

**Table C-2A.**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,**  
**During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 1998 Through 2002**

NATURE OF SUIT	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Percent Change 2002/2001
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>256,787</b>	<b>260,271</b>	<b>259,517</b>	<b>250,907</b>	<b>274,841</b>	<b>9.5</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>42,292</b>	<b>50,676</b>	<b>53,625</b>	<b>43,148</b>	<b>35,843</b>	<b>-16.9</b>
INSURANCE	7,270	7,327	7,517	7,874	8,793	11.7
MARINE	2,593	2,529	2,446	2,505	2,122	-15.3
MILLER ACT	862	780	769	560	528	-5.7
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	673	577	495	605	595	-1.7
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS, TOTAL	14,577	22,403	24,838	13,409	5,651	-57.9
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	14,080	21,915	24,404	12,952	5,212	-59.8
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	79	60	43	118	98	-17.0
OTHER	418	428	391	339	341	0.6
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	16,317	17,060	17,560	18,195	18,154	-0.2
<b>REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>5,663</b>	<b>5,972</b>	<b>6,711</b>	<b>7,290</b>	<b>8,059</b>	<b>10.5</b>
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	475	414	1,243	1,506	938	-37.7
FORECLOSURE	3,790	4,302	4,209	4,458	5,592	25.4
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	225	197	175	196	216	10.2
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	397	401	377	388	353	-9.0
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	776	658	707	742	960	29.4
<b>TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>50,362</b>	<b>44,426</b>	<b>36,586</b>	<b>33,663</b>	<b>62,919</b>	<b>86.9</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>46,496</b>	<b>40,497</b>	<b>32,621</b>	<b>29,789</b>	<b>58,997</b>	<b>98.0</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY/   PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL</b>	<b>26,886</b>	<b>18,781</b>	<b>14,428</b>	<b>12,307</b>	<b>41,135</b>	<b>234.2</b>
AIRPLANE	177	163	164	118	120	1.7
MARINE	68	48	54	39	42	7.7
MOTOR VEHICLE	438	433	421	654	564	-13.8
ASBESTOS	9,111	8,948	7,187	5,041	26,818	432.0
OTHER	17,092	9,189	6,602	6,455	13,591	110.5
<b>OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>19,610</b>	<b>21,716</b>	<b>18,193</b>	<b>17,482</b>	<b>17,862</b>	<b>2.2</b>
AIRPLANE	733	678	747	714	846	18.5
MARINE	2,110	4,995	2,006	2,164	1,978	-8.6
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,933	4,901	4,690	4,535	4,525	-0.2
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	767	825	801	623	693	11.2
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	1,635	1,264	1,108	1,067	944	-11.5
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,322	1,447	1,526	1,429	1,463	2.4
OTHER	8,110	7,606	7,315	6,950	7,413	6.7

**Table C-2A. (September 30, 2002—Continued)**

NATURE OF SUIT	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Percent Change 2002/2001
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL</b>	<b>3,866</b>	<b>3,929</b>	<b>3,965</b>	<b>3,874</b>	<b>3,922</b>	<b>1.2</b>
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,170	2,244	2,265	2,224	2,359	6.1
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,696	1,685	1,700	1,650	1,563	-5.3
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL</b>	<b>158,459</b>	<b>159,185</b>	<b>162,583</b>	<b>166,792</b>	<b>168,010</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>ANTITRUST</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>14.2</b>
<b>BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL</b>	<b>3,833</b>	<b>3,725</b>	<b>3,361</b>	<b>2,950</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>39.0</b>
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	3,313	2,956	2,785	2,519	2,636	4.6
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	520	769	576	431	1,464	239.7
<b>BANKS AND BANKING</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>17.3</b>
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>42,354</b>	<b>41,304</b>	<b>40,908</b>	<b>40,910</b>	<b>40,420</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
VOTING	108	102	167	195	234	20.0
EMPLOYMENT	23,735	22,490	21,032	21,157	20,955	-1.0
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	838	1,136	1,284	1,249	1,313	5.1
WELFARE	66	63	80	61	71	16.4
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	17,607	17,513	18,345	18,248	17,847	-2.2
<b>COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>1,807</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>-56.3</b>
<b>DEPORTATION</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>49.8</b>
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>54,715</b>	<b>56,603</b>	<b>58,257</b>	<b>58,805</b>	<b>55,295</b>	<b>-6.0</b>
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	6,287	5,752	6,341	8,644	6,107	-29.4
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	20,897	23,821	24,945	24,684	23,863	-3.3
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	262	268	274	202	236	16.8
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	807	1,068	1,192	1,157	1,125	-2.8
CIVIL RIGHTS*	13,756	14,083	14,151	13,435	14,039	4.5
PRISON CONDITION*	12,706	11,611	11,354	10,683	9,925	-7.1
<b>FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,331</b>	<b>2,258</b>	<b>2,320</b>	<b>1,938</b>	<b>2,119</b>	<b>9.3</b>
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	132	65	57	46	47	2.2
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	124	102	110	58	69	19.0
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,106	1,104	1,117	953	1,200	25.9
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	12	23	7	4	6	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	5	10	4	1	5	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	952	954	1,025	876	792	-9.6

**Table C-2A. (September 30, 2002—Continued)**

NATURE OF SUIT	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Percent Change 2002/2001
<b>LABOR LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>14,650</b>	<b>14,372</b>	<b>14,142</b>	<b>15,195</b>	<b>18,285</b>	<b>20.3</b>
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	1,562	1,717	1,935	1,960	3,904	99.2
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,744	1,782	1,542	1,445	1,529	5.8
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	132	123	101	129	84	-34.9
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	133	146	137	115	126	9.6
ERISA**	9,609	9,298	9,124	10,292	11,232	9.1
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,470	1,306	1,303	1,254	1,410	12.4
<b>PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>7,748</b>	<b>8,242</b>	<b>8,738</b>	<b>8,314</b>	<b>8,254</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
COPYRIGHT	2,082	2,093	2,050	2,446	2,084	-14.8
PATENT	2,218	2,318	2,484	2,520	2,700	7.1
TRADEMARK	3,448	3,831	4,204	3,348	3,470	3.6
<b>SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES</b>	<b>2,358</b>	<b>2,563</b>	<b>2,678</b>	<b>3,538</b>	<b>3,465</b>	<b>-2.1</b>
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>14,552</b>	<b>13,920</b>	<b>15,829</b>	<b>17,074</b>	<b>18,322</b>	<b>7.3</b>
HEALTH INSURANCE	107	98	70	70	86	22.9
BLACK LUNG CASES	9	13	20	16	20	25.0
DISABILITY INSURANCE	7,770	7,334	8,122	8,623	8,739	1.3
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	5,887	5,689	6,762	7,361	8,313	12.9
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	779	786	855	1,004	1,164	15.9
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>RICO***</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>84.6</b>
<b>TAX SUITS</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>1,179</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>12.8</b>
<b>CUSTOMER CHALLENGE</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-56.3</b>
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>-16.6</b>
<b>CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS</b>	<b>10,342</b>	<b>10,944</b>	<b>10,918</b>	<b>12,171</b>	<b>12,494</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<b>OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-28.6</b>
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	11	12	12	14	10	-28.6

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

\* COLLECTION OF DATA ON PRISON CONDITION CASES BEGAN ON JANUARY 1, 1997.

\*\* ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

\*\*\* RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.