

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Period Ending March 31, 2002

Nature of Suit	2001	2002					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	254,523	265,091	17,884	39,762	155,771	51,513	161
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	48,927	38,535	8,842	360	6,223	23,083	27
INSURANCE	7,795	8,258	20	39	1,143	7,051	5
MARINE	2,402	2,381	33	15	2,210	119	4
MILLER ACT	643	561	166	2	393	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	554	597	68	8	63	458	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND							
ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	19,536	8,646	8,303	114	147	82	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	19,097	8,166	8,127	39	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	72	132	130	2	-	-	-
OTHER	367	348	46	73	147	82	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	17,997	18,092	252	182	2,267	15,373	18
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	6,901	7,642	3,958	278	762	2,581	63
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	1,290	1,393	1,256	13	104	20	-
FORECLOSURE	4,239	4,985	2,616	131	219	1,957	62
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	193	174	16	6	52	100	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	405	335	7	24	88	216	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	774	755	63	104	299	288	1
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	34,424	52,366	95	2,566	25,054	24,595	56
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	30,505	48,549	30	2,379	23,689	22,398	53
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PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	12,755	31,068	-	63	19,292	11,712	1
AIRPLANE	156	105	-	3	21	81	-
MARINE	44	35	-	-	11	24	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	505	648	-	6	52	590	-
ASBESTOS	5,984	22,076	-	20	18,489	3,567	-
OTHER	6,066	8,204	-	34	719	7,450	1
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	17,750	17,481	30	2,316	4,397	10,686	52
AIRPLANE	696	695	-	29	258	408	-
MARINE	2,196	1,931	9	48	1,664	208	2
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,594	4,451	-	646	211	3,594	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	704	629	-	58	166	403	2
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	1,024	1,022	-	81	941	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,472	1,471	-	683	-	788	-
OTHER	7,064	7,282	21	771	1,157	5,285	48

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	3,919	3,817	65	187	1,365	2,197	3
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,269	2,241	48	23	1,030	1,140	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,650	1,576	17	164	335	1,057	3
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	164,259	166,535	4,986	36,557	123,723	1,254	15
ANTITRUST	810	709	15	4	690	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	3,080	2,895	37	47	2,811	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,641	2,455	36	41	2,378	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	439	440	1	6	433	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	206	245	12	14	219	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	41,083	40,549	689	2,319	36,366	1,175	-
VOTING	189	204	6	15	181	2	-
EMPLOYMENT	21,152	21,117	504	1,258	18,421	934	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,329	1,236	42	39	1,145	10	-
WELFARE	82	57	1	8	48	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	18,331	17,935	136	999	16,571	229	-
COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)	546	571	4	3	564	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	915	1,749	179	265	1,305	-	-
DEPORTATION	231	222	-	182	40	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	58,316	57,183	-	13,833	43,337	2	11
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	7,415	7,651	-	7,651	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	24,690	24,657	-	4,686	19,961	-	10
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	226	214	-	14	200	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,124	1,151	-	492	658	-	1
CIVIL RIGHTS	13,707	13,523	-	718	12,805	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	11,154	9,987	-	272	9,713	2	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,120	2,043	1,898	145	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	54	42	18	24	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	77	63	60	3	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,017	1,082	1,036	46	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	5	5	5	-	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	2	2	1	1	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	965	849	778	71	-	-	-

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	14,555	15,862	320	148	15,394	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	1,961	2,035	123	26	1,886	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,454	1,466	17	21	1,428	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	132	91	11	-	80	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	115	125	1	3	121	-	-
ERISA ¹	9,633	10,787	138	24	10,625	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,260	1,358	30	74	1,254	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	8,434	8,400	25	9	8,366	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,049	2,439	-	-	2,439	-	-
PATENT	2,573	2,612	11	9	2,592	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,812	3,349	14	-	3,335	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	2,831	3,595	320	19	3,256	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	17,981	17,059	125	16,934	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	68	77	-	77	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	16	18	1	17	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	9,230	8,377	124	8,253	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	7,691	7,569	-	7,569	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	976	1,018	-	1,018	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RICO²	791	707	7	-	640	60	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	6	25	-	-	25	-	-
TAX SUITS	924	1,126	334	789	-	-	3
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	14	9	-	9	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	333	310	-	277	33	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	262	263	2	19	224	17	1
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	10,821	13,013	1,019	1,541	10,453	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	12	13	3	1	9	-	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	12	13	3	1	9	-	-

¹ ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.
² RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.