

Table 4.9
U.S. District Courts—Diversity Of Citizenship Cases Filed, by Nature of Suit

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year						
	1995	2000	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
TOTAL	51,447	48,625	80,351	72,586	88,457	97,209	101,202
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	20,992	21,581	20,970	23,298	23,211	24,500	22,570
Franchise	-	-	-	-	291	357	293
Insurance	6,528	6,259	7,870	10,430	9,955	9,117	8,278
Marine	157	149	111	110	99	122	119
Negotiable Instruments	771	401	276	309	434	597	693
Recovery of Overpayments & Enforcement of Judgments, Total	106	96	144	189	233	344	315
Other Contract Actions	13,430	14,676	12,569	12,260	12,199	13,963	12,872
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	1,531	2,085	1,798	2,527	1,839	1,996	3,035
Condemnation of Land	11	20	13	29	30	14	12
Foreclosure	798	1,430	945	1,521	756	856	1471
Rent, Lease, Ejectment	137	86	86	75	105	103	141
Torts to Land, Including Prod. Liability	240	258	304	401	352	401	470
Other Real Property Actions	345	291	450	501	596	622	941
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	28,806	23,594	57,240	46,437	62,427	68,503	73,150
Personal Injury, Total	26,756	21,291	54,888	43,975	60,153	65,732	70,516
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	12,059	10,176	45,485	34,974	50,995	56,303	61,179
Airplane	99	133	60	64	82	93	168
Marine	28	33	14	18	18	13	21
Motor Vehicle	541	388	523	405	360	371	431
Asbestos ¹	2,098	3,501	16,030	12,254	33,568	41,412	40,916
Other	9,293	6,121	28,858	22,233	16,967	14,414	19,643
Other Personal Injury, Total	14,697	11,115	9,403	9,001	9,158	9,429	9,337
Airplane	432	367	157	260	157	317	177
Marine	356	208	255	252	265	269	320
Motor Vehicle	4,305	3,821	3,271	3,113	3,012	2,976	2,920
Assault, Libel, & Slander	568	535	378	327	368	333	339
Medical Malpractice	800	857	588	567	698	482	519
Other ²	8,236	5,327	4,754	4,482	4,658	5,052	5,062
Personal Property Damage, Total	2,050	2,303	2,352	2,462	2,274	2,771	2,634
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	1,091	1,149	1,229	1,024	1,095	1,401	1,339
Other Personal Property Damage	959	1,154	1,123	1,438	1,179	1,370	1,295
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	118	1,365	343	324	980	2,207	2,447

¹ The increases in 2006 and 2008 occurred because cases filed in previous years as consolidated cases thereafter were severed into individual cases.

² A significant increase in other personal injury cases in 1995 was mostly attributable to a large number cases related to an oil refinery explosion in Louisiana.

Source: Table C-2, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

