

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, 2000

Nature of Suit	1999	2000					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	260,271	259,517	34,124	36,985	139,624	48,626	158
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	50,676	53,625	25,136	480	6,404	21,581	24
INSURANCE	7,327	7,517	22	45	1,187	6,259	4
MARINE	2,529	2,446	27	8	2,259	149	3
MILLER ACT	780	769	233	3	533	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	577	495	53	9	32	401	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND							
ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS, TOTAL	22,403	24,838	24,434	154	154	96	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	21,915	24,404	24,329	75	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	60	43	39	4	-	-	-
OTHER	428	391	66	75	154	96	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	17,060	17,560	367	261	2,239	14,676	17
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	5,972	6,711	3,682	369	495	2,085	80
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	414	1,243	1,135	29	59	20	-
FORECLOSURE	4,302	4,209	2,469	117	118	1,430	75
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	197	175	21	14	54	86	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	401	377	16	32	70	258	1
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	658	707	41	177	194	291	4
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	44,426	36,586	108	2,608	10,229	23,594	47
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	40,497	32,621	27	2,398	8,859	21,291	46
PERSONAL INJURY/							
PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	18,781	14,428	-	38	4,211	10,176	3
AIRPLANE	163	164	-	2	29	133	-
MARINE	48	54	-	3	18	33	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	433	421	-	7	26	388	-
ASBESTOS	8,948	7,187	-	4	3,682	3,501	-
OTHER	9,189	6,602	-	22	456	6,121	3
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	21,716	18,193	27	2,360	4,648	11,115	43
AIRPLANE	678	747	-	37	342	367	1
MARINE	4,995	2,006	4	61	1,732	208	1
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,901	4,690	-	647	216	3,821	6
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	825	801	-	57	207	535	2
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	1,264	1,108	-	75	1,033	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,447	1,526	-	668	-	857	1
OTHER	7,606	7,315	23	815	1,118	5,327	32

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Nature of Suit	1999	2000					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	3,929	3,965	81	210	1,370	2,303	1
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,244	2,265	63	38	1,015	1,149	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,685	1,700	18	172	355	1,154	1
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	159,185	162,583	5,195	33,527	122,489	1,365	7
ANTITRUST	645	858	37	10	811	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	3,725	3,361	30	49	3,282	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,956	2,785	25	40	2,720	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	769	576	5	9	562	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	220	205	13	12	180	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	41,304	40,908	633	2,387	36,640	1,248	-
VOTING	102	167	16	10	141	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	22,490	21,032	425	1,362	18,290	955	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,136	1,284	50	32	1,186	16	-
WELFARE	63	80	-	7	73	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	17,513	18,345	142	976	16,950	277	-
COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)	672	891	6	7	878	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	895	886	225	258	403	-	-
DEPORTATION	191	213	-	162	51	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	56,603	58,257	-	11,880	46,371	1	5
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,752	6,341	-	6,341	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	23,821	24,945	-	3,855	21,086	-	4
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	268	274	-	15	259	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,068	1,192	-	628	563	-	1
CIVIL RIGHTS	14,083	14,151	-	736	13,415	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	11,611	11,354	-	305	11,048	1	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,258	2,320	2,175	145	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	65	57	32	25	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	102	110	101	9	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,104	1,117	1,061	56	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	23	7	4	3	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	10	4	3	1	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	954	1,025	974	51	-	-	-

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	14,372	14,142	382	150	13,610	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	1,717	1,935	149	21	1,765	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,782	1,542	62	25	1,455	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	123	101	15	2	84	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	146	137	1	4	132	-	-
ERISA ¹	9,298	9,124	114	26	8,984	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,306	1,303	41	72	1,190	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	8,242	8,738	29	12	8,697	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,093	2,050	-	-	2,050	-	-
PATENT	2,318	2,484	12	12	2,460	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,831	4,204	17	-	4,187	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	2,563	2,678	275	11	2,392	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	13,920	15,829	117	15,712	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	98	70	-	70	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	13	20	-	20	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	7,334	8,122	117	8,005	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	5,689	6,762	-	6,762	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	786	855	-	855	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RICO²	763	829	12	-	721	95	1
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	7	2	-	-	2	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,179	907	272	634	-	-	1
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	26	12	-	12	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	352	341	-	297	44	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	304	288	6	16	245	21	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	10,944	10,918	983	1,773	8,162	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	12	12	3	1	7	1	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	12	12	3	1	7	1	-

¹ ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

² RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.