

search. In many law offices computer research is considered a luxury and book research is the necessity. A student with deficient book research skills is unattractive to virtually all employers. Conversely, a student who understands this problem and can integrate book and computer research is more attractive.

**Exercise. The Hierarchy of Authority**

You are working on a case that is now being litigated in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada. You have been asked to find out whether a defendant who made and lost a motion to dismiss for insufficient service of process can subsequently move to dismiss for failure to state a claim on which relief can be granted. You have found the following authority, all of which squarely addresses your issue. Although the logic and wording of each authority will, of course, affect its weight, make a preliminary ranking of the following authorities solely from the information provided here. (If you are not familiar with the boundaries of the federal circuits, see the map facing the title page in any volume of Federal Reporter, Second Series. Nevada is in the Ninth Circuit.)

*Catdog v. Amundsen* — 4th Circuit, 2004

*Great Basin Realty Co. v. Rand* — Nevada Supreme Court, 1998

Matthewson's treatise on Federal Courts (published last year)

*Wilkes v. Jae Sun Trading Corp.* — 9th Circuit, 1973

*Pincus v. McGrath* — United States Supreme Court, 1949

Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (effective 1938)

*Barking Pumpkins Records, Inc. v. Sepulveda* — California Supreme Court, 2005

*Garibaldi v. City of Boulder* — 10th Circuit, 2003

*Ott v. Frazier* — 7th Circuit, 1931