

Attachment A: Duties of the Federal Court System

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Federal courts handled cases that involve:

- Federal law
- Treaties with foreign nations
- Bankruptcy
- Admiralty and maritime law
- Foreign diplomats or foreign governments
- Two or more state governments
- The United States government
- Citizens of different states
- A state and a citizen of a different state
- Land grant claims of different states

The Supreme Court has power to:

- Interpret the Constitution
- Determine the constitutionality of state laws
- Uphold regulatory laws
- Protect civil liberties
- Influence public policy