

Table C-2A.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 1999 Through 2003

NATURE OF SUIT	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change 2003/2002
TOTAL CASES	260,271	259,517	250,907	274,841	252,962	-8.0
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	50,676	53,625	43,148	35,843	31,263	-12.8
INSURANCE	7,327	7,517	7,874	8,793	8,629	-1.9
MARINE	2,529	2,446	2,505	2,122	1,912	-9.9
MILLER ACT	780	769	560	528	442	-16.3
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	577	495	605	595	524	-11.9
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	22,403	24,838	13,409	5,651	3,073	-45.6
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	21,915	24,404	12,952	5,212	2,525	-51.6
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	60	43	118	98	84	-14.3
OTHER	428	391	339	341	464	36.1
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	17,060	17,560	18,195	18,154	16,683	-8.1
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	5,972	6,711	7,290	8,059	7,373	-8.5
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	414	1,243	1,506	938	408	-56.5
FORECLOSURE	4,302	4,209	4,458	5,592	5,319	-4.9
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	197	175	196	216	160	-25.9
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	401	377	388	353	791	124.1
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	658	707	742	960	695	-27.6
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	44,426	36,586	33,663	62,919	45,054	-28.4
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	40,497	32,621	29,789	58,997	39,563	-33.0
PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	18,781	14,428	12,307	41,135	21,611	-47.5
AIRPLANE	163	164	118	120	101	-15.8
MARINE	48	54	39	42	34	-19.1
MOTOR VEHICLE	433	421	654	564	609	8.0
ASBESTOS	8,948	7,187	5,041	26,818	1,562	-94.2
OTHER	9,189	6,602	6,455	13,591	19,305	42.0
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	21,716	18,193	17,482	17,862	17,952	0.5
AIRPLANE	678	747	714	846	659	-22.1
MARINE	4,995	2,006	2,164	1,978	1,814	-8.3
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,901	4,690	4,535	4,525	4,480	-1.0
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	825	801	623	693	892	28.7
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	1,264	1,108	1,067	944	975	3.3
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,447	1,526	1,429	1,463	1,607	9.8
OTHER	7,606	7,315	6,950	7,413	7,525	1.5

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NATURE OF SUIT	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change 2003/2002
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	3,929	3,965	3,874	3,922	5,491	40.0
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,244	2,265	2,224	2,359	3,860	63.6
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,685	1,700	1,650	1,563	1,631	4.4
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	159,185	162,583	166,792	168,010	169,253	0.7
ANTITRUST	645	858	723	826	762	-7.8
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	3,725	3,361	2,950	4,100	3,305	-19.4
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,956	2,785	2,519	2,636	2,658	0.8
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	769	576	431	1,464	647	-55.8
BANKS AND BANKING	220	205	214	251	223	-11.2
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	41,304	40,908	40,910	40,420	40,516	0.2
VOTING	102	167	195	234	147	-37.2
EMPLOYMENT	22,490	21,032	21,157	20,955	20,507	-2.1
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,136	1,284	1,249	1,313	1,315	0.2
WELFARE	63	80	61	71	65	-8.5
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	17,513	18,345	18,248	17,847	18,482	3.6
COMMERCE	672	891	584	595	538	-9.6
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	895	886	1,807	790	947	19.9
DEPORTATION	191	213	217	325	278	-14.5
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	56,603	58,257	58,805	55,295	54,378	-1.7
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,752	6,341	8,644	6,107	5,832	-4.5
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	23,821	24,945	24,684	23,863	23,070	-3.3
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	268	274	202	236	243	3.0
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,068	1,192	1,157	1,125	1,160	3.1
CIVIL RIGHTS *	14,083	14,151	13,435	14,039	14,690	4.6
PRISON CONDITION *	11,611	11,354	10,683	9,925	9,383	-5.5
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,258	2,320	1,938	2,119	2,073	-2.2
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	65	57	46	47	49	4.3
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	102	110	58	69	72	4.3
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,104	1,117	953	1,200	1,217	1.4
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	23	7	4	6	19	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	10	4	1	5	6	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	954	1,025	876	792	710	-10.4

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NATURE OF SUIT	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change 2003/2002
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	14,372	14,142	15,195	18,285	17,318	-5.3
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	1,717	1,935	1,960	3,904	2,751	-29.5
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,782	1,542	1,445	1,529	1,618	5.8
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	123	101	129	84	101	20.2
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	146	137	115	126	101	-19.9
ERISA**	9,298	9,124	10,292	11,232	11,304	0.6
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,306	1,303	1,254	1,410	1,443	2.3
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	8,242	8,738	8,314	8,254	8,934	8.2
COPYRIGHT	2,093	2,050	2,446	2,084	2,448	17.5
PATENT	2,318	2,484	2,520	2,700	2,814	4.2
TRADEMARK	3,831	4,204	3,348	3,470	3,672	5.8
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	2,563	2,678	3,538	3,465	3,189	-8.0
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	13,920	15,829	17,074	18,322	17,127	-6.5
HEALTH INSURANCE	98	70	70	86	70	-18.6
BLACK LUNG CASES	13	20	16	20	10	-50.0
DISABILITY INSURANCE	7,334	8,122	8,623	8,739	7,931	-9.3
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	5,689	6,762	7,361	8,313	7,792	-6.3
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	786	855	1,004	1,164	1,324	13.7
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-
RICO ***	763	829	724	760	743	-2.2
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	7	2	13	24	1	-95.8
TAX SUITS	1,179	907	1,020	1,151	1,244	8.1
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	26	12	16	7	11	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	352	341	325	271	283	4.4
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	304	288	254	256	267	4.3
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	10,944	10,918	12,171	12,494	17,116	37.0
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	12	12	14	10	19	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	12	12	14	10	19	-

NOTE: PERCENT CHANGE NOT COMPUTED WHERE BASE IS LESS THAN 10.
* COLLECTION OF DATA ON PRISON CONDITION CASES BEGAN ON JANUARY 1, 1997.
** ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.
*** RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.