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2000); Leonhardt v. Western Sugar Co., 160 F. 3d 631 (CA10 1998).

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The district courts of the United States, as we have said many times, are "courts of limited jurisdiction. They possess only that power authorized by Constitution and statute," Kokkonen v. Guardian Life Ins. Co. of America, 511 U. S. 375, 377 (1994). In order to provide a federal forum