

**Table C-2
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2002**

Nature of Suit	2001	2002					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	259,927	256,562	13,334	39,703	145,242	58,194	89
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	40,605	34,718	4,929	350	6,274	23,158	7
INSURANCE	7,976	8,908	21	50	1,214	7,621	2
MARINE	2,475	2,016	12	12	1,874	116	2
MILLER ACT	558	520	175	5	340	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	584	592	54	5	86	447	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	10,662	4,728	4,407	99	140	82	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	10,216	4,274	4,258	16	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	117	105	105	-	-	-	-
OTHER	329	349	44	83	140	82	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	18,350	17,954	260	179	2,620	14,892	3
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	7,366	8,104	3,269	352	1,197	3,241	45
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	1,461	791	404	20	352	15	-
FORECLOSURE	4,686	5,763	2,793	163	209	2,553	45
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	196	205	20	3	81	101	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	344	357	9	25	81	242	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	679	988	43	141	474	330	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	45,481	44,686	60	2,486	11,640	30,466	34
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	41,669	40,699	24	2,292	10,192	28,158	33
PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	24,257	22,663	-	51	5,474	17,138	-
AIRPLANE	114	89	-	-	20	69	-
MARINE	36	44	-	1	18	25	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	674	560	-	9	36	515	-
ASBESTOS	16,331	7,136	-	7	4,772	2,357	-
OTHER	7,102	14,834	-	34	628	14,172	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	17,412	18,036	24	2,241	4,718	11,020	33
AIRPLANE	712	858	-	23	470	365	-
MARINE	2,170	1,976	9	51	1,708	207	1
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,479	4,527	-	606	181	3,738	2
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	617	727	-	73	208	446	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	1,051	956	-	98	858	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,455	1,481	-	676	-	805	-
OTHER	6,928	7,511	15	714	1,293	5,459	30

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			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	3,812	3,987	36	194	1,448	2,308	1
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,214	2,375	24	33	1,090	1,227	1
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,598	1,612	12	161	358	1,081	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	166,459	169,045	5,076	36,515	126,122	1,329	3
ANTITRUST	701	830	13	15	802	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	2,876	4,200	25	33	4,142	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,447	2,722	20	27	2,675	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	429	1,478	5	6	1,467	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	218	246	8	21	217	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	40,485	40,733	644	2,390	36,454	1,245	-
VOTING	178	222	7	15	199	1	-
EMPLOYMENT	21,062	20,972	465	1,286	18,267	954	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,232	1,358	57	24	1,267	10	-
WELFARE	57	78	-	8	68	2	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	17,956	18,103	115	1,057	16,653	278	-
COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)	585	585	5	8	572	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	1,771	777	160	277	340	-	-
DEPORTATION	197	341	-	290	51	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	57,921	55,830	-	12,291	43,537	-	2
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	8,219	6,008	-	6,008	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	24,665	23,879	-	4,535	19,344	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	220	218	-	9	209	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,141	1,219	-	607	610	-	2
CIVIL RIGHTS	13,308	14,473	-	851	13,622	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	10,368	10,033	-	281	9,752	-	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,048	2,132	1,981	151	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	39	49	20	29	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	64	75	69	6	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,065	1,194	1,143	51	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	5	8	7	1	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	1	7	2	5	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	874	799	740	59	-	-	-

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	15,596	18,259	374	150	17,735	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	2,013	3,960	154	29	3,777	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,444	1,584	22	20	1,542	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	98	89	8	2	79	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	126	109	2	3	104	-	-
ERISA ¹	10,607	11,128	157	31	10,940	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,308	1,389	31	65	1,293	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	8,404	8,333	20	9	8,304	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,406	2,157	-	-	2,157	-	-
PATENT	2,653	2,706	10	9	2,687	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,345	3,470	10	-	3,460	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	3,554	3,476	328	14	3,134	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	16,900	18,412	108	18,304	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	72	82	-	82	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	16	16	1	15	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	8,433	8,713	107	8,606	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	7,343	8,369	-	8,369	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	1,036	1,232	-	1,232	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RICO²	687	793	9	-	708	76	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	23	13	-	-	13	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,042	1,225	375	850	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	14	13	-	13	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	314	263	-	237	26	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	254	261	4	11	237	8	1
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	12,869	12,323	1,022	1,451	9,850	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	16	9	-	-	9	-	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	16	9	-	-	9	-	-

¹ ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

² RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.