

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Periods Ending June 30, 2010 and 2011

Nature of Suit	2010	2011					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	285,215	289,630	10,282	36,502	141,334	101,508	4
Contract Actions, Total	31,461	32,366	4,215	402	4,902	22,847	0
Franchise	371	429	0	0	73	356	0
Insurance	9,236	9,843	9	35	1,018	8,781	0
Marine	1,737	1,102	3	4	1,003	92	0
Miller Act	250	367	113	2	252	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	996	888	27	7	131	723	0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	3,079	4,623	3,919	183	180	341	0
Defaulted Student Loans	2,419	3,902	3,882	20	0	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	18	8	3	5	0	0	0
Other	642	713	34	158	180	341	0
Other Contract Actions	15,792	15,114	144	171	2,245	12,554	0
Real Property Actions, Total	6,809	10,078	865	460	3,880	4,873	0
Condemnation of Land	179	181	71	9	91	10	0
Foreclosure	3,836	6,569	726	261	2,494	3,088	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	245	302	9	7	129	157	0
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	625	614	13	29	93	479	0
Other Real Property Actions	1,924	2,412	46	154	1,073	1,139	0
Tort Actions, Total	87,256	79,394	76	2,762	5,587	70,967	2
Personal Injury, Total	82,057	74,921	18	2,557	4,040	68,304	2
Personal Injury/ Product Liability, Total	66,958	60,631	0	916	646	59,068	1
Airplane	228	106	0	1	7	98	0
Marine	34	16	0	0	7	9	0
Motor Vehicle	512	347	0	0	33	314	0
Asbestos ¹	45,994	38,449	0	3	257	38,189	0
Other	20,190	21,713	0	912	342	20,458	1
Other Personal Injury, Total	15,099	14,290	18	1,641	3,394	9,236	1
Airplane	451	288	0	30	90	168	0
Marine	1,385	1,419	4	32	1,052	331	0
Motor Vehicle	3,574	3,522	4	411	217	2,890	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	562	560	0	38	145	377	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	466	424	0	59	365	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,120	1,089	0	568	0	521	0
Other	7,541	6,988	10	503	1,525	4,949	1

Table C-2. (June 30, 2011—Continued)

Nature of Suit	2010	2011					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Personal Property Damage, Total	5,199	4,473	58	205	1,547	2,663	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	3,269	2,699	48	38	1,202	1,411	0
Other Personal Property Damage	1,930	1,774	10	167	345	1,252	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	159,683	167,791	5,126	32,878	126,965	2,820	2
Antitrust	633	507	18	1	488	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,615	2,597	4	16	2,577	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,122	2,107	2	10	2,095	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	493	490	2	6	482	0	0
Banks and Banking	570	686	17	110	559	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	34,427	37,000	379	1,447	32,886	2,288	0
Voting	79	177	5	19	151	2	0
Employment	14,343	15,255	262	658	12,657	1,678	0
Housing and Accommodations	629	767	28	18	704	17	0
Welfare	64	50	0	4	45	1	0
ADA—Employment	1,436	1,715	30	45	1,558	82	0
ADA—Other	2,119	2,775	7	30	2,709	29	0
Other Civil Rights	15,757	16,261	47	673	15,062	479	0
Environmental Matters	826	881	158	240	483	0	0
Deportation	63	61	0	35	26	0	0
Prisoner Petitions, Total	52,450	53,692	0	12,050	41,636	6	0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	5,686	6,287	0	6,287	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	19,725	19,765	0	3,126	16,639	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	212	205	0	7	198	0	0
Mandamus and Other	929	999	0	390	609	0	0
Civil Rights	17,249	17,158	0	1,083	16,075	0	0
Prison Condition	7,947	8,437	0	316	8,115	6	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	702	841	0	841	0	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	2,297	2,372	2,216	156	0	0	0
Agricultural Acts	27	39	13	26	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	41	49	36	13	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,321	1,267	1,240	27	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	5	4	3	1	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	15	26	22	4	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	888	987	902	85	0	0	0

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Nature of Suit	2010	2011					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Labor Laws, Total	18,878	18,025	362	66	17,597	0	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	7,028	6,196	134	11	6,051	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	1,084	1,220	40	7	1,173	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	65	44	5	2	37	0	0
Railway Labor Act	63	73	0	1	72	0	0
ERISA ²	9,319	9,071	147	13	8,911	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,319	1,421	36	32	1,353	0	0
Immigration, Total ³	1,262	1,097	0	1,097	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	439	313	0	313	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	823	784	0	784	0	0	0
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	8,519	9,944	51	30	9,863	0	0
Copyright	1,909	2,267	0	0	2,267	0	0
Patent	3,030	4,000	42	30	3,928	0	0
Trademark	3,580	3,677	9	0	3,668	0	0
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,442	1,394	338	22	1,034	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	13,725	15,697	24	15,673	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	6,113	6,851	23	6,828	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	6,798	8,080	0	8,080	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	731	702	0	702	0	0	0
Other	83	64	1	63	0	0	0
RICO ⁴	793	892	1	0	801	90	0
State Reapportionment Suits	4	11	0	0	11	0	0
Tax Suits	1,171	1,217	721	494	0	0	2
Customer Challenge	8	10	0	10	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	8,249	9,253	11	7	8,828	407	0
Cable/Satellite TV	885	1,402	0	1	1,393	8	0
Freedom of Information Act	315	354	0	305	49	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	276	348	8	5	314	21	0
Other Statutory Actions	10,275	10,351	818	1,113	8,420	0	0
Other Actions, Total	6	1	0	0	0	1	0

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

² ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

³ Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

⁴ RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.