

**Table C-2.**

**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Period Ending June 30, 2004**

Nature of Suit	2003	2004					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>254,499</b>	<b>258,117</b>	<b>10,381</b>	<b>36,727</b>	<b>145,643</b>	<b>65,347</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>32,356</b>	<b>29,687</b>	<b>3,001</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>5,888</b>	<b>20,411</b>	<b>9</b>
INSURANCE	8,698	8,551	27	61	1,260	7,201	2
MARINE	1,926	1,789	12	20	1,640	115	2
MILLER ACT	474	389	111	7	271	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	538	448	49	7	50	342	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,466	2,914	2,576	93	145	100	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,915	2,525	2,511	14	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	96	12	10	2	-	-	-
OTHER	455	377	55	77	145	100	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	17,254	15,596	226	190	2,522	12,653	5
<b>REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>7,503</b>	<b>6,341</b>	<b>2,262</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>3,134</b>	<b>5</b>
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	480	237	138	25	61	13	-
FORECLOSURE	5,405	4,778	2,047	109	225	2,393	4
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	189	168	23	2	51	92	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	524	426	6	22	77	321	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	905	732	48	146	222	315	1
<b>TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>46,295</b>	<b>51,881</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>2,282</b>	<b>8,480</b>	<b>40,990</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>42,233</b>	<b>45,948</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2,123</b>	<b>6,275</b>	<b>37,508</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL</b>	<b>24,255</b>	<b>29,089</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1,583</b>	<b>27,464</b>	<b>-</b>
AIRPLANE	105	100	-	4	36	60	-
MARINE	37	30	-	1	8	21	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	612	620	-	3	45	572	-
ASBESTOS	3,718	1,208	-	8	184	1,016	-
OTHER	19,783	27,131	-	26	1,310	25,795	-
<b>OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>17,978</b>	<b>16,859</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>4,692</b>	<b>10,044</b>	<b>5</b>
AIRPLANE	661	646	-	24	333	289	-
MARINE	1,885	1,859	3	52	1,601	203	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,550	4,328	-	527	254	3,546	1
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	892	674	-	60	201	413	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	988	809	-	75	734	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,612	1,359	-	707	-	652	-
OTHER	7,390	7,184	34	636	1,569	4,941	4

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Nature of Suit	2003	2004					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL</b>	<b>4,062</b>	<b>5,933</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>3,482</b>	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,460	4,341	71	19	1,848	2,403	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,602	1,592	16	140	357	1,079	-
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL</b>	<b>168,332</b>	<b>170,168</b>	<b>4,990</b>	<b>33,758</b>	<b>130,617</b>	<b>803</b>	-
<b>ANTITRUST</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>673</b>	-	-
<b>BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL</b>	<b>3,342</b>	<b>3,982</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3,928</b>	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,616	2,807	15	31	2,761	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	726	1,175	5	3	1,167	-	-
<b>BANKS AND BANKING</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>315</b>	-	-
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>40,567</b>	<b>40,118</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>2,275</b>	<b>36,552</b>	<b>688</b>	-
VOTING	170	162	8	9	145	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	20,777	19,670	440	1,273	17,449	508	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,333	1,220	27	18	1,172	3	-
WELFARE	69	57	-	3	54	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	18,218	19,009	128	972	17,732	177	-
<b>COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>475</b>	-	-
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>559</b>	-	-
<b>DEPORTATION</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>318</b>	-	<b>268</b>	<b>50</b>	-	-
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>55,112</b>	<b>53,132</b>	-	<b>12,076</b>	<b>41,051</b>	<b>5</b>	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,959	5,742	-	5,742	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	23,218	22,760	-	4,443	18,317	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	227	228	-	15	213	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,184	1,161	-	528	633	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	14,787	15,113	-	1,094	14,019	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	9,737	8,128	-	254	7,869	5	-
<b>FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,120</b>	<b>2,112</b>	<b>1,968</b>	<b>144</b>	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	52	42	21	21	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	77	48	45	3	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,231	1,256	1,208	48	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	19	7	6	1	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	4	8	8	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	737	751	680	71	-	-	-

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>LABOR LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>17,290</b>	<b>18,189</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>17,620</b>	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	2,785	3,583	136	25	3,422	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,591	1,589	32	20	1,537	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	87	91	17	3	71	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	102	120	-	4	116	-	-
ERISA <sup>1</sup>	11,294	11,336	194	24	11,118	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,431	1,470	37	77	1,356	-	-
<b>PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>8,613</b>	<b>9,289</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9,250</b>	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,213	2,663	-	-	2,663	-	-
PATENT	2,771	3,046	13	14	3,019	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,629	3,580	12	-	3,568	-	-
<b>SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES</b>	<b>3,449</b>	<b>3,081</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2,752</b>	-	-
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>17,483</b>	<b>15,935</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>15,841</b>	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	70	64	-	64	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	15	4	-	4	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	8,182	7,114	94	7,020	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	7,912	7,778	-	7,778	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	1,304	975	-	975	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>RICO<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>808</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>6</b>	-	<b>655</b>	<b>74</b>	-
<b>STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	-	-	<b>5</b>	-	-
<b>TAX SUITS</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>748</b>	-	-	-
<b>CUSTOMER CHALLENGE</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	-	<b>11</b>	-	-	-
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>300</b>	-	<b>256</b>	<b>44</b>	-	-
<b>CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>36</b>	-
<b>OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS</b>	<b>14,903</b>	<b>18,858</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>16,438</b>	-	-
<b>OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	13	40	4	5	22	9	-

<sup>1</sup> ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

<sup>2</sup> RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.