

Table C-2A.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,
During the Twelve-Month Periods Ended September 30, 1996 Through 2000

NATURE OF SUIT	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Percent Change 2000/1999
TOTAL CASES	269,132	272,027	256,787	260,271	259,517	-0.3
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	35,688	40,836	42,292	50,676	53,625	5.8
INSURANCE	7,914	8,045	7,270	7,327	7,517	2.6
MARINE	2,797	2,587	2,593	2,529	2,446	-3.3
MILLER ACT	912	834	862	780	769	-1.4
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	1,194	1,056	673	577	495	-14.2
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS, TOTAL	5,139	9,677	14,577	22,403	24,838	10.9
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	4,508	9,098	14,080	21,915	24,404	11.4
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	152	115	79	60	43	-28.3
OTHER	479	464	418	428	391	-8.7
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	17,732	18,637	16,317	17,060	17,560	2.9
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	6,254	5,473	5,663	5,972	6,711	12.4
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	367	334	475	414	1,243	200.2
FORECLOSURE	4,406	3,764	3,790	4,302	4,209	-2.2
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	295	239	225	197	175	-11.2
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	363	390	397	401	377	-6.0
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	823	746	776	658	707	7.4
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	59,661	58,289	50,362	44,426	36,586	-17.7
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	55,647	53,940	46,496	40,497	32,621	-19.5
PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	27,584	32,856	26,886	18,781	14,428	-23.2
AIRPLANE	135	161	177	163	164	0.6
MARINE	55	43	68	48	54	12.5
MOTOR VEHICLE	550	537	438	433	421	-2.8
ASBESTOS	7,289	7,143	9,111	8,948	7,187	-19.7
OTHER	19,555	24,972	17,092	9,189	6,602	-28.2
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	28,063	21,084	19,610	21,716	18,193	-16.2
AIRPLANE	809	740	733	678	747	10.2
MARINE	2,172	2,298	2,110	4,995	2,006	-59.8
MOTOR VEHICLE	5,330	5,126	4,933	4,901	4,690	-4.3
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	848	859	767	825	801	-2.9
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	2,225	1,943	1,635	1,264	1,108	-12.4
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,330	1,368	1,322	1,447	1,526	5.5
OTHER	15,349	8,750	8,110	7,606	7,315	-3.8

Table C-2A. (September 30, 2000—Continued)

NATURE OF SUIT	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Percent Change 2000/1999
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	4,014	4,349	3,866	3,929	3,965	0.9
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,299	2,693	2,170	2,244	2,265	0.9
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,715	1,656	1,696	1,685	1,700	0.9
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	167,520	167,414	158,459	159,185	162,583	2.1
ANTITRUST	689	598	580	645	858	33.0
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	4,565	4,139	3,833	3,725	3,361	-9.8
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	3,872	3,475	3,313	2,956	2,785	-5.8
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	693	664	520	769	576	-25.1
BANKS AND BANKING	407	280	236	220	205	-6.8
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	42,007	43,278	42,354	41,304	40,908	-1.0
VOTING	229	141	108	102	167	63.7
EMPLOYMENT	23,152	23,796	23,735	22,490	21,032	-6.5
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	932	854	838	1,136	1,284	13.0
WELFARE	83	91	66	63	80	27.0
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	17,611	18,396	17,607	17,513	18,345	4.8
COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)	1,624	502	593	672	891	32.6
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	1,131	958	997	895	886	-1.0
DEPORTATION	150	149	155	191	213	11.5
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	68,235	62,966	54,715	56,603	58,257	2.9
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	9,729	11,675	6,287	5,752	6,341	10.2
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	16,194	21,621	20,897	23,821	24,945	4.7
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	235	237	262	268	274	2.2
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	862	798	807	1,068	1,192	11.6
CIVIL RIGHTS*	41,215	19,081	13,756	14,083	14,151	0.5
PRISON CONDITION*	-	9,554	12,706	11,611	11,354	-2.2
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,235	2,384	2,331	2,258	2,320	2.7
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	162	146	132	65	57	-12.3
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	140	149	124	102	110	7.8
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	947	1,131	1,106	1,104	1,117	1.2
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	14	24	12	23	7	-69.6
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	27	20	5	10	4	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	945	914	952	954	1,025	7.4

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NATURE OF SUIT	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Percent Change 2000/1999
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	15,073	15,508	14,650	14,372	14,142	-1.6
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	1,558	1,633	1,562	1,717	1,935	12.7
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,902	1,927	1,744	1,782	1,542	-13.5
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	185	182	132	123	101	-17.9
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	176	168	133	146	137	-6.2
ERISA**	9,655	10,045	9,609	9,298	9,124	-1.9
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,597	1,553	1,470	1,306	1,303	-0.2
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	7,028	7,559	7,748	8,242	8,738	6.0
COPYRIGHT	2,263	2,258	2,082	2,093	2,050	-2.1
PATENT	1,840	2,112	2,218	2,318	2,484	7.2
TRADEMARK	2,925	3,189	3,448	3,831	4,204	9.7
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	1,704	1,669	2,358	2,563	2,678	4.5
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	9,347	13,605	14,552	13,920	15,829	13.7
HEALTH INSURANCE	71	98	107	98	70	-28.6
BLACK LUNG CASES	12	17	9	13	20	53.8
DISABILITY INSURANCE	5,166	7,583	7,770	7,334	8,122	10.7
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	3,656	5,204	5,887	5,689	6,762	18.9
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	442	703	779	786	855	8.8
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-
RICO***	849	840	785	763	829	8.7
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	5	11	3	7	2	-
TAX SUITS	2,122	2,272	1,524	1,179	907	-23.1
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	22	15	15	26	12	-53.9
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	463	371	397	352	341	-3.1
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	309	333	291	304	288	-5.3
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	9,555	9,977	10,342	10,944	10,918	-0.2
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	9	15	11	12	12	0.0
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	9	15	11	12	12	0.0

NOTE: PERCENT CHANGE NOT COMPUTED WHERE BASE IS LESS THAN 10.

* COLLECTION OF DATA ON PRISON CONDITION CASES BEGAN ON JANUARY 1, 1997; THEREFORE, NINE MONTHS OF DATA ARE REPORTED FOR THIS CATEGORY FOR 1997. THE TOTAL FOR PRISONER PETITION CIVIL RIGHT CASES FOR 1997 INCLUDES SOME PRISON CONDITION CASES.

** ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

*** RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.