

**Table C-2A.**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,**  
**During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2005 Through 2009**

NATURE OF SUIT	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Percent Change 2008-2009
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>253,273</b>	<b>259,541</b>	<b>257,507</b>	<b>267,257</b>	<b>276,397</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>28,020</b>	<b>30,044</b>	<b>33,939</b>	<b>34,172</b>	<b>35,634</b>	<b>4.3</b>
FRANCHISE	171	267	384	391	429	9.7
INSURANCE	7,804	9,792	13,287	12,697	11,155	-12.1
MARINE	1,435	1,700	1,969	2,349	3,498	48.9
MILLER ACT	387	359	302	225	249	10.7
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	447	336	377	504	872	73.0
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,309	2,872	3,204	3,447	3,043	-11.7
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,883	2,395	2,673	2,910	2,405	-17.4
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	8	13	20	9	12	-
OTHER	418	464	511	528	626	18.6
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	14,467	14,718	14,416	14,559	16,388	12.6
<b>REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>4,561</b>	<b>4,414</b>	<b>5,180</b>	<b>5,072</b>	<b>5,998</b>	<b>18.3</b>
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	251	316	321	944	317	-66.4
FORECLOSURE	3,012	2,644	2,960	2,144	3,129	45.9
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	154	142	135	172	185	7.6
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	380	467	842	510	579	13.5
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	764	845	922	1,302	1,788	37.3
<b>TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>51,335</b>	<b>68,804</b>	<b>61,359</b>	<b>72,011</b>	<b>78,093</b>	<b>8.4</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>47,364</b>	<b>64,743</b>	<b>57,244</b>	<b>68,121</b>	<b>72,897</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL</b>	<b>29,537</b>	<b>48,739</b>	<b>36,469</b>	<b>52,110</b>	<b>58,335</b>	<b>11.9</b>
AIRPLANE	79	74	114	101	131	29.7
MARINE	46	37	44	33	27	-18.2
MOTOR VEHICLE	531	561	447	390	401	2.8
ASBESTOS <sup>1</sup>	1,243	16,547	12,404	33,780	41,785	23.7
OTHER	27,638	31,520	23,460	17,806	15,991	-10.2
<b>OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>17,827</b>	<b>16,004</b>	<b>20,775</b>	<b>16,011</b>	<b>14,562</b>	<b>-9.1</b>
AIRPLANE	351	294	478	386	446	15.5
MARINE	1,667	1,584	1,597	1,393	1,345	-3.4
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,091	3,938	3,764	3,636	3,588	-1.3
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	647	587	533	557	530	-4.8
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	748	700	585	511	545	6.7
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,221	1,221	1,164	1,255	1,059	-15.6
OTHER	9,102	7,680	12,654	8,273	7,049	-14.8

**Table C-2A. (September 30, 2009—Continued)**

NATURE OF SUIT	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Percent Change 2008-2009
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL</b>	<b>3,971</b>	<b>4,061</b>	<b>4,115</b>	<b>3,890</b>	<b>5,196</b>	<b>33.6</b>
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,465	2,313	2,129	2,245	3,320	47.9
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,506	1,748	1,986	1,645	1,876	14.0
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL</b>	<b>169,265</b>	<b>156,177</b>	<b>156,916</b>	<b>155,939</b>	<b>156,629</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>ANTITRUST</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>1,038</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>-38.4</b>
<b>BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,389</b>	<b>3,164</b>	<b>2,383</b>	<b>2,313</b>	<b>-2.9</b>
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,435	2,475	2,290	1,954	1,906	-2.5
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	565	914	874	429	407	-5.1
<b>BANKS AND BANKING</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>72.1</b>
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>36,096</b>	<b>32,865</b>	<b>31,756</b>	<b>32,132</b>	<b>33,761</b>	<b>5.1</b>
VOTING	166	150	118	145	127	-12.4
EMPLOYMENT	16,930	14,353	13,375	13,219	14,036	6.2
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	885	643	665	644	746	15.8
WELFARE	54	56	27	48	71	47.9
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	586	987	1,041	1,095	1,195	9.1
ADA—OTHER	1,016	1,381	1,277	1,583	1,974	24.7
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	16,459	15,295	15,253	15,398	15,612	1.4
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>-19.5</b>
<b>DEPORTATION</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>-30.0</b>
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>61,238</b>	<b>54,955</b>	<b>53,945</b>	<b>54,786</b>	<b>52,304</b>	<b>-4.5</b>
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	10,361	6,515	5,896	6,352	5,771	-9.1
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	24,633	22,745	22,192	21,298	20,319	-4.6
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	240	239	246	192	245	27.6
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,390	1,217	1,586	1,265	1,081	-14.5
CIVIL RIGHTS	16,005	16,428	16,716	18,069	17,348	-4.0
PRISON CONDITION	8,609	7,811	7,309	7,610	7,540	-0.9
<b>FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,298</b>	<b>2,224</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>2,331</b>	<b>2,371</b>	<b>1.7</b>
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	27	18	29	26	22	-15.4
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	49	42	55	47	34	-27.7
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,359	1,328	1,355	1,399	1,441	3.0
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	6	2	5	4	1	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	5	8	7	8	12	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	852	826	821	847	861	1.7

**Table C-2A. (September 30, 2009—Continued)**

NATURE OF SUIT	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Percent Change 2008-2009
<b>LABOR LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>18,322</b>	<b>16,659</b>	<b>18,674</b>	<b>16,788</b>	<b>17,719</b>	<b>5.5</b>
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	4,039	4,207	7,310	5,393	6,073	12.6
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,674	1,239	1,079	1,051	1,066	1.4
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	88	63	82	66	57	-13.6
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	104	108	92	83	74	-10.8
ERISA <sup>2</sup>	11,171	9,748	8,986	8,983	9,129	1.6
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,246	1,294	1,125	1,212	1,320	8.9
<b>IMMIGRATION, TOTAL <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,641</b>	<b>2,277</b>	<b>38.8</b>
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	-	-	-	586	437	-25.4
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	-	-	-	485	883	82.1
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	-	-	-	570	957	67.9
<b>PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>12,184</b>	<b>11,514</b>	<b>10,783</b>	<b>9,592</b>	<b>8,365</b>	<b>-12.8</b>
COPYRIGHT	5,796	4,944	4,400	3,234	2,192	-32.2
PATENT	2,720	2,830	2,896	2,909	2,792	-4.0
TRADEMARK	3,668	3,740	3,487	3,449	3,381	-2.0
<b>SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES</b>	<b>2,038</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>1,674</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>15,487</b>	<b>13,847</b>	<b>12,974</b>	<b>13,138</b>	<b>13,622</b>	<b>3.7</b>
DISABILITY INSURANCE	7,024	6,480	6,187	6,080	6,389	5.1
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	7,675	6,649	6,135	6,373	6,472	1.6
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	710	658	594	603	665	10.3
OTHER	78	60	58	82	96	17.1
<b>RICO <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>781</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>14.9</b>
<b>STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TAX SUITS</b>	<b>1,385</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>1,522</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>-10.0</b>
<b>CUSTOMER CHALLENGE</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CONSUMER CREDIT</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>3,222</b>	<b>4,239</b>	<b>6,463</b>	<b>52.5</b>
<b>CABLE/SATELLITE TV</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>-2.0</b>
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>12.1</b>
<b>CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS</b>	<b>11,800</b>	<b>11,214</b>	<b>13,323</b>	<b>11,326</b>	<b>10,345</b>	<b>-8.7</b>
<b>OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>-31.7</b>

NOTE: Percent change not computed when fewer than 10 cases reported for the previous period.

<sup>1</sup> Includes cases filed in previous years as consolidated cases that thereafter were severed into individual cases.

<sup>2</sup> ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

<sup>3</sup> Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

<sup>4</sup> RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.