

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, 2009 and 2010

Nature of Suit	2009	2010					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	257,204	285,215	8,427	34,306	137,776	104,703	3
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	35,229	31,461	2,740	438	5,407	22,875	1
FRANCHISE	410	371	-	-	67	304	-
INSURANCE	11,251	9,236	4	58	1,092	8,082	-
MARINE	3,474	1,737	4	6	1,603	123	1
MILLER ACT	239	250	73	1	176	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	773	996	71	12	219	694	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,214	3,079	2,462	165	133	319	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,640	2,419	2,404	15	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	9	18	11	7	-	-	-
OTHER	565	642	47	143	133	319	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	15,868	15,792	126	196	2,117	13,353	-
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	5,413	6,809	729	365	3,102	2,613	-
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	429	179	75	8	85	11	-
FORECLOSURE	2,639	3,836	600	181	1,820	1,235	-
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	171	245	2	6	109	128	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	519	625	18	24	162	421	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	1,655	1,924	34	146	926	818	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	61,936	87,256	56	3,611	6,810	76,779	-
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	57,332	82,057	15	3,417	4,788	73,837	-
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 PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	43,055	66,958	-	1,784	898	64,276	-
AIRPLANE	79	228	-	8	17	203	-
MARINE	33	34	-	-	14	20	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	376	512	-	4	73	435	-
ASBESTOS	25,861	45,994	-	5	302	45,687	-
OTHER	16,706	20,190	-	1,767	492	17,931	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	14,277	15,099	15	1,633	3,890	9,561	-
AIRPLANE	281	451	-	16	100	335	-
MARINE	1,337	1,385	2	29	1,033	321	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	3,567	3,574	5	386	230	2,953	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	543	562	-	38	190	334	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	562	466	-	51	415	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,076	1,120	-	611	-	509	-
OTHER	6,911	7,541	8	502	1,922	5,109	-

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Nature of Suit	2009	2010					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	4,604	5,199	41	194	2,022	2,942	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,878	3,269	34	41	1,696	1,498	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,726	1,930	7	153	326	1,444	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	154,572	159,683	4,898	29,891	122,456	2,436	2
ANTITRUST	894	633	15	8	610	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	2,334	2,615	11	3	2,601	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	1,889	2,122	6	3	2,113	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	445	493	5	-	488	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	418	570	13	84	473	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	33,188	34,427	361	1,440	30,580	2,046	-
VOTING	150	79	2	5	71	1	-
EMPLOYMENT	13,778	14,343	274	600	11,897	1,572	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	746	629	24	9	585	11	-
WELFARE	73	64	3	5	56	-	-
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	1,126	1,436	24	51	1,299	62	-
ADA—OTHER	1,953	2,119	4	26	2,063	26	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	15,362	15,757	30	744	14,609	374	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	735	826	180	245	401	-	-
DEPORTATION	98	63	-	37	26	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	52,237	51,748	-	10,200	41,548	-	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,932	5,686	-	5,686	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	20,497	19,725	-	2,823	16,902	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	231	212	-	9	203	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,161	929	-	430	499	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	16,853	17,249	-	882	16,367	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	7,563	7,947	-	370	7,577	-	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,322	2,297	2,201	96	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	16	27	17	10	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	33	41	37	4	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,383	1,321	1,289	32	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	1	5	4	1	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	10	15	11	4	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	879	888	843	45	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	2009	2010					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	17,153	18,878	328	86	18,464	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	5,662	7,028	142	17	6,869	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,050	1,084	21	9	1,054	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	56	65	6	1	58	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	85	63	-	1	62	-	-
ERISA ¹	8,953	9,319	126	16	9,177	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,347	1,319	33	42	1,244	-	-
IMMIGRATION, TOTAL	2,262	1,964	-	1,964	-	-	-
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	473	439	-	439	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	858	702	-	702	-	-	-
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	931	823	-	823	-	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	8,714	8,519	11	50	8,458	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,618	1,909	-	-	1,909	-	-
PATENT	2,744	3,030	6	50	2,974	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,352	3,580	5	-	3,575	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	1,720	1,442	327	2	1,113	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	13,222	13,725	36	13,689	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,138	6,113	36	6,077	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,380	6,798	-	6,798	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	614	731	-	731	-	-	-
OTHER	90	83	-	83	-	-	-
RICO ¹	756	793	1	-	702	90	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	4	4	-	-	4	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,411	1,171	687	483	-	-	1
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	18	8	-	8	-	-	-
CONSUMER CREDIT	5,842	8,249	10	10	7,964	265	-
CABLE/SATELLITE TV	579	885	-	1	864	20	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	279	315	-	264	51	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	284	276	2	14	244	15	1
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	10,102	10,275	715	1,207	8,353	-	-

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.