

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Periods Ending June 30, 2008 and 2009

Nature of Suit	2008	2009					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	256,354	257,204	9,030	33,286	133,697	81,188	3
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	34,818	35,229	2,882	341	8,008	23,998	-
FRANCHISE	399	410	-	-	82	328	-
INSURANCE	13,720	11,251	10	57	1,968	9,216	-
MARINE	2,184	3,474	6	5	3,349	114	-
MILLER ACT	250	239	62	2	175	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	454	773	39	4	161	569	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,491	3,214	2,663	112	133	306	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS		2,926	2,640	2,617	23	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	18	9	5	4	-	-	-
OTHER	547	565	41	85	133	306	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	14,320	15,868	102	161	2,140	13,465	-
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	5,607	5,413	868	341	2,429	1,774	1
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	872	429	251	8	156	14	-
FORECLOSURE	2,689	2,639	565	144	1,211	718	1
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	161	171	7	7	56	101	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	727	519	14	23	127	355	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	1,158	1,655	31	159	879	586	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	59,588	61,936	74	1,972	6,521	53,368	1
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	55,777	57,332	24	1,775	4,618	50,914	1
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PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	39,664	43,055	-	193	1,009	41,853	-
AIRPLANE	98	79	-	4	24	51	-
MARINE	34	33	-	2	11	20	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	408	376	-	2	22	352	-
ASBESTOS ¹	23,726	25,861	-	7	333	25,521	-
OTHER	15,398	16,706	-	178	619	15,909	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	16,113	14,277	24	1,582	3,609	9,061	1
AIRPLANE	493	281	-	11	121	149	-
MARINE	1,429	1,337	5	24	1,053	255	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	3,620	3,567	6	395	195	2,971	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	566	543	-	36	156	351	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	516	562	-	54	508	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,242	1,076	-	598	-	478	-
OTHER	8,247	6,911	13	464	1,576	4,857	1

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Nature of Suit	2008	2009					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	3,811	4,604	50	197	1,903	2,454	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,164	2,878	40	35	1,549	1,254	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,647	1,726	10	162	354	1,200	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	156,277	154,572	5,200	30,627	116,703	2,041	1
ANTITRUST	1,215	894	17	4	873	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	2,630	2,334	18	9	2,307	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	1,995	1,889	13	8	1,868	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	635	445	5	1	439	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	217	418	5	85	328	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	31,632	33,188	393	1,598	29,476	1,721	-
VOTING	140	150	10	6	133	1	-
EMPLOYMENT	13,036	13,778	271	730	11,444	1,333	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	646	746	42	27	657	20	-
WELFARE	35	73	1	3	68	1	-
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	1,068	1,126	12	47	1,015	52	-
ADA—OTHER	1,453	1,953	8	24	1,904	17	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	15,254	15,362	49	761	14,255	297	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	900	735	176	281	278	-	-
DEPORTATION	136	98	-	45	53	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	55,374	52,237	-	10,655	41,579	3	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	6,276	5,932	-	5,932	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS	21,515	20,497	-	2,886	17,611	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	193	231	-	15	216	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,364	1,161	-	497	664	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	18,145	16,853	-	900	15,953	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	7,881	7,563	-	425	7,135	3	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,324	2,322	2,240	82	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	31	16	10	6	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	46	33	31	2	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,397	1,383	1,349	34	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	4	1	1	-	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	7	10	8	2	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	839	879	841	38	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	2008	2009					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	16,685	17,153	293	78	16,782	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	5,462	5,662	119	21	5,522	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,043	1,050	20	7	1,023	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	72	56	10	2	44	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	76	85	-	-	85	-	-
ERISA ²		8,894	8,953	118	4	8,831	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,138	1,347	26	44	1,277	-	-
IMMIGRATION, TOTAL ³	1,110	2,262	-	2,262	-	-	-
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	444	473	-	473	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	307	858	-	858	-	-	-
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	359	931	-	931	-	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	9,636	8,714	11	24	8,679	-	-
COPYRIGHT	3,242	2,618	-	-	2,618	-	-
PATENT	2,951	2,744	4	24	2,716	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,443	3,352	7	-	3,345	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	1,669	1,720	332	7	1,381	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	13,329	13,222	48	13,174	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,309	6,138	44	6,094	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,319	6,380	-	6,380	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	615	614	-	614	-	-	-
OTHER	86	90	4	86	-	-	-
RICO ⁴	653	756	5	-	678	73	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	5	4	-	-	4	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,448	1,411	881	529	-	-	1
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	8	18	-	18	-	-	-
CONSUMER CREDIT	3,976	5,842	10	7	5,616	209	-
CABLE/SATELLITE TV	663	579	-	1	563	15	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	294	279	-	241	38	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	262	284	2	14	248	20	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	12,111	10,102	769	1,513	7,820	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	64	54	6	5	36	7	-

¹ Includes cases filed in previous years as consolidated cases that thereafter were severed into individual cases.

² ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

³ Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

⁴ RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.