

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Period Ending March 31, 2001

Nature of Suit	2000	2001					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	262,548	254,523	28,690	39,875	137,685	48,135	138
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	53,883	48,927	19,839	415	6,409	22,242	22
INSURANCE	7,347	7,795	23	52	1,284	6,432	4
MARINE	2,460	2,402	30	9	2,201	158	4
MILLER ACT	788	643	176	1	466	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	538	554	65	6	62	421	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	25,480	19,536	19,178	130	131	97	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	25,051	19,097	19,044	53	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	30	72	70	2	-	-	-
OTHER	399	367	64	75	131	97	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	17,270	17,997	367	217	2,265	15,134	14
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	6,527	6,901	3,796	387	551	2,091	76
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	806	1,290	1,189	23	61	17	-
FORECLOSURE	4,452	4,239	2,520	113	123	1,408	75
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	190	193	26	11	70	86	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	407	405	15	29	83	278	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	672	774	46	211	214	302	1
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	41,674	34,424	121	2,588	9,189	22,493	33
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	37,677	30,505	25	2,407	7,766	20,276	31
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PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	15,980	12,755	-	31	3,076	9,647	1
AIRPLANE	195	156	-	1	32	123	-
MARINE	51	44	-	-	14	30	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	395	505	-	8	34	463	-
ASBESTOS	8,282	5,984	-	4	2,521	3,459	-
OTHER	7,057	6,066	-	18	475	5,572	1
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	21,697	17,750	25	2,376	4,690	10,629	30
AIRPLANE	864	696	-	46	308	342	-
MARINE	4,986	2,196	3	53	1,955	185	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,873	4,594	-	680	206	3,705	3
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	848	704	-	43	196	463	2
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	1,161	1,024	-	78	946	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,481	1,472	-	639	-	832	1
OTHER	7,484	7,064	22	837	1,079	5,102	24

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	3,997	3,919	96	181	1,423	2,217	2
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,290	2,269	70	28	1,085	1,085	1
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,707	1,650	26	153	338	1,132	1
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	160,450	164,259	4,930	36,485	121,530	1,307	7
ANTITRUST	736	810	27	8	775	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	3,581	3,080	45	39	2,996	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,759	2,641	42	33	2,566	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	822	439	3	6	430	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	202	206	10	14	182	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	41,577	41,083	591	2,425	36,857	1,210	-
VOTING	108	189	10	16	163	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	21,928	21,152	403	1,362	18,456	931	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,283	1,329	58	34	1,225	12	-
WELFARE	65	82	1	6	75	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	18,193	18,331	119	1,007	16,938	267	-
COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)	1,007	546	4	6	536	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	860	915	224	289	402	-	-
DEPORTATION	205	231	-	162	69	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	57,359	58,316	-	12,767	45,543	1	5
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,844	7,415	-	7,415	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	24,431	24,690	-	3,751	20,935	-	4
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	273	226	-	12	214	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,165	1,124	-	586	537	-	1
CIVIL RIGHTS	14,315	13,707	-	711	12,996	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	11,331	11,154	-	292	10,861	1	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,347	2,120	1,979	141	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	60	54	28	26	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	103	77	73	4	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,135	1,017	961	56	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	17	5	4	1	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	8	2	2	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	1,024	965	911	54	-	-	-

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	14,383	14,555	394	153	14,008	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	1,854	1,961	147	23	1,791	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,744	1,454	52	21	1,381	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	104	132	15	4	113	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	163	115	1	3	111	-	-
ERISA ¹	9,167	9,633	124	25	9,484	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,351	1,260	55	77	1,128	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	8,561	8,434	22	9	8,403	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,056	2,049	-	-	2,049	-	-
PATENT	2,376	2,573	10	9	2,554	-	-
TRADEMARK	4,129	3,812	12	-	3,800	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	2,506	2,831	295	12	2,524	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	13,383	17,981	124	17,857	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	78	68	-	68	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	18	16	-	16	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	7,018	9,230	124	9,106	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	5,546	7,691	-	7,691	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	723	976	-	976	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RICO²	765	791	4	-	708	79	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	1	6	-	-	6	-	-
TAX SUITS	979	924	269	653	-	-	2
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	18	14	-	14	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	347	333	-	296	37	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	295	262	1	7	237	17	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	11,338	10,821	941	1,633	8,247	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	14	12	4	-	6	2	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	14	12	4	-	6	2	-

¹ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

²RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.