

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2007 and 2008

Nature of Suit	2007	2008					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	257,507	267,257	9,649	34,515	134,582	88,457	54
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	33,939	34,172	3,119	301	7,529	23,211	12
FRANCHISE	384	391	1	-	99	291	-
INSURANCE	13,287	12,697	12	60	2,668	9,955	2
MARINE	1,969	2,349	4	5	2,240	99	1
MILLER ACT	302	225	62	2	161	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	377	504	17	2	50	434	1
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,204	3,447	2,933	114	167	233	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,673	2,910	2,890	20	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	20	9	6	3	-	-	-
OTHER	511	528	37	91	167	233	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	14,416	14,559	90	118	2,144	12,199	8
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	5,180	5,072	1,362	257	1,604	1,839	10
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	321	944	519	4	391	30	-
FORECLOSURE	2,960	2,144	814	89	475	756	10
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	135	172	3	9	55	105	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	842	510	8	32	118	352	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	922	1,302	18	123	565	596	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	61,359	72,011	75	1,825	7,658	62,427	26
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	57,244	68,121	28	1,665	6,251	60,153	24
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PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	36,469	52,110	-	30	1,083	50,995	2
AIRPLANE	114	101	-	-	19	82	-
MARINE	44	33	-	-	15	18	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	447	390	-	2	28	360	-
ASBESTOS	12,404	33,780	-	6	206	33,568	-
OTHER	23,460	17,806	-	22	815	16,967	2
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	20,775	16,011	28	1,635	5,168	9,158	22
AIRPLANE	478	386	-	45	182	157	2
MARINE	1,597	1,393	-	23	1,104	265	1
MOTOR VEHICLE	3,764	3,636	1	404	219	3,012	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	533	557	-	46	143	368	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	585	511	-	58	453	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,164	1,255	-	557	-	698	-
OTHER	12,654	8,273	27	502	3,067	4,658	19

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Nature of Suit	2007	2008					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	4,115	3,890	47	160	1,407	2,274	2
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,129	2,245	38	18	1,092	1,095	2
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,986	1,645	9	142	315	1,179	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	156,916	155,939	5,086	32,122	117,752	973	6
ANTITRUST	1,038	1,318	26	5	1,287	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	3,164	2,383	9	18	2,356	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,290	1,954	7	16	1,931	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	874	429	2	2	425	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	234	258	4	36	218	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	31,756	32,132	389	1,743	29,316	684	-
VOTING	118	145	6	12	127	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	13,375	13,219	294	798	11,635	492	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	665	644	28	14	594	8	-
WELFARE	27	48	1	2	45	-	-
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	1,041	1,095	12	61	973	49	-
ADA—OTHER	1,277	1,583	5	25	1,538	15	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	15,253	15,398	43	831	14,404	120	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	767	920	170	257	493	-	-
DEPORTATION	115	130	-	60	70	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	53,945	54,786	-	11,289	43,491	1	5
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,896	6,352	-	6,352	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	22,192	21,298	-	3,030	18,263	-	5
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	246	192	-	5	187	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,586	1,265	-	598	667	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	16,716	18,069	-	938	17,131	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	7,309	7,610	-	366	7,243	1	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,272	2,331	2,232	99	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	29	26	14	12	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	55	47	43	4	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,355	1,399	1,359	40	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	5	4	4	-	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	7	8	8	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	821	847	804	43	-	-	-

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	18,674	16,788	282	86	16,420	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	7,310	5,393	125	14	5,254	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,079	1,051	21	13	1,017	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	82	66	7	2	57	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	92	83	-	1	82	-	-
ERISA ¹	8,986	8,983	112	8	8,863	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,125	1,212	17	48	1,147	-	-
IMMIGRATION, TOTAL²	-	1,641	-	1,641	-	-	-
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	-	586	-	586	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	-	485	-	485	-	-	-
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	-	570	-	570	-	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	10,783	9,592	8	11	9,573	-	-
COPYRIGHT	4,400	3,234	-	-	3,234	-	-
PATENT	2,896	2,909	3	11	2,895	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,487	3,449	5	-	3,444	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	1,394	1,637	307	5	1,325	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	12,974	13,138	31	13,107	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,187	6,080	31	6,049	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,135	6,373	-	6,373	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	594	603	-	603	-	-	-
OTHER	58	82	-	82	-	-	-
RICO³	653	684	3	-	585	96	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	6	4	-	-	4	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,522	1,451	896	554	-	-	1
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	12	8	-	8	-	-	-
CONSUMER CREDIT	3,222	4,239	3	6	4,071	159	-
CABLE/SAT. TV	450	639	-	-	627	12	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	335	280	-	236	44	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	277	254	3	9	221	21	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	13,323	11,326	723	2,952	7,651	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	113	63	7	10	39	7	-

¹ ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

² DATA COLLECTION FOR THESE CATEGORIES BEGAN IN DECEMBER 2007.

³ RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.