

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2009 and 2010

Nature of Suit	2009	2010					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	276,397	282,895	8,672	34,365	138,655	101,202	1
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	35,634	31,109	3,065	420	5,054	22,570	-
FRANCHISE	429	357	-	-	64	293	-
INSURANCE	11,155	9,380	5	46	1,051	8,278	-
MARINE	3,498	1,344	5	5	1,215	119	-
MILLER ACT	249	276	87	-	189	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	872	956	59	9	195	693	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,043	3,426	2,773	171	167	315	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,405	2,741	2,724	17	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	12	16	10	6	-	-	-
OTHER	626	669	39	148	167	315	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	16,388	15,370	136	189	2,173	12,872	-
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	5,998	7,432	720	367	3,310	3,035	-
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	317	173	65	8	88	12	-
FORECLOSURE	3,129	4,267	603	177	2,016	1,471	-
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	185	254	3	7	103	141	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	579	661	17	20	154	470	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	1,788	2,077	32	155	949	941	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	78,093	83,055	52	3,149	6,704	73,150	-
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	72,897	78,350	17	2,952	4,865	70,516	-
PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	58,335	63,203	-	1,294	730	61,179	-
AIRPLANE	131	184	-	2	14	168	-
MARINE	27	37	-	-	16	21	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	401	507	-	3	73	431	-
ASBESTOS ¹	41,785	41,133	-	3	214	40,916	-
OTHER	15,991	21,342	-	1,286	413	19,643	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	14,562	15,147	17	1,658	4,135	9,337	-
AIRPLANE	446	300	-	24	99	177	-
MARINE	1,345	1,393	2	35	1,036	320	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	3,588	3,546	5	386	235	2,920	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	530	559	-	36	184	339	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	545	480	-	57	423	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,059	1,115	-	596	-	519	-
OTHER	7,049	7,754	10	524	2,158	5,062	-

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Nature of Suit	2009	2010					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	5,196	4,705	35	197	1,839	2,634	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	3,320	2,902	29	37	1,497	1,339	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,876	1,803	6	160	342	1,295	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	156,629	161,297	4,833	30,429	123,587	2,447	1
ANTITRUST	812	544	15	6	523	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	2,313	2,696	5	4	2,687	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	1,906	2,177	3	4	2,170	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	407	519	2	-	517	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	444	647	18	94	535	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	33,761	34,872	339	1,410	31,092	2,031	-
VOTING	127	102	3	8	90	1	-
EMPLOYMENT	14,036	14,543	256	600	12,113	1,574	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	746	687	23	14	643	7	-
WELFARE	71	58	1	4	53	-	-
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	1,195	1,522	21	53	1,385	63	-
ADA—OTHER	1,974	2,309	3	29	2,249	28	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	15,612	15,651	32	702	14,559	358	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	741	942	177	250	515	-	-
DEPORTATION	91	61	-	35	26	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	52,304	51,901	-	10,543	41,357	1	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,771	5,858	-	5,858	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	20,319	19,825	-	2,982	16,843	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	245	208	-	9	199	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,081	952	-	410	542	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	17,348	16,951	-	914	16,037	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	7,540	8,107	-	370	7,736	1	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,371	2,268	2,161	107	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	22	32	15	17	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	34	35	31	4	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,441	1,273	1,246	27	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	1	5	3	2	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	12	15	9	6	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	861	908	857	51	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	2009	2010					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	17,719	18,624	315	72	18,237	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	6,073	6,825	138	13	6,674	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,066	1,094	25	10	1,059	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	57	70	8	2	60	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	74	66	-	1	65	-	-
ERISA ²	9,129	9,216	118	10	9,088	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,320	1,353	26	36	1,291	-	-
IMMIGRATION, TOTAL ³	2,277	1,865	-	1,865	-	-	-
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	437	402	-	402	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	883	682	-	682	-	-	-
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	957	781	-	781	-	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	8,365	8,966	44	41	8,881	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,192	2,013	-	-	2,013	-	-
PATENT	2,792	3,301	40	41	3,220	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,381	3,652	4	-	3,648	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	1,674	1,397	289	3	1,105	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	13,622	14,016	29	13,987	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,389	6,141	29	6,112	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,472	7,088	-	7,088	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	665	715	-	715	-	-	-
OTHER	96	72	-	72	-	-	-
RICO ⁴	786	993	1	-	910	82	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	3	6	-	-	6	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,306	1,190	690	500	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	19	9	-	9	-	-	-
CONSUMER CREDIT	6,463	8,453	8	8	8,136	301	-
CABLE/SATELLITE TV	626	1,014	-	3	994	17	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	314	298	-	262	36	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	273	329	4	15	294	15	1
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	10,345	10,206	738	1,215	8,253	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	43	2	2	-	-	-	-

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.