

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, 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	278,272	245,427	9,758	36,317	132,998	66,303	51
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	33,319	34,432	3,078	447	6,888	24,007	12
FRANCHISE	298	416	1	2	80	333	-
INSURANCE	12,990	13,625	9	186	2,296	11,132	2
MARINE	1,824	2,034	1	7	1,924	101	1
MILLER ACT	311	273	62	-	211	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	351	413	18	2	47	345	1
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND							
ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,009	3,387	2,864	126	186	211	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,500	2,826	2,795	31	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	10	17	17	-	-	-	-
OTHER	499	544	52	95	186	211	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	14,536	14,284	123	124	2,144	11,885	8
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	4,179	5,610	1,413	416	1,319	2,454	8
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	264	675	255	7	394	19	-
FORECLOSURE	2,273	3,061	1,111	81	340	1,521	8
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	141	168	7	6	60	95	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	611	759	7	218	150	384	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	890	947	33	104	375	435	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	83,570	49,395	82	1,958	7,855	39,474	26
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	79,437	45,583	30	1,771	6,535	37,223	24
PERSONAL INJURY/							
PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	58,804	29,277	-	28	1,084	28,163	2
AIRPLANE	92	111	-	-	33	78	-
MARINE	50	32	-	-	16	16	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	461	414	-	4	21	389	-
ASBESTOS	21,179	15,116	-	7	133	14,976	-
OTHER	37,022	13,604	-	17	881	12,704	2
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	20,633	16,306	30	1,743	5,451	9,060	22
AIRPLANE	371	502	-	69	228	203	2
MARINE	1,562	1,481	-	30	1,189	261	1
MOTOR VEHICLE	3,782	3,695	-	443	230	3,022	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	531	547	-	53	145	349	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	656	541	-	57	484	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,225	1,284	-	555	-	729	-
OTHER	12,506	8,256	30	536	3,175	4,496	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	4,133	3,812	52	187	1,320	2,251	2
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,209	2,118	36	23	1,019	1,038	2
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,924	1,694	16	164	301	1,213	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	157,077	155,920	5,174	33,490	116,895	356	5
ANTITRUST	1,165	1,063	30	4	1,029	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	3,400	2,786	10	28	2,748	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C.158)	2,411	2,103	4	26	2,073	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C.157)	989	683	6	2	675	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	230	218	3	10	205	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	32,340	31,532	442	1,966	29,035	89	-
VOTING	147	111	12	9	90	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	13,943	12,910	346	816	11,739	9	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	638	655	27	19	609	-	-
WELFARE	46	28	-	2	26	-	-
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	1,005	1,084	8	52	960	64	-
ADA—OTHER	1,335	1,382	4	31	1,334	13	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	15,226	15,362	45	1,037	14,277	3	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	789	723	159	240	324	-	-
DEPORTATION	125	149	-	94	55	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	52,961	55,634	-	11,774	43,854	1	5
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,550	6,353	-	6,353	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	22,503	21,872	-	3,341	18,526	-	5
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	247	201	-	6	195	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,425	1,442	-	760	682	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	16,445	18,299	-	1,049	17,250	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	6,791	7,467	-	265	7,201	1	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,220	2,330	2,213	117	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	22	28	16	12	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	42	65	58	7	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,313	1,373	1,329	44	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	3	6	6	-	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	10	8	7	1	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	830	850	797	53	-	-	-

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	18,730	16,480	290	98	16,092	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	6,786	5,302	133	23	5,146	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,147	1,044	19	15	1,010	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	78	64	5	-	59	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	98	88	1	2	85	-	-
ERISA ¹	9,426	8,840	111	10	8,719	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,195	1,142	21	48	1,073	-	-
IMMIGRATION, TOTAL ²	-	559	-	559	-	-	-
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	-	258	-	258	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	-	130	-	130	-	-	-
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	-	171	-	171	-	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	11,537	9,774	6	14	9,754	-	-
COPYRIGHT	5,074	3,346	-	-	3,346	-	-
PATENT	2,814	3,017	4	14	2,999	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,649	3,411	2	-	3,409	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	1,536	1,638	318	7	1,313	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	13,220	13,453	50	13,403	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,117	6,418	50	6,368	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,424	6,345	-	6,345	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	636	607	-	607	-	-	-
OTHER	43	83	-	83	-	-	-
RICO ³	703	640	3	-	536	101	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	8	5	-	-	5	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,517	1,490	922	568	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	19	9	-	9	-	-	-
CONSUMER CREDIT	2,556	3,670	3	9	3,535	123	-
CABLE/SAT. TV	626	582	1	1	570	10	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	316	318	-	263	55	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	295	266	5	19	210	32	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	12,784	12,601	719	4,307	7,575	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	127	70	11	6	41	12	-

¹ ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

² DATA COLLECTION FOR THESE CATEGORIES BEGAN IN DECEMBER 2007.

³ RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.