

**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, 1999**

Nature of Suit	1998	1999					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>256,787</b>	<b>260,271</b>	<b>31,067</b>	<b>34,376</b>	<b>144,898</b>	<b>49,793</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>42,292</b>	<b>50,676</b>	<b>23,042</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>6,268</b>	<b>20,847</b>	<b>19</b>
INSURANCE	7,270	7,327	21	53	1,052	6,197	4
MARINE	2,593	2,529	60	12	2,327	127	3
MILLER ACT	862	780	249	5	526	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	673	577	129	8	47	393	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS, TOTAL	14,577	22,403	22,040	170	118	75	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	14,080	21,915	21,816	99	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	79	60	60	-	-	-	-
OTHER	418	428	164	71	118	75	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	16,317	17,060	543	252	2,198	14,055	12
<b>REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>5,663</b>	<b>5,972</b>	<b>2,617</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>2,282</b>	<b>63</b>
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	475	414	211	27	168	8	-
FORECLOSURE	3,790	4,302	2,302	124	128	1,688	60
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	225	197	37	11	66	83	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	397	401	17	37	118	228	1
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	776	658	50	156	175	275	2
<b>TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>50,362</b>	<b>44,426</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2,837</b>	<b>15,947</b>	<b>25,504</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>46,496</b>	<b>40,497</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2,613</b>	<b>14,704</b>	<b>23,105</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY/</b>							
<b>PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL</b>	<b>26,886</b>	<b>18,781</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>7,158</b>	<b>11,573</b>	<b>3</b>
AIRPLANE	177	163	-	1	37	125	-
MARINE	68	48	-	1	15	32	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	438	433	-	13	17	402	1
ASBESTOS	9,111	8,948	-	6	5,030	3,912	-
OTHER	17,092	9,189	-	26	2,059	7,102	2
<b>OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>19,610</b>	<b>21,716</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2,566</b>	<b>7,546</b>	<b>11,532</b>	<b>37</b>
AIRPLANE	733	678	-	71	225	381	1
MARINE	2,110	4,995	13	61	4,705	216	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,933	4,901	-	788	190	3,919	4
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	767	825	-	69	219	537	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	1,635	1,264	-	92	1,172	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,322	1,447	-	648	-	798	1
OTHER	8,110	7,606	22	837	1,035	5,681	31

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Nature of Suit	1998	1999					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL</b>	<b>3,866</b>	<b>3,929</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>2,399</b>	<b>3</b>
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,170	2,244	47	52	911	1,231	3
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,696	1,685	13	172	332	1,168	-
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL</b>	<b>158,459</b>	<b>159,185</b>	<b>5,312</b>	<b>30,680</b>	<b>122,022</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>ANTITRUST</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL</b>	<b>3,833</b>	<b>3,725</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3,650</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	3,313	2,956	38	20	2,898	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	520	769	8	9	752	-	-
<b>BANKS AND BANKING</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>42,354</b>	<b>41,304</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>2,399</b>	<b>37,140</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>-</b>
VOTING	108	102	6	3	93	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	23,735	22,490	549	1,326	19,806	809	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMODATIONS	838	1,136	49	35	1,045	7	-
WELFARE	66	63	1	8	53	1	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	17,607	17,513	109	1,027	16,143	234	-
<b>COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>DEPORTATION</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>54,715</b>	<b>56,603</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,859</b>	<b>45,738</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6</b>
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	6,287	5,752	-	5,752	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	20,897	23,821	-	3,570	20,245	-	6
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	262	268	-	20	248	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	807	1,068	-	555	513	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	13,756	14,083	-	642	13,441	-	-
PRISON CONDITION*	12,706	11,611	-	320	11,291	-	-
<b>FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,331</b>	<b>2,258</b>	<b>2,106</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	132	65	31	34	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	124	102	90	12	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,106	1,104	1,062	42	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	12	23	22	1	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	5	10	8	2	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	952	954	893	61	-	-	-

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<b>LABOR LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>14,650</b>	<b>14,372</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>13,816</b>	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	1,562	1,717	199	26	1,492	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,744	1,782	46	27	1,709	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	132	123	12	3	108	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	133	146	-	3	143	-	-
ERISA**	9,609	9,298	108	24	9,166	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,470	1,306	39	69	1,198	-	-
<b>PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>7,748</b>	<b>8,242</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8,201</b>	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,082	2,093	-	-	2,093	-	-
PATENT	2,218	2,318	13	19	2,286	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,448	3,831	9	-	3,822	-	-
<b>SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES</b>	<b>2,358</b>	<b>2,563</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,299</b>	-	-
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>14,552</b>	<b>13,920</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>13,825</b>	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	107	98	-	98	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	9	13	-	13	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	7,770	7,334	95	7,239	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	5,887	5,689	-	5,689	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	779	786	-	786	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>RICO***</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>4</b>	-	<b>672</b>	<b>87</b>	-
<b>STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	-	-	<b>7</b>	-	-
<b>TAX SUITS</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>1,179</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>830</b>	-	-	-
<b>CUSTOMER CHALLENGE</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>26</b>	-	<b>26</b>	-	-	-
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>352</b>	-	<b>314</b>	<b>38</b>	-	-
<b>CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS</b>	<b>10,342</b>	<b>10,944</b>	<b>1,033</b>	<b>1,593</b>	<b>8,318</b>	-	-
<b>OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	11	12	1	4	6	1	-

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\* COLLECTION OF DATA FOR THIS CATEGORY BEGAN ON JANUARY 1, 1997.

\*\* ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

\*\*\* RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.