

Table X-5.

U.S. District Courts—Class Action Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 1999

Nature of Suit	1998	Total	1999				
			U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	1,881	2,133	6	35	1,806	286	-
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	190	198	2	1	86	109	-
INSURANCE	43	40	-	-	10	30	-
MARINE	2	1	-	-	1	-	-
MILLER ACT	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS							
AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	27	5	2	-	3	-	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	23	2	2	-	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	4	3	-	-	3	-	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	117	151	-	1	71	79	-
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	12	27	-	2	3	22	-
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
FORECLOSURE	1	2	-	-	-	2	-
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	3	12	-	-	1	11	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	7	13	-	2	2	9	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	202	396	-	-	247	149	-
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	111	254	-	-	165	89	-
PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	61	223	-	-	151	72	-
AIRPLANE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARINE	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	2	3	-	-	-	3	-
ASBESTOS	1	178	-	-	146	32	-
OTHER	58	40	-	-	5	35	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	50	31	-	-	14	17	-
AIRPLANE	4	1	-	-	-	1	-
MARINE	4	1	-	-	1	-	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	3	4	-	-	2	2	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	2	2	-	-	1	1	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	1	3	-	-	3	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	35	20	-	-	7	13	-

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Nature of Suit	1998	Total	1999				
			U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	91	142	-	-	82	60	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	77	103	-	-	79	24	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	14	39	-	-	3	36	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	1,477	1,512	4	32	1,470	6	-
ANTITRUST	60	100	-	1	99	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	22	10	-	-	10	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	265	211	3	14	193	1	-
VOTING	5	2	-	-	2	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	85	74	3	6	65	-	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMODATIONS	14	11	-	1	10	-	-
WELFARE	14	4	-	-	4	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	147	120	-	7	112	1	-
COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)	5	3	-	-	3	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	3	2	-	1	1	-	-
DEPORTATION	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	90	36	-	3	33	-	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	5	1	-	-	1	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	4	1	-	-	1	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	47	11	-	1	10	-	-
PRISON CONDITION*	32	23	-	2	21	-	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	1998	Total	1999				
			U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	164	142	-	1	141	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	60	54	-	-	54	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	8	7	-	1	6	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	3	2	-	-	2	-	-
ERISA**	81	68	-	-	68	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	12	10	-	-	10	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	5	6	-	-	6	-	-
COPYRIGHT	3	3	-	-	3	-	-
PATENT	1	2	-	-	2	-	-
TRADEMARK	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	584	709	1	-	708	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	3	1	-	1	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RICO***	39	35	-	-	30	5	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TAX SUITS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	16	2	-	-	2	-	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	219	252	-	9	243	-	-

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			U.S. Cases		Private Cases			
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OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* COLLECTION OF DATA FOR THIS CATEGORY BEGAN ON JANUARY 1, 1997.
 ** ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.
 *** RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.