

Chapter 11

Venue

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Venue is the “territory, such as a country or other political subdivision, over which a trial court has jurisdiction.” BLACK’S LAW DICTIONARY 1695 (9th ed. 2009). Defendants have a right to trial in the state and district where the crime was committed under the Sixth Amendment and Article III, section 2, clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution. This chapter covers the following issues concerning venue. Section 11.1 summarizes the statutes governing the location of proper venue. Section 11.2 addresses challenges to improper venue. Section 11.3 discusses motions to change venue. Section 11.4 covers alternative remedies if a motion to change venue is denied.