

Table C-4.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Terminated, by Nature of Suit and Action Taken,
During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2010

Nature of Suit	Total	No Court Action	Court Action						
			Total	Before Pretrial	During or After Pretrial	During or After			Percent Reaching Trial
						Total	Nonjury	Jury	
TOTAL CASES	309,361	53,963	255,398	223,878	28,211	3,309	1,058	2,251	1.1
UNITED STATES CASES	40,791	9,191	31,600	29,871	1,441	288	197	91	0.7
CONTRACT ACTIONS									
FRANCHISE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	81	19	62	60	2	-	-	-	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	2,843	1,470	1,373	1,335	37	1	1	-	0.0
OTHER CONTRACTS	407	117	290	248	41	1	1	-	0.2
REAL PROPERTY	993	247	746	689	51	6	5	1	0.6
TORT ACTIONS									
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	29	5	24	15	6	3	3	-	10.3
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	410	88	322	206	88	28	27	1	6.8
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	1,405	379	1,026	784	183	59	50	9	4.2
OTHER TORTS	235	53	182	147	30	5	5	-	2.1
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES									
CONSUMER CREDIT	19	8	11	11	-	-	-	-	-
CABLE/SATELLITE TV	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
ANTITRUST	21	6	15	13	1	1	1	-	4.8
CIVIL RIGHTS									
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	79	16	63	46	16	1	1	-	1.3
ADA—OTHER	32	1	31	26	4	1	-	1	3.1
EMPLOYMENT	996	170	826	608	174	44	16	28	4.4
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	863	168	695	608	71	16	9	7	1.9
DEPORTATION	41	8	33	32	-	1	1	-	2.4
PRISONER PETITIONS									
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,488	806	4,682	4,654	20	8	6	2	0.1
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	2,700	652	2,048	2,034	13	1	-	1	0.0
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	6	2	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	431	84	347	342	3	2	2	-	0.5
CIVIL RIGHTS	896	155	741	725	13	3	2	1	0.3
PRISON CONDITION	375	72	303	301	1	1	1	-	0.3

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ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES (CONTINUED)									
LIQUOR FORFEITURES	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	2,316	570	1,746	1,551	177	18	11	7	0.8
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	154	48	106	87	14	5	3	2	3.2
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	241	76	165	140	24	1	1	-	0.4
SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS									
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,111	1,015	5,096	5,033	61	2	1	1	0.0
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,426	977	5,449	5,403	42	4	2	2	0.1
RETIREMENT AND SERVICES BENEFITS	660	121	539	533	4	2	1	1	0.3
OTHER	90	25	65	65	-	-	-	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,298	303	995	837	125	33	23	10	2.5
IMMIGRATION									
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	407	143	264	238	25	1	1	-	0.2
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	674	157	517	509	7	1	1	-	0.1
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	818	310	508	491	15	2	2	-	0.2
ALL OTHER U.S. ACTIONS	3,244	920	2,324	2,094	193	37	20	17	1.1
FEDERAL QUESTION	137,770	30,745	107,025	90,815	14,206	2,004	566	1,438	1.5
CONTRACT ACTIONS									
FRANCHISE	77	21	56	46	10	-	-	-	-
MARINE	2,088	450	1,638	1,427	186	25	24	1	1.2
MILLER ACT	178	59	119	94	23	2	2	-	1.1
OTHER CONTRACTS	4,145	829	3,316	2,715	549	52	22	30	1.3
REAL PROPERTY	2,767	645	2,122	1,968	151	3	3	-	0.1
TORT ACTIONS									
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	463	79	384	227	131	26	-	26	5.6
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	1,125	170	955	588	324	43	27	16	3.8
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	2,707	561	2,146	1,724	387	35	7	28	1.3
OTHER TORTS	2,203	491	1,712	1,408	284	20	14	6	0.9
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES									
CONSUMER CREDIT	7,763	3,286	4,477	3,756	703	18	5	13	0.2
CABLE/SATELLITE TV	758	280	478	434	41	3	3	-	0.4
BANKRUPTCY SUITS	2,475	564	1,911	1,826	61	24	19	5	1.0
ANTITRUST	808	117	691	519	167	5	1	4	0.6

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ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES (CONTINUED)									
CIVIL RIGHTS									
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	1,102	192	910	617	273	20	3	17	1.8
ADA—OTHER	1,854	615	1,239	1,028	187	24	13	11	1.3
EMPLOYMENT	11,640	2,138	9,502	6,477	2,674	351	29	322	3.0
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	15,157	2,652	12,505	9,294	2,680	531	68	463	3.5
PRISONER PETITIONS									
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	17,696	3,588	14,108	14,007	97	4	2	2	0.0
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	227	58	169	161	5	3	2	1	1.3
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	519	71	448	444	4	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	16,158	3,130	13,028	12,362	442	224	36	188	1.4
PRISON CONDITION	7,351	1,009	6,342	6,023	232	87	44	43	1.2
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	6,814	950	5,864	4,845	935	84	37	47	1.2
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,075	303	772	619	147	6	4	2	0.6
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	10,549	3,043	7,506	6,132	1,286	88	63	25	0.8
COPYRIGHT	2,051	607	1,444	1,166	247	31	9	22	1.5
PATENT	2,786	777	2,009	1,483	416	110	48	62	3.9
TRADEMARK	3,465	1,059	2,406	1,942	411	53	24	29	1.5
CONSTITUTIONALITY									
OF STATE STATUTES	222	43	179	155	21	3	3	-	1.4
ALL OTHER FEDERAL QUESTION	11,547	2,958	8,589	7,328	1,132	129	54	75	1.1
DIVERSITY OF CITIZENSHIP	130,796	14,024	116,772	103,192	12,563	1,017	295	722	0.8
CONTRACT ACTIONS									
FRANCHISE	317	81	236	181	50	5	3	2	1.6
INSURANCE	8,389	1,929	6,460	4,995	1,314	151	42	109	1.8
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	617	151	466	399	59	8	5	3	1.3
OTHER CONTRACTS	13,839	3,279	10,560	8,027	2,176	357	167	190	2.6
REAL PROPERTY	2,323	592	1,731	1,457	255	19	12	7	0.8
TORT ACTIONS									
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	338	50	288	240	39	9	3	6	2.7
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	3,302	717	2,585	1,645	816	124	17	107	3.8
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY ¹	97,031	6,022	91,009	83,657	7,091	261	22	239	0.3
OTHER TORTS	2,528	668	1,860	1,392	403	65	21	44	2.6

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ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES									
CONSUMER CREDIT	229	60	169	144	24	1	-	1	0.4
CABLE/SATELLITE TV	21	7	14	12	2	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS									
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	49	12	37	26	9	2	-	2	4.1
ADA—OTHER	20	6	14	13	-	1	-	1	5.0
EMPLOYMENT	1,332	361	971	709	254	8	2	6	0.6
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	342	71	271	222	46	3	-	3	0.9
PRISON CONDITION	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALL OTHER DIVERSITY	118	17	101	73	25	3	1	2	2.5
LOCAL JURISDICTION	4	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
CONTRACT ACTIONS									
REAL PROPERTY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TORT ACTIONS									
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER TORTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS									
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALL OTHER LOCAL	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-

NOTE: Land condemnation cases omitted.

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