

Chapter 2

1. Watson was charged with murder. The victim's best friend testified in front of the grand jury about a telephone conversation. Similar evidence was presented to the petit jury but was later held to be inadmissible by the appeals court. The question of whether the grand jury was responsible for determining the guilt or innocence of the accused was raised. What is your opinion?
People v. Watson, 486 N.Y.S.2d 592 (NY).
2. The New Jersey state legislature created a statute that prevented anyone from bringing waste into New Jersey from any other state. Private landfill owners in New Jersey wanted to transport waste from nearby states to their New Jersey landfills. Consequently, they challenged the law in New Jersey state court. They argued that the statute was unconstitutional because the power to regulate commerce belongs to the federal government. The landfill owners won in the district court, but the appellate court reversed. The landfill owners now want to bring the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. Could this case have been brought to the federal court in the first place? Explain your answer. Is this the type of case that the U.S. Supreme Court should hear? Why or why not? *Philadelphia v. New Jersey*, 437 U.S. 617 (U.S. Sup. Ct.).