

□ Common-Law – Part VIII: Jurisdiction – Howard Freeman

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Howard Freeman consistently emphasized that **jurisdiction is the first question**, even when it is never asked aloud.

Before authority can act, before rules can apply, before duties can be enforced, **jurisdiction must exist**.

In wolf country, jurisdiction is rarely explained. It is presumed.

⚖️ What Jurisdiction Actually Means

Jurisdiction answers three fundamental questions:

- **Who** has authority
- **Where** that authority applies
- **Over what** subject or matter

Without clear answers to these questions, authority is only appearance.

Freeman taught that many conflicts persist because jurisdiction is assumed rather than established.

□ Jurisdiction Is Context, Not Power

Jurisdiction does not arise from force, volume, or confidence.

It arises from:

- Location
- Status
- Agreement
- Subject matter

Power may compel behavior, but it does not create jurisdiction.

Confusing the two places sheep at risk before any discussion even begins.

□ How Jurisdiction Is Quietly Accepted

Freeman warned that jurisdiction is most often accepted **without awareness**.

This happens through:

- Participation
- Registration
- Filing
- Signing
- Failing to question the forum

None of this requires intent. It requires only habit.

Once accepted, jurisdiction governs everything that follows.

□ Jurisdiction Determines the Rules

Different jurisdictions operate under different rules.

What is lawful in one context may be irrelevant in another.

Freeman cautioned that sheep often attempt to assert principles of law **inside venues designed for equity or commerce**.

The result is confusion, not injustice.

☐☐ Calm Awareness Changes Outcomes

Recognizing jurisdiction does not require confrontation.

Freeman did not encourage argument. He encouraged **awareness**.

A calm man or woman:

- Observes the forum
- Identifies the nature of the proceeding
- Limits unnecessary participation
- Avoids emotional engagement

Often, awareness alone alters how authority behaves.

☐ Jurisdiction and the Record

Jurisdiction that is not questioned becomes jurisdiction that is presumed.

Freeman emphasized the importance of **record** in matters of jurisdiction.

If jurisdiction is not clear, silence or participation may be interpreted as acceptance.

A disciplined record preserves position without confrontation.

□ Why Jurisdiction Must Be Understood First

Many sheep attempt to address rights, fairness, or outcomes before understanding jurisdiction.

Freeman warned that this reverses the proper order.

Without jurisdiction:

- Rights have no forum
 - Remedies have no foundation
 - Authority has no boundary
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□□ Preparing for Standing and Capacity

This part completes a critical sequence:

- Record
- Jurisdiction
- Standing
- Capacity

Jurisdiction determines **whether standing is possible at all.**

Where you stand determines what can touch you.

□□ What This Understanding Reveals

Once jurisdiction is brought into clear view, another distinction begins to surface. Many actions appear valid not because they are right, but because they are permitted within a given framework. This creates a quiet confusion between what is accepted and what is true.

Part IX – *Legal vs. Lawful* examines this divide, showing how something may operate correctly within a system, yet still stand apart from what is right in principle – and why recognizing that difference is essential.