

**Table C-4.**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Terminated, by Nature of Suit and Action Taken,**  
**During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2008**

Nature of Suit	Total	No Court Action	Court Action						
			Total	Before Pretrial	During or After Pretrial	During or After Trial			Percent Reaching Trial
						Total	Nonjury	Jury	
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>233,826</b>	<b>55,024</b>	<b>178,802</b>	<b>151,404</b>	<b>22,675</b>	<b>4,723</b>	<b>2,510</b>	<b>2,213</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>UNITED STATES CASES</b>	<b>44,819</b>	<b>10,950</b>	<b>33,869</b>	<b>32,100</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS</b>									
FRANCHISE	3	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	22	8	14	12	2	-	-	-	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	2,993	1,312	1,681	1,653	27	1	-	1	0.0
OTHER CONTRACTS	499	103	396	325	62	9	7	2	1.8
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>1,342</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>TORT ACTIONS</b>									
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	32	9	23	18	4	1	1	-	3.1
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	385	104	281	193	73	15	15	-	3.9
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	1,304	322	982	703	207	72	66	6	5.5
OTHER TORTS	212	60	152	121	25	6	5	1	2.8
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES</b>									
CONSUMER CREDIT	10	4	6	6	-	-	-	-	-
CABLE/SAT. TV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ANTITRUST	31	6	25	25	-	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS									
ADA-EMPLOYMENT	65	12	53	40	12	1	-	1	1.5
ADA-OTHER	38	10	28	24	4	-	-	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	1,256	247	1,009	738	210	61	10	51	4.9
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	1,165	278	887	807	64	16	7	9	1.4
DEPORTATION	78	26	52	49	3	-	-	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS									
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	6,076	1,236	4,840	4,818	18	4	2	2	0.1
HABEAS CORPUS-GENERAL	3,148	758	2,390	2,377	12	1	1	-	0.0
HABEAS CORPUS-DEATH PENALTY	6	-	6	6	-	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	720	188	532	514	18	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	994	230	764	758	4	2	2	-	0.2
PRISON CONDITION	284	35	249	242	4	3	3	-	1.1
LIQUOR FORFEITURES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	2,218	591	1,627	1,459	147	21	15	6	0.9
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	146	41	105	88	16	1	-	1	0.7
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	253	55	198	176	20	2	1	1	0.8
SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-

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<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES (CONTINUED)</b>									
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS									
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,213	962	5,251	5,186	65	-	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,230	1,047	5,183	5,153	29	1	1	-	0.0
RETIREMENT AND SERVICES BENEFITS	603	90	513	512	1	-	-	-	-
OTHER	82	13	69	69	-	-	-	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,399	387	1,012	869	128	15	9	6	1.1
IMMIGRATION									
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	384	181	203	200	3	-	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	258	51	207	207	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	281	105	176	173	3	-	-	-	-
ALL OTHER U.S. ACTIONS	6,088	2,220	3,868	3,535	295	38	27	11	0.6
<b>FEDERAL QUESTION</b>	<b>133,812</b>	<b>29,943</b>	<b>103,869</b>	<b>88,539</b>	<b>13,285</b>	<b>2,045</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>1,442</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS</b>									
FRANCHISE	77	22	55	46	7	2	-	2	2.6
MARINE	1,946	444	1,502	1,350	130	22	20	2	1.1
MILLER ACT	191	78	113	89	21	3	2	1	1.6
OTHER CONTRACTS	5,572	890	4,682	3,859	769	54	25	29	1.0
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>TORT ACTIONS</b>									
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	557	140	417	242	147	28	1	27	5.0
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	1,275	231	1,044	670	317	57	41	16	4.5
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	4,464	850	3,614	3,195	366	53	21	32	1.2
OTHER TORTS	1,211	295	916	694	203	19	14	5	1.6
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES</b>									
CONSUMER CREDIT	3,601	1,419	2,182	1,774	398	10	2	8	0.3
CABLE/SAT. TV	546	165	381	349	32	-	-	-	-
BANKRUPTCY SUITS	3,258	564	2,694	2,109	571	14	8	6	0.4
ANTITRUST	1,018	237	781	707	69	5	1	4	0.5
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>									
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	914	197	717	514	193	10	3	7	1.1
ADA—OTHER	1,314	443	871	693	167	11	9	2	0.8
EMPLOYMENT	12,628	2,701	9,927	6,699	2,825	403	53	350	3.2
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	14,832	2,874	11,958	8,900	2,510	548	74	474	3.7

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<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES (CONTINUED)</b>									
PRISONER PETITIONS									
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	18,313	3,438	14,875	14,803	65	7	6	1	0.0
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	230	48	182	179	3	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	698	161	537	529	8	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	16,805	3,025	13,780	13,300	301	179	33	146	1.1
PRISON CONDITION	7,041	820	6,221	5,936	160	125	52	73	1.8
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	4,763	938	3,825	3,277	485	63	23	40	1.3
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,049	309	740	581	149	10	3	7	1.0
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	10,068	3,051	7,017	5,759	1,180	78	50	28	0.8
COPYRIGHT	3,727	1,371	2,356	1,972	336	48	19	29	1.3
PATENT	2,875	847	2,028	1,517	402	109	40	69	3.8
TRADEMARK	3,460	1,202	2,258	1,835	365	58	26	32	1.7
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	202	41	161	141	18	2	1	1	1.0
<b>ALL OTHER FEDERAL QUESTION</b>	<b>10,332</b>	<b>2,987</b>	<b>7,345</b>	<b>6,203</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>DIVERSITY OF CITIZENSHIP</b>	<b>55,130</b>	<b>14,125</b>	<b>41,005</b>	<b>30,759</b>	<b>7,844</b>	<b>2,402</b>	<b>1,731</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>4.4</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS</b>									
FRANCHISE	272	86	186	159	24	3	2	1	1.1
INSURANCE	10,790	2,048	8,742	6,827	1,787	128	48	80	1.2
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	312	75	237	200	30	7	5	2	2.2
OTHER CONTRACTS	12,260	3,390	8,870	6,576	1,938	356	172	184	2.9
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>2,185</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>1,446</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>TORT ACTIONS</b>									
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	276	76	200	156	34	10	4	6	3.6
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	3,517	835	2,682	1,787	788	107	8	99	3.0
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	22,921	6,194	16,727	12,392	2,633	1,702	1,451	251	7.4
OTHER TORTS	2,143	546	1,597	1,187	360	50	20	30	2.3
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES</b>									
CONSUMER CREDIT	116	38	78	65	12	1	1	-	0.9
CABLE/SAT. TV	6	1	5	5	-	-	-	-	-

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CIVIL RIGHTS									
ADA-EMPLOYMENT	60	15	45	27	17	1	-	1	1.7
ADA-OTHER	18	5	13	8	4	1	-	1	5.6
EMPLOYMENT	77	27	50	47	3	-	-	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	33	8	25	22	3	-	-	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
ALL OTHER DIVERSITY	143	42	101	81	15	5	-	5	3.5
<b>LOCAL JURISDICTION</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>53</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	-	<b>8</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>TORT ACTIONS</b>									
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	30	1	29	-	29	-	-	-	-
OTHER TORTS	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b>									
HABEAS CORPUS-GENERAL	8	2	6	3	3	-	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS-DEATH PENALTY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>ALL OTHER LOCAL</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

NOTE: LAND CONDEMNATION CASES OMITTED.