

## EXERCISE

# THE COMPLAINT

### *Background*

Your client, Sarah Jones, recently was widowed when her husband had a boating accident. She was denied his life insurance benefits, and based on the insurance contract, your team believes she has a claim for breach of contract. Since Ms. Jones lives in Las Vegas and the policy is for \$350,000, you believe that the United States District Court for the District of Nevada is the right jurisdiction for the case.

The senior associate on the team has asked you to outline and help draft the complaint for Ms. Jones. Due to the strength of her claims, the client would ideally like to settle before actually filing the complaint.

You're meeting with the senior associate to discuss the complaint, and he asked you to think about the following things before the meeting:

- The parts of the complaint that need to be drafted;
- The basic contents of each part; and
- The information that you'll need to find out from the client to include in the complaint.

### *Instructions*

Come prepared to discuss these items with the senior associate.