

Table C-2A.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 1995 Through 1999

NATURE OF SUIT	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Percent Change 1999/1998
TOTAL CASES	248,335	269,132	272,027	256,787	260,271	1.4
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	31,182	35,688	40,836	42,292	50,676	19.8
INSURANCE	7,540	7,914	8,045	7,270	7,327	0.8
MARINE	2,622	2,797	2,587	2,593	2,529	-2.5
MILLER ACT	775	912	834	862	780	-9.5
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	1,536	1,194	1,056	673	577	-14.3
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS, TOTAL	1,822	5,139	9,677	14,577	22,403	53.7
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	1,142	4,508	9,098	14,080	21,915	55.6
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	253	152	115	79	60	-24.1
OTHER	427	479	464	418	428	2.4
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	16,887	17,732	18,637	16,317	17,060	4.6
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	6,869	6,254	5,473	5,663	5,972	5.5
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	334	367	334	475	414	-12.9
FORECLOSURE	4,972	4,406	3,764	3,790	4,302	13.5
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	310	295	239	225	197	-12.5
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	401	363	390	397	401	1.0
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	852	823	746	776	658	-15.2
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	53,986	59,661	58,289	50,362	44,426	-11.8
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	50,565	55,647	53,940	46,496	40,497	-12.9
PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	27,547	27,584	32,856	26,886	18,781	-30.2
AIRPLANE	155	135	161	177	163	-7.9
MARINE	53	55	43	68	48	-29.4
MOTOR VEHICLE	566	550	537	438	433	-1.2
ASBESTOS	6,916	7,289	7,143	9,111	8,948	-1.8
OTHER	19,857	19,555	24,972	17,092	9,189	-46.2
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	23,018	28,063	21,084	19,610	21,716	10.7
AIRPLANE	683	809	740	733	678	-7.5
MARINE	2,277	2,172	2,298	2,110	4,995	136.7
MOTOR VEHICLE	5,374	5,330	5,126	4,933	4,901	-0.7
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	826	848	859	767	825	7.6
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	1,903	2,225	1,943	1,635	1,264	-22.7
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,328	1,330	1,368	1,322	1,447	9.5
OTHER	10,627	15,349	8,750	8,110	7,606	-6.2

Table C-2A. (September 30, 1999—Continued)

NATURE OF SUIT	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Percent Change 1999/1998
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	3,421	4,014	4,349	3,866	3,929	1.6
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	1,881	2,299	2,693	2,170	2,244	3.4
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,540	1,715	1,656	1,696	1,685	-0.7
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	156,209	167,520	167,414	158,459	159,185	0.5
ANTITRUST	781	689	598	580	645	11.2
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	5,046	4,565	4,139	3,833	3,725	-2.8
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	4,312	3,872	3,475	3,313	2,956	-10.8
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	734	693	664	520	769	47.9
BANKS AND BANKING	432	407	280	236	220	-6.8
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	36,600	42,007	43,278	42,354	41,304	-2.5
VOTING	208	229	141	108	102	-5.6
EMPLOYMENT	19,059	23,152	23,796	23,735	22,490	-5.3
HOUSING AND ACCOMODATIONS	735	932	854	838	1,136	35.6
WELFARE	116	83	91	66	63	-4.6
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	16,482	17,611	18,396	17,607	17,513	-0.5
COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)	580	1,624	502	593	672	13.3
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	1,081	1,131	958	997	895	-10.2
DEPORTATION	106	150	149	155	191	23.2
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	63,550	68,235	62,966	54,715	56,603	3.5
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,988	9,729	11,675	6,287	5,752	-8.5
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	14,799	16,194	21,621	20,897	23,821	14.0
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	176	235	237	262	268	2.3
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	908	862	798	807	1,068	32.3
CIVIL RIGHTS*	41,679	41,215	19,081	13,756	14,083	2.4
PRISON CONDITION*	-	-	9,554	12,706	11,611	-8.6
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,517	2,235	2,384	2,331	2,258	-3.1
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	155	162	146	132	65	-50.8
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	197	140	149	124	102	-17.8
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,042	947	1,131	1,106	1,104	-0.2
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	11	14	24	12	23	91.7
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	33	27	20	5	10	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	1,079	945	914	952	954	0.2

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NATURE OF SUIT	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Percent Change 1999/1998
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	14,954	15,073	15,508	14,650	14,372	-1.9
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	1,580	1,558	1,633	1,562	1,717	9.9
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,984	1,902	1,927	1,744	1,782	2.2
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	161	185	182	132	123	-6.8
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	172	176	168	133	146	9.8
ERISA**	9,517	9,655	10,045	9,609	9,298	-3.2
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,540	1,597	1,553	1,470	1,306	-11.2
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	6,866	7,028	7,559	7,748	8,242	6.4
COPYRIGHT	2,417	2,263	2,258	2,082	2,093	0.5
PATENT	1,723	1,840	2,112	2,218	2,318	4.5
TRADEMARK	2,726	2,925	3,189	3,448	3,831	11.1
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	1,906	1,704	1,669	2,358	2,563	8.7
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	9,354	9,347	13,605	14,552	13,920	-4.4
HEALTH INSURANCE	81	71	98	107	98	-8.4
BLACK LUNG CASES	11	12	17	9	13	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	5,501	5,166	7,583	7,770	7,334	-5.6
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	3,347	3,656	5,204	5,887	5,689	-3.4
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	414	442	703	779	786	0.9
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-
RICO***	900	849	840	785	763	-2.8
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	7	5	11	3	7	-
TAX SUITS	2,202	2,122	2,272	1,524	1,179	-22.6
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	33	22	15	15	26	73.3
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	467	463	371	397	352	-11.3
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	309	309	333	291	304	4.5
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	8,518	9,555	9,977	10,342	10,944	5.8
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	89	9	15	11	12	9.1
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	89	9	15	11	12	9.1

NOTE: PERCENT CHANGE NOT COMPUTED WHERE BASE IS LESS THAN 10.

* COLLECTION OF DATA ON PRISON CONDITION CASES BEGAN ON JANUARY 1, 1997; THEREFORE, NINE MONTHS OF DATA ARE REPORTED FOR THIS CATEGORY FOR 1997. THE TOTAL FOR PRISONER PETITION CIVIL RIGHT CASES FOR 1997 INCLUDES SOME PRISON CONDITION CASES.

** ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

*** RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.