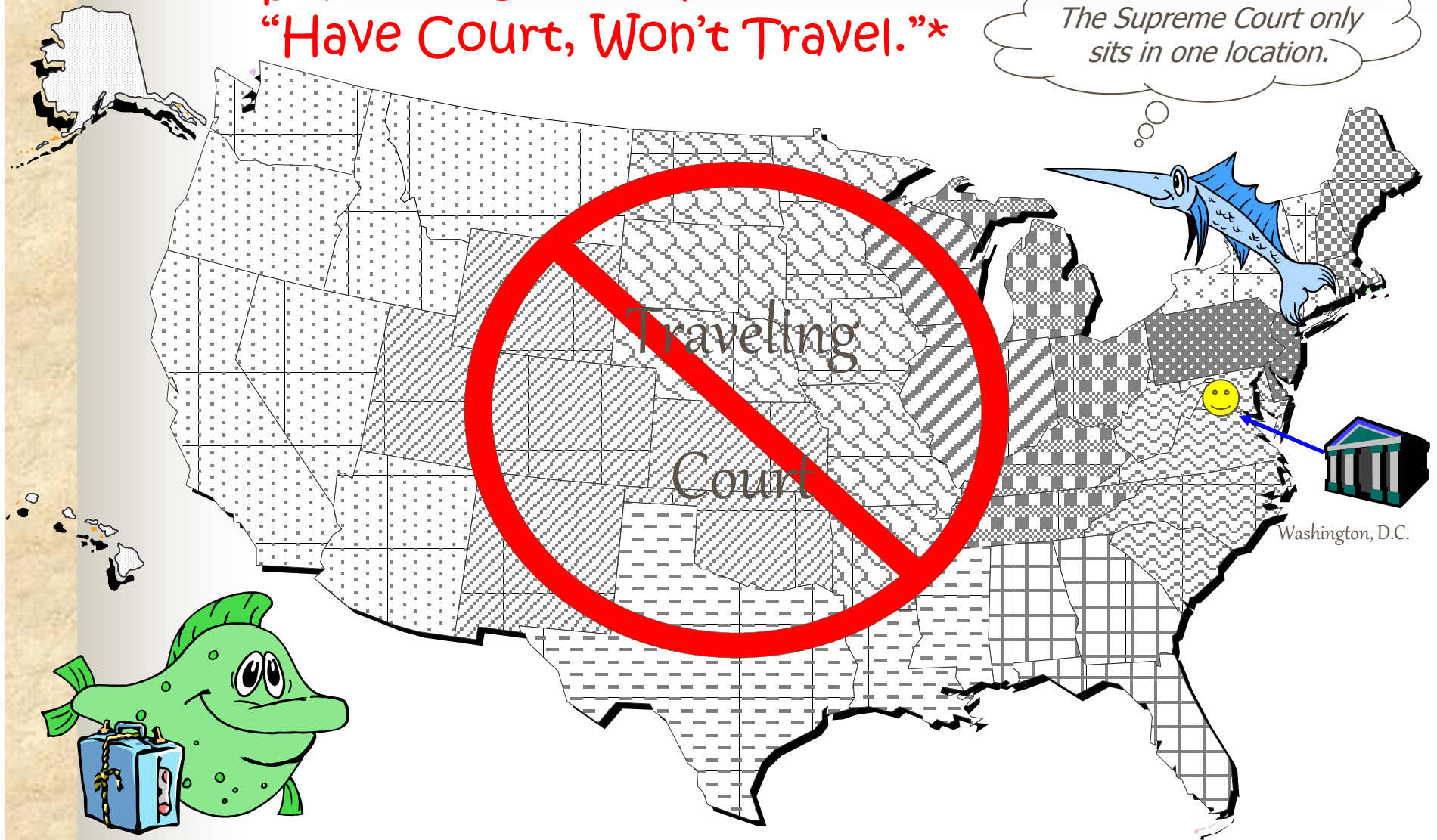


Time for word scramble #11!

# The Supreme Court of the United States

Supreme Court Motto:  
"Have Court, Won't Travel."\*

*The Supreme Court only  
sits in one location.*



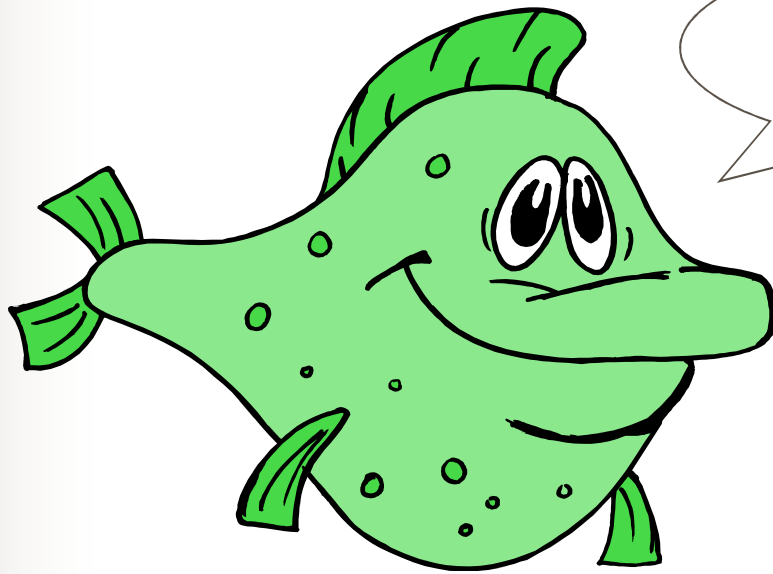
\* This is not the actual Supreme Court motto.

Time for word scramble #12!



# A Tale of Two Cases

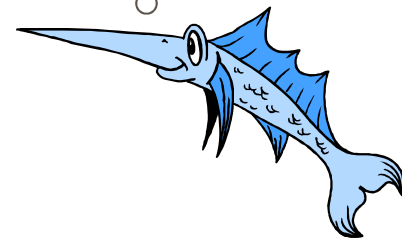
If Freddy wants to go to the Supreme Court,  
he will get to learn a fun new word:



Freddy Federal

*Certiorari!*

*That's the Supreme Court's power to  
choose which cases it wants to hear.  
If the Court does not choose Freddy's  
case, then Freddy's case is over!*



Say it: SUR - show - RAH - ree

Time for word scramble #13!

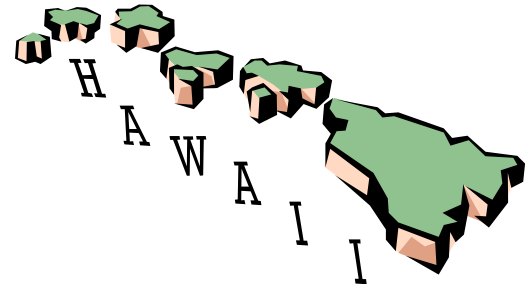
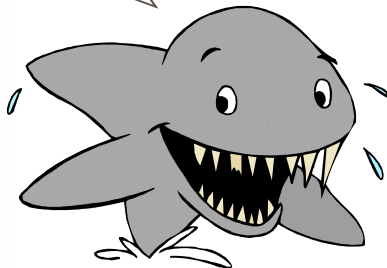




We interrupt this tale to ask a very important question:

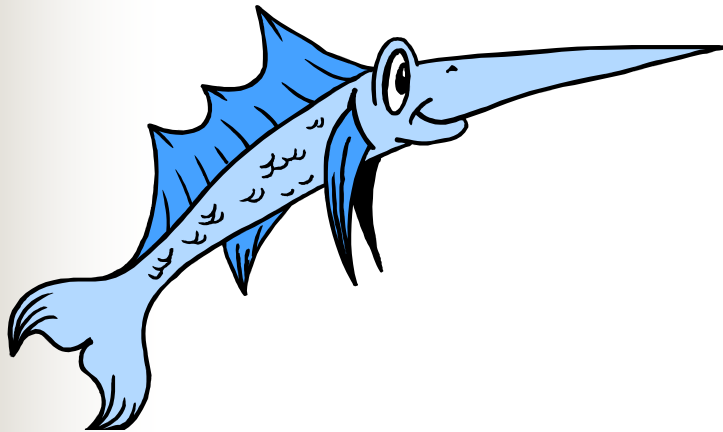
If State Court Sam wants to take his case to the Hawaii Supreme Court, do you think the Court can choose whether to hear his case?

*Remember me?*

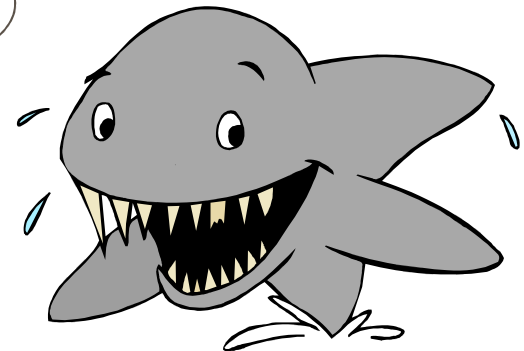


And the answer is...

*The Hawaii Supreme Court gets to choose which cases it wants to hear, just like the U.S. Supreme Court does. This is true in most states.*

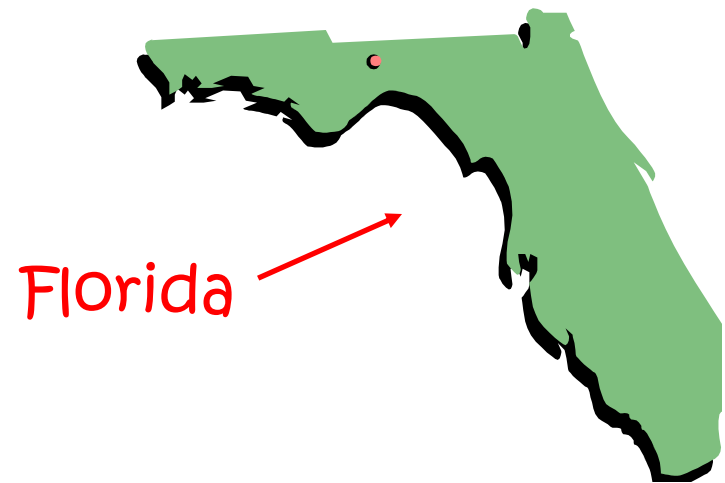
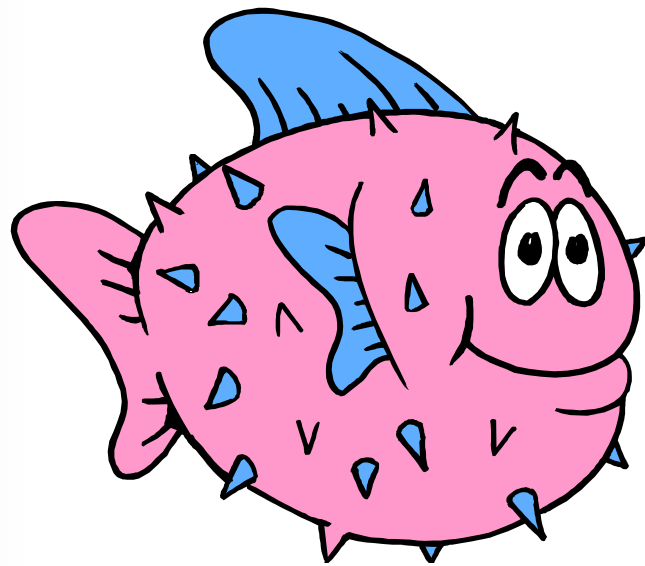


*I hope they take my case!*



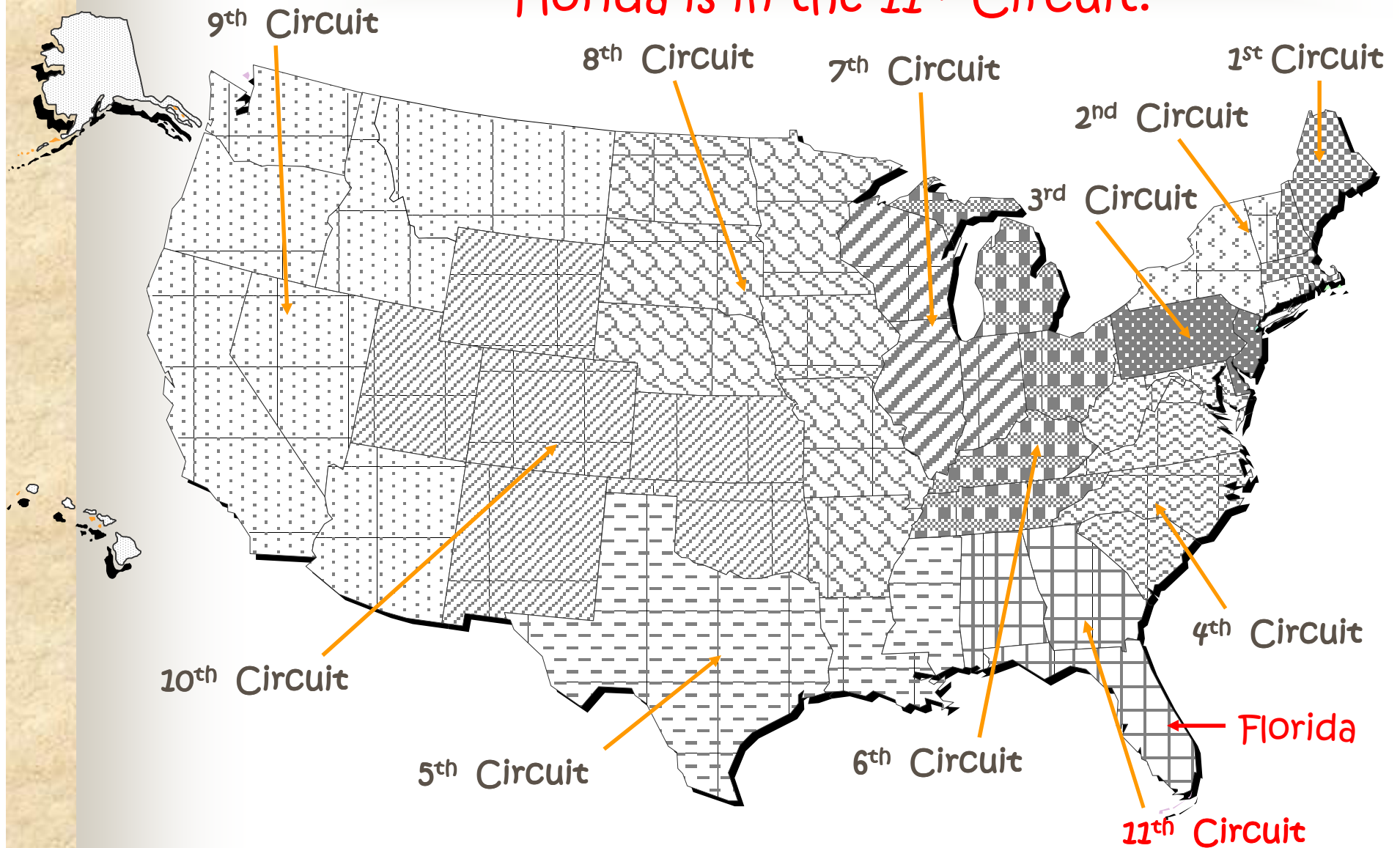
# A tale of THREE cases!

Meet Freddy Federal's sister, Freida Federal!  
Freida lives in Florida.



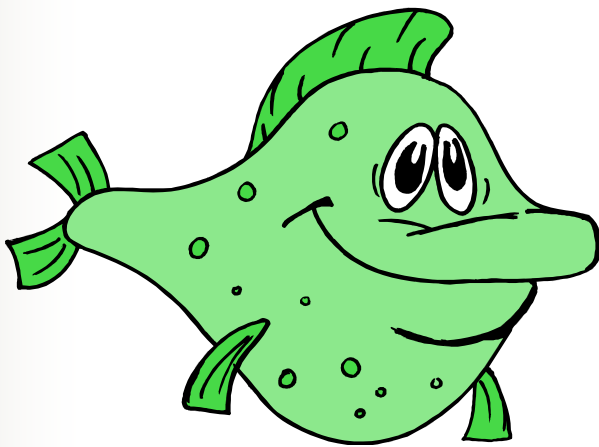
# A tale of THREE cases!

Florida is in the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit.

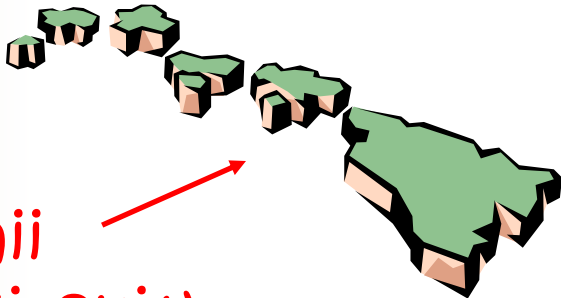


# A tale of THREE cases!

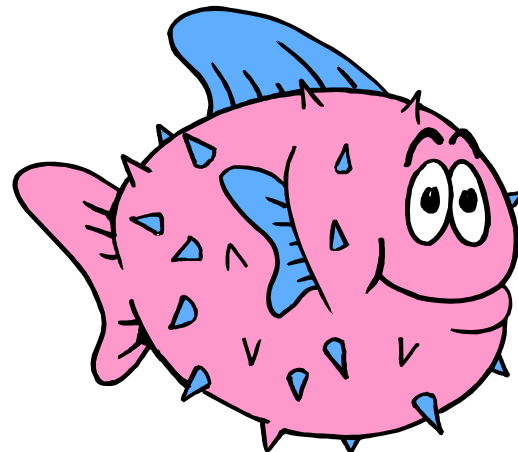
Frieda has a federal Case, too!



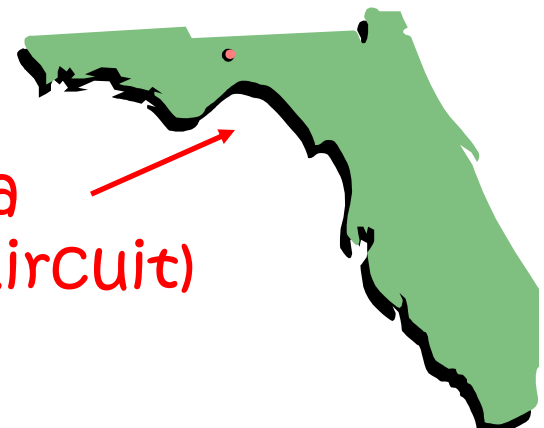
Freddy Federal



Hawaii  
(9<sup>th</sup> Circuit)



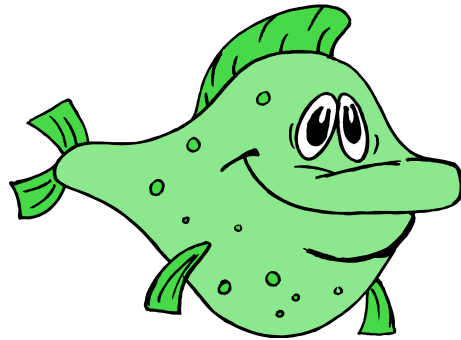
Freida Federal



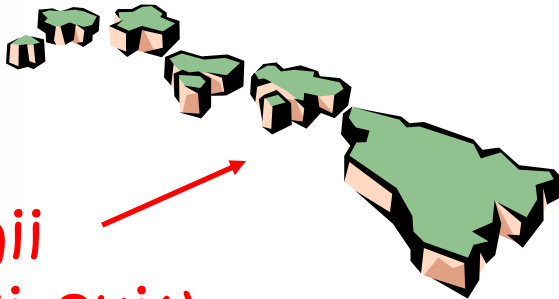
Florida  
(11<sup>th</sup> Circuit)

# A tale of THREE cases!

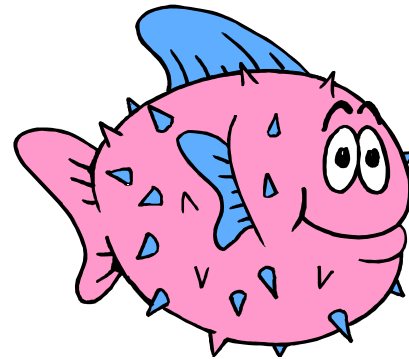
If Freddy brings his case to the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals, and Frieda brings hers to the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals, do you think the cases will always turn out the same?



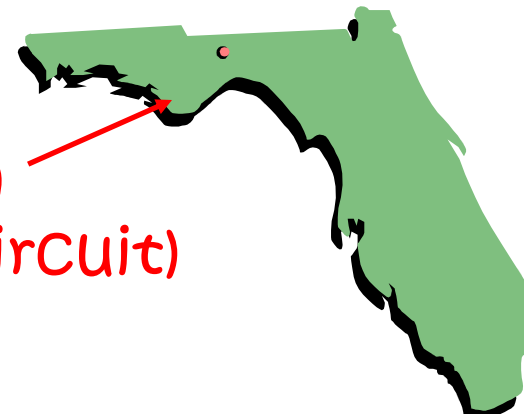
Freddy Federal



Hawaii  
(9<sup>th</sup> Circuit)



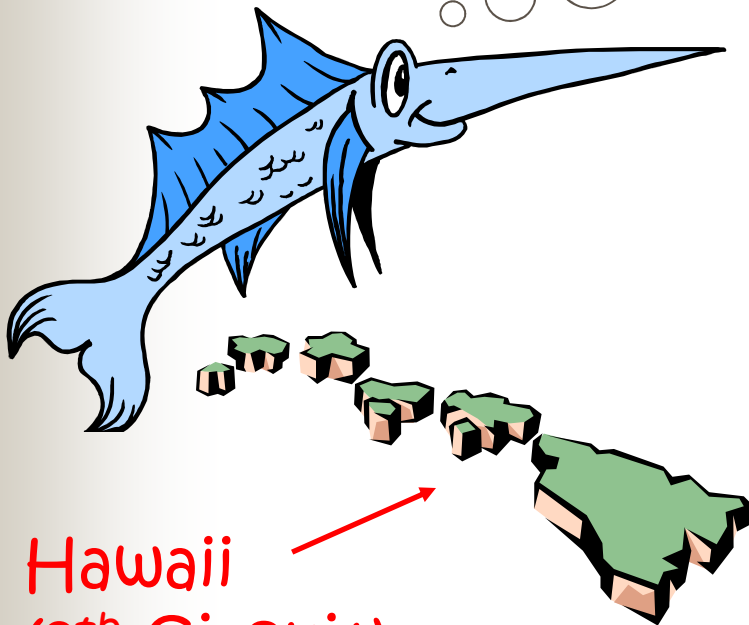
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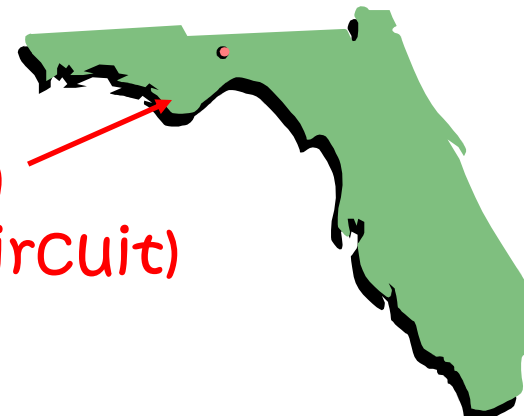
Florida  
(11<sup>th</sup> Circuit)

# A tale of THREE cases!

*Usually the results will be very similar, but not always! Sometimes two circuits will make very different decisions about the same issue. When that happens, it's called a "circuit split."*



Hawaii  
(9<sup>th</sup> Circuit)



Florida  
(11<sup>th</sup> Circuit)



# A tale of THREE cases!



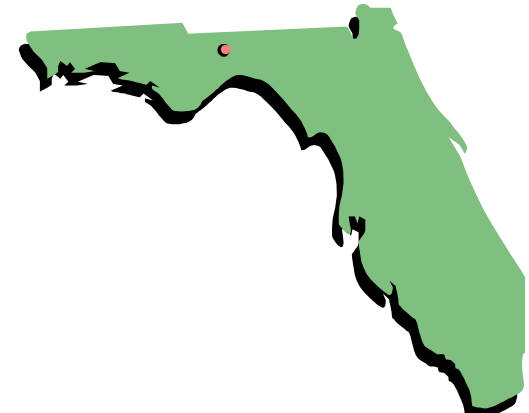
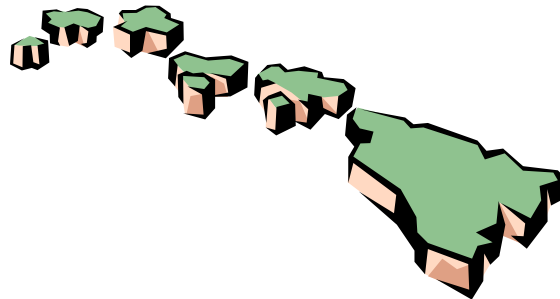
*When there is a circuit split, the Supreme Court will often hear a case to resolve the difference. The Supreme Court likes it best when all the circuits agree!*



(9<sup>th</sup> Circuit)



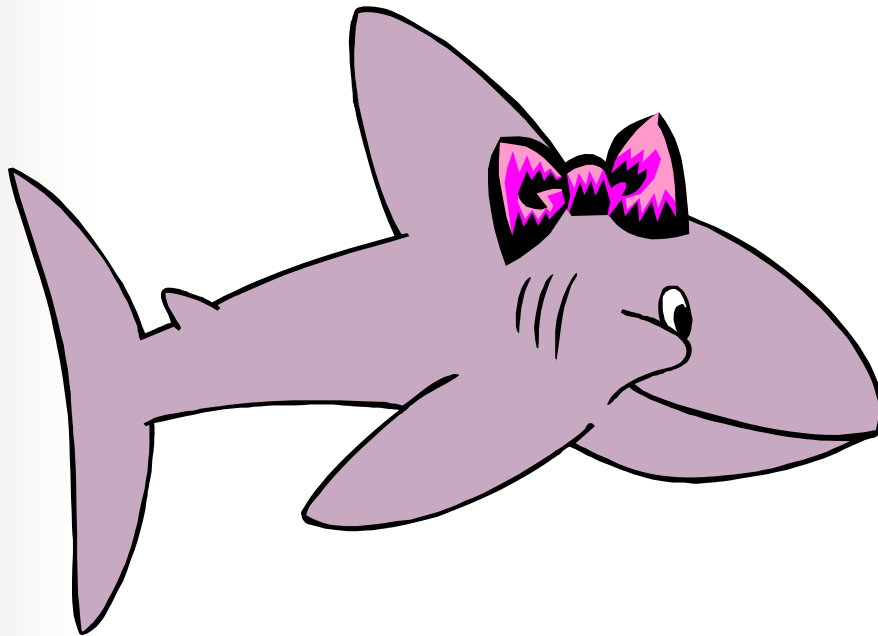
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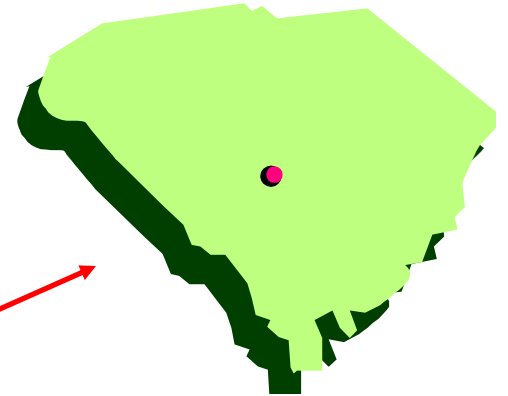
Time for word scramble #14!

# A tale of FOUR cases!

Meet State Court Sally! Sally is State Court Sam's cousin, and she lives in South Carolina.

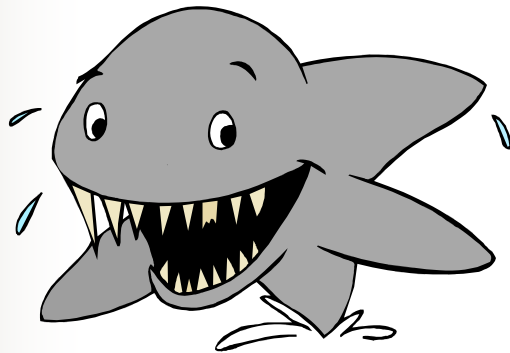


South  
Carolina

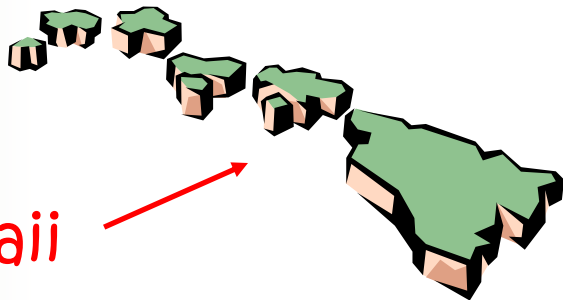


# A tale of FOUR cases!

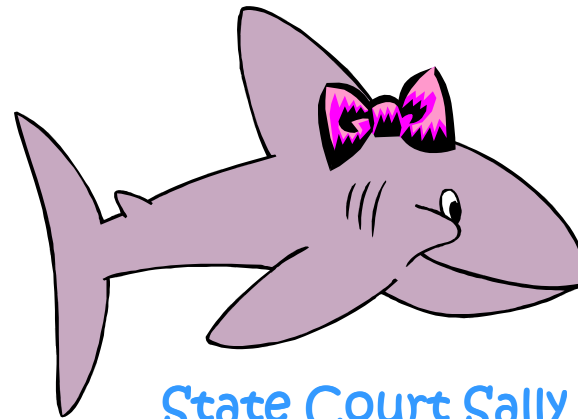
Sally has a case in state court, too!



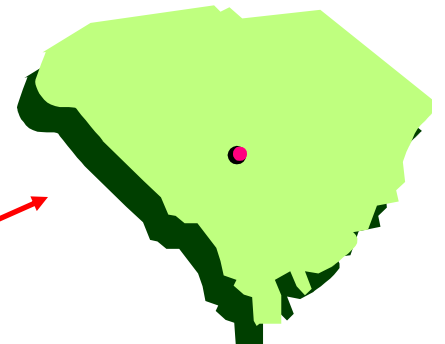
State Court Sam



Hawaii



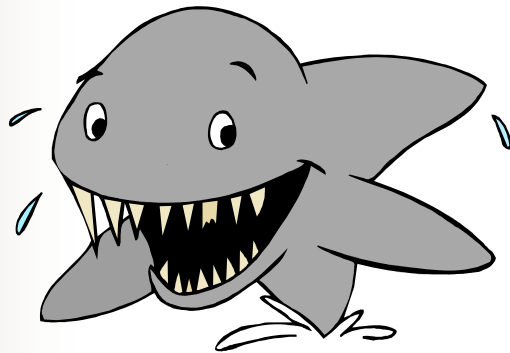
State Court Sally



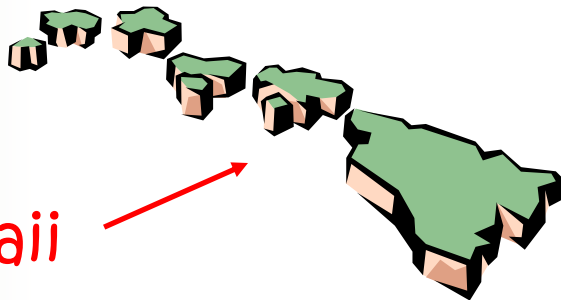
South  
Carolina

# A tale of FOUR cases!

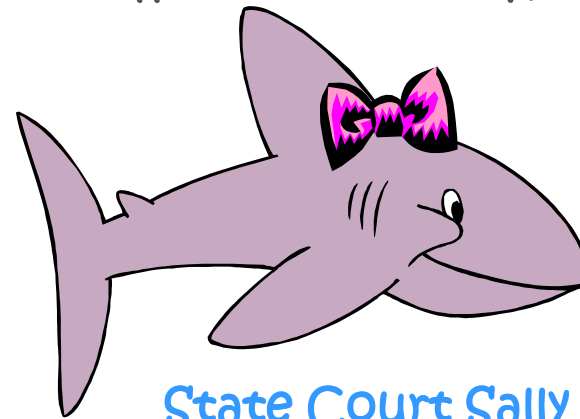
If Sam brings his case to the Hawaii Supreme Court, and Sally brings hers to the South Carolina Supreme Court, do you think the cases will turn out the same?



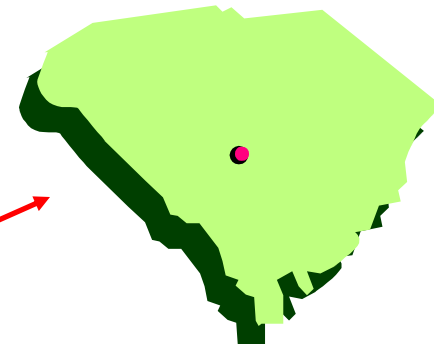
State Court Sam



Hawaii



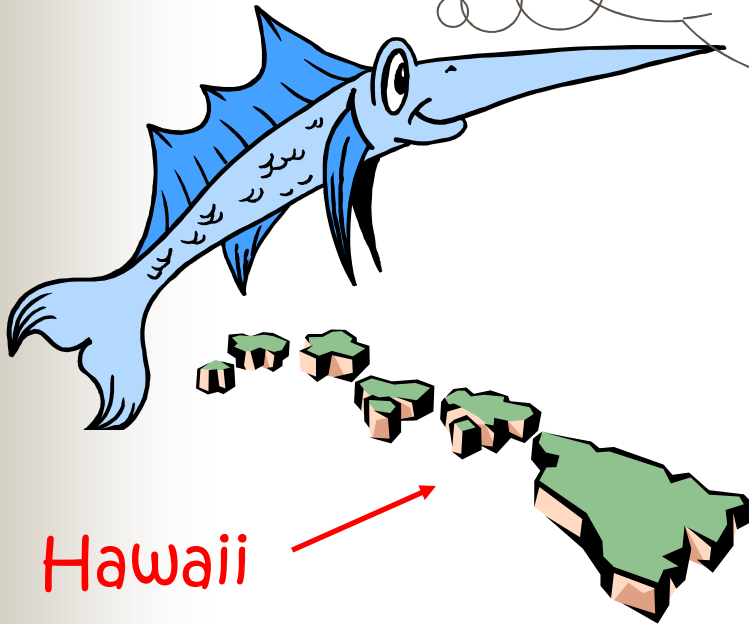
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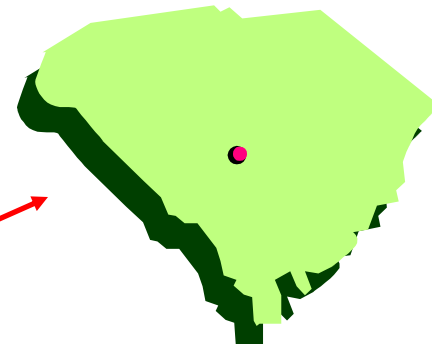
South  
Carolina

# A tale of FOUR cases!

*Sometimes they might, but sometimes they will not. The Hawaii state court system is totally separate from the South Carolina court system! Every state has different laws, and every state's courts are free to make their own decisions.*



South  
Carolina

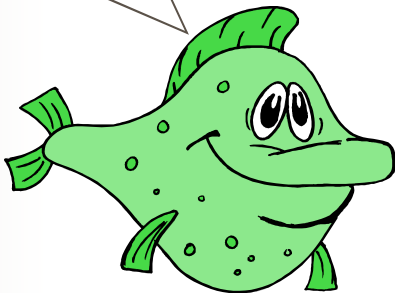


Time for word scramble #15!

# Review It!

Name the two court systems!

*This one's easy!*

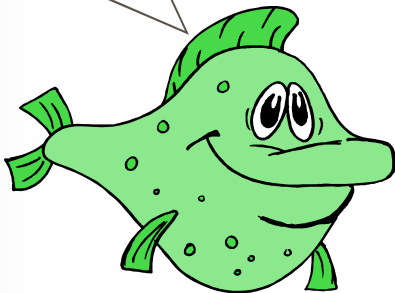


# Review It!

Name the two court systems!

- 1) State court system
- 2) Federal court system

*Got it!*



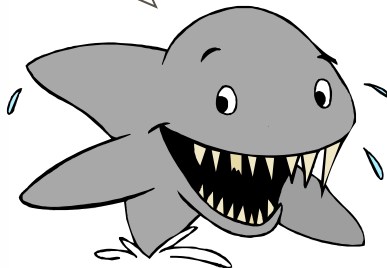


# Review It!

The U.S. Court of Appeals is divided into regions called:

- A. Areas
- B. Districts
- C. Circuits

*It's practically a giveaway!*



# Review It!

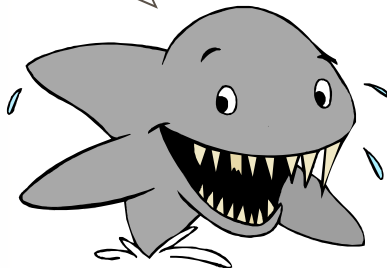
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C. Circuits

*Way to go!*

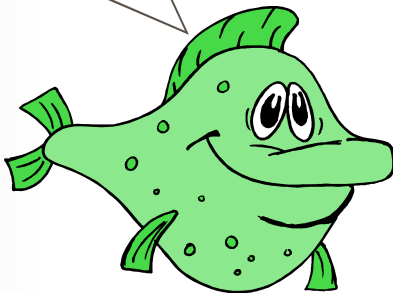


# Review It!

Where can you find a District Court?

- A. There's one in every circuit
- B. There's at least one in every state
- C. There's one on every corner

*You know this  
one!*



# Review It!

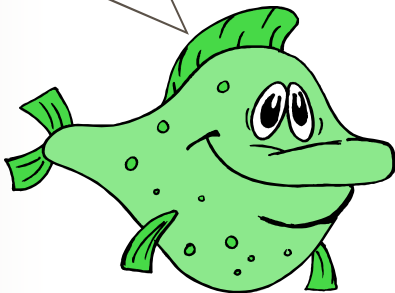
Where can you find a District Court?

A. There's one in every circuit

☒ B. There's at least one in every state

C. There's one on every corner

*You know this  
one!*

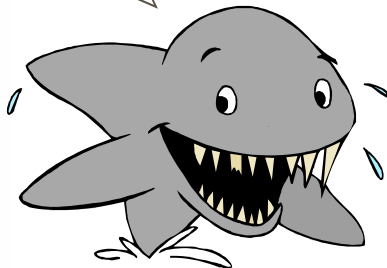


# Review It!

If your case is in a District Court in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit, you can appeal to a U.S. Court of Appeals in the:

- A. 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit
- B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit
- C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit
- D. Any of the above!

*Check the numbers!*



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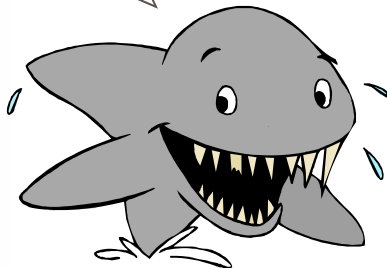
A. 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit

B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit

C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit

D. Any of the above!

*You gotta stay in  
your own circuit!*



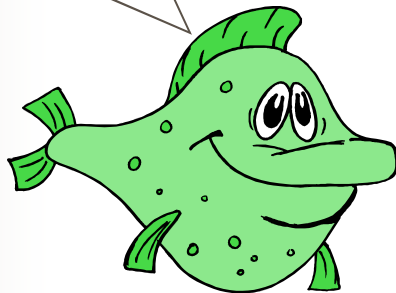
# Review It!

True or false: If you can't make it to the Supreme Court, they'll come to you!

True

False

*Remember the  
motto?*





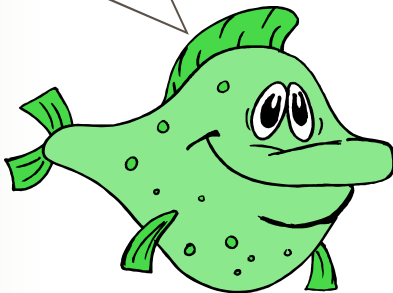
# Review It!

True or false: If you can't make it to the U.S. Supreme Court, they'll come to you!

True

False

*Have Court, Won't Travel!*

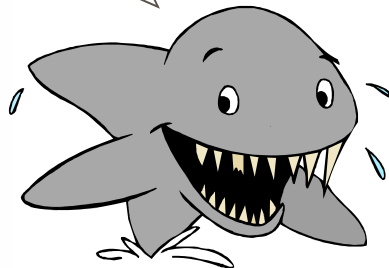


# Review It!

A circuit court split is what happens when:

- A. There is a huge earthquake
- B. Two circuits disagree on the same issue
- C. You put a circuit between two halves of a banana with ice cream

*I love a good circuit split on a hot day!*



# Review It!

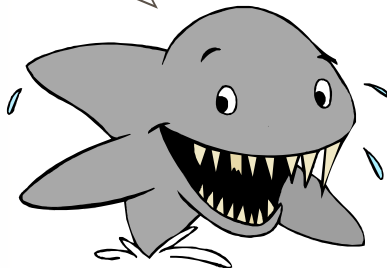
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B. Two circuits disagree on the same issue

C. You put a circuit between two halves of a banana with ice cream

*Oops! Can't win them all!*



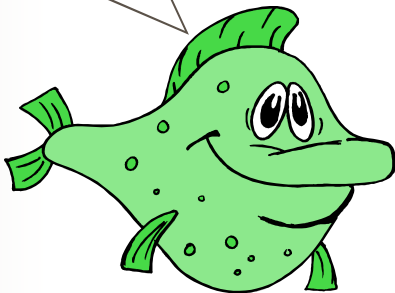
# Review It!

Once Freddy starts in Hawaii's court system, will his case ever end up in a South Carolina state court?

A. Yes

B. No

*I think I can guess  
the answer...*



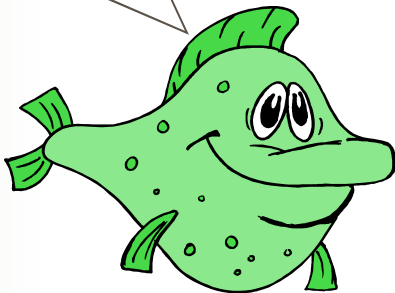
## Review It!

Once Freddy starts in Hawaii's court system, will his case ever end up in a South Carolina state court?

A. Yes

B. No

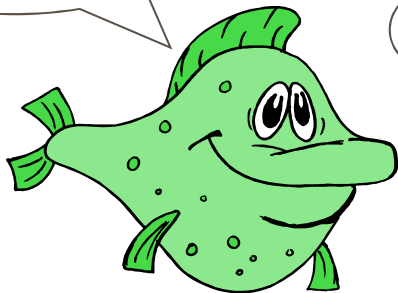
*Those courts are  
totally separate!*



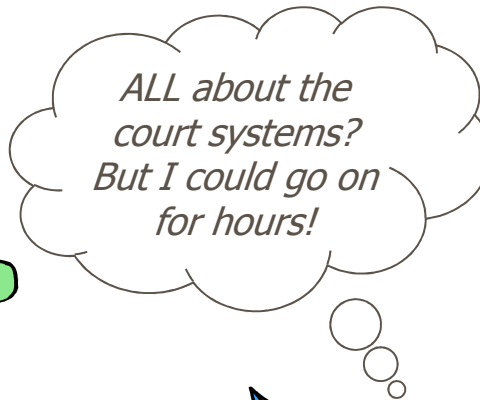
# Congratulations!

Now you know all about the court systems  
in the United States!

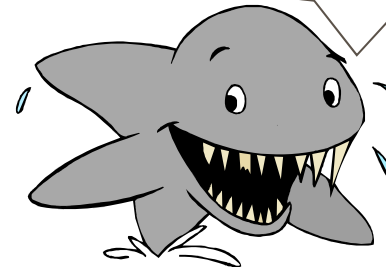
*I'd better pack my  
bags and start  
swimming...*



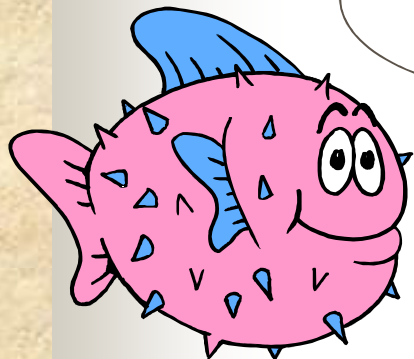
*ALL about the  
court systems?  
But I could go on  
for hours!*



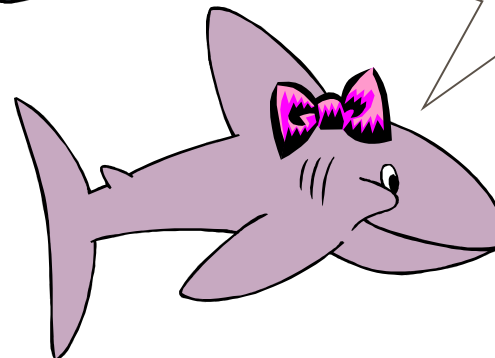
*The judicial system  
is something I could  
really sink my teeth  
into!*



*I want to be a  
Supreme Court  
Justice!*



*I'd like a triple  
circuit split with  
hot fudge!*



Time to unscramble the hidden message!