

Table C-2A.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2002 Through 2006

NATURE OF SUIT	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Percent Change 2006/2005
TOTAL CASES	274,841	252,962	281,338	253,273	259,541	2.5
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	35,843	31,263	29,404	28,020	30,044	7.2
INSURANCE	8,793	8,629	8,460	7,804	9,792	25.5
MARINE	2,122	1,912	1,676	1,435	1,700	18.5
MILLER ACT	528	442	386	387	359	-7.2
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	595	524	440	447	336	-24.8
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	5,651	3,073	2,830	3,309	2,872	-13.2
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	5,212	2,525	2,438	2,883	2,395	-16.9
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	98	84	18	8	13	-
OTHER	341	464	374	418	464	11.0
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	18,154	16,683	15,612	14,638	14,985	2.4
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	8,059	7,373	5,845	4,561	4,414	-3.2
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	938	408	197	251	316	25.9
FORECLOSURE	5,592	5,319	4,306	3,012	2,644	-12.2
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	216	160	169	154	142	-7.8
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	353	791	385	380	467	22.9
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	960	695	788	764	845	10.6
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	62,919	45,054	55,023	51,335	68,804	34.0
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	58,997	39,563	50,594	47,364	64,743	36.7
PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	41,135	21,611	34,100	29,537	48,739	65.0
AIRPLANE	120	101	100	79	74	-6.3
MARINE	42	34	32	46	37	-19.6
MOTOR VEHICLE	564	609	618	531	561	5.6
ASBESTOS	26,818	1,562	1,471	1,243	16,547	1,231.2
OTHER	13,591	19,305	31,879	27,638	31,520	14.0
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	17,862	17,952	16,494	17,827	16,004	-10.2
AIRPLANE	846	659	483	351	294	-16.2
MARINE	1,978	1,814	1,841	1,667	1,584	-5.0
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,525	4,480	4,229	4,091	3,938	-3.7
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	693	892	668	647	587	-9.3
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	944	975	782	748	700	-6.4
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,463	1,607	1,313	1,221	1,221	0.0
OTHER	7,413	7,525	7,178	9,102	7,680	-15.6

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NATURE OF SUIT	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Percent Change 2006/2005
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	3,922	5,491	4,429	3,971	4,061	2.3
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,359	3,860	2,909	2,465	2,313	-6.2
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,563	1,631	1,520	1,506	1,748	16.1
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	168,010	169,253	191,017	169,265	156,177	-7.7
ANTITRUST	826	762	752	818	986	20.5
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	4,100	3,305	4,145	3,000	3,389	13.0
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,636	2,658	2,822	2,435	2,475	1.6
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	1,464	647	1,323	565	914	61.8
BANKS AND BANKING	251	223	366	258	201	-22.1
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	40,420	40,516	40,239	36,096	32,865	-9.0
VOTING	234	147	173	166	150	-9.6
EMPLOYMENT	20,955	20,507	19,746	16,930	14,353	-15.2
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,313	1,315	1,222	885	643	-27.4
WELFARE	71	65	61	54	56	3.7
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	17,847	18,482	19,037	18,061	17,663	-2.2
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	790	947	978	714	871	22.0
DEPORTATION	325	278	316	201	130	-35.3
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	55,295	54,378	55,330	61,238	54,955	-10.3
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	6,107	5,832	7,137	10,361	6,515	-37.1
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	23,863	23,070	23,344	24,633	22,745	-7.7
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	236	243	225	240	239	-0.4
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,125	1,160	1,175	1,390	1,217	-12.5
CIVIL RIGHTS	14,039	14,690	15,478	16,005	16,428	2.6
PRISON CONDITION	9,925	9,383	7,971	8,609	7,811	-9.3
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,119	2,073	2,146	2,298	2,224	-3.2
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	47	49	43	27	18	-33.3
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	69	72	42	49	42	-14.3
DRUG—RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,200	1,217	1,292	1,359	1,328	-2.3
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	6	19	6	6	2	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	5	6	7	5	8	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	792	710	756	852	826	-3.1

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NATURE OF SUIT	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Percent Change 2006/2005
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	18,285	17,318	18,330	18,322	16,659	-9.1
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	3,904	2,751	3,617	4,039	4,207	4.2
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,529	1,618	1,641	1,674	1,239	-26.0
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	84	101	81	88	63	-28.4
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	126	101	111	104	108	3.8
ERISA*	11,232	11,304	11,421	11,171	9,748	-12.7
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,410	1,443	1,459	1,246	1,294	3.9
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	8,254	8,934	9,590	12,184	11,514	-5.5
COPYRIGHT	2,084	2,448	3,007	5,796	4,944	-14.7
PATENT	2,700	2,814	3,075	2,720	2,830	4.0
TRADEMARK	3,470	3,672	3,508	3,668	3,740	2.0
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	3,465	3,189	3,094	2,038	1,621	-20.5
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	18,322	17,127	15,873	15,487	13,847	-10.6
DISABILITY INSURANCE	8,739	7,931	7,061	7,024	6,480	-7.8
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	8,313	7,792	7,916	7,675	6,649	-13.4
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	1,164	1,324	831	710	658	-7.3
OTHER	106	80	65	78	60	-23.1
RICO**	760	743	777	781	687	-12.0
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	24	1	5	8	6	-
TAX SUITS	1,151	1,244	1,314	1,385	1,490	7.6
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	7	11	16	21	17	-19.1
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	271	283	315	404	312	-22.8
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	256	267	317	310	304	-1.9
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	13,089	17,654	37,114	13,702	14,099	2.9
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	10	19	49	92	102	10.9

NOTE: PERCENT CHANGE NOT COMPUTED WHEN FEWER THAN 10 CASES REPORTED FOR THE PREVIOUS PERIOD.

* ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

** RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.