

Table C-2A.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2007 Through 2011

Nature of Suit	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change 2010-2011
Total Cases	257,507	267,257	276,397	282,895	289,252	2.2
Contract Actions, Total	33,939	34,172	35,634	31,109	32,306	3.8
Franchise	384	391	429	357	423	18.5
Insurance	13,287	12,697	11,155	9,380	9,493	1.2
Marine	1,969	2,349	3,498	1,344	1,117	-16.9
Miller Act	302	225	249	276	388	40.6
Negotiable Instruments	377	504	872	956	876	-8.4
Recovery of Overpayments and						
Enforcement of Judgments	3,204	3,447	3,043	3,426	5,047	47.3
Defaulted Student Loans	2,673	2,910	2,405	2,741	4,332	58.0
Veterans' Overpayment	20	9	12	16	8	-50.0
Other	511	528	626	669	707	5.7
Other Contract Actions	14,416	14,559	16,388	15,370	14,962	-2.7
Real Property Actions, Total	5,180	5,072	5,998	7,432	10,688	43.8
Condemnation of Land	321	944	317	173	183	5.8
Foreclosure	2,960	2,144	3,129	4,267	7,224	69.3
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	135	172	185	254	333	31.1
Torts to Land, Including						
Product Liability	842	510	579	661	577	-12.7
Other Real Property Actions	922	1,302	1,788	2,077	2,371	14.2
Tort Actions, Total	61,359	72,011	78,093	83,055	78,175	-5.9
Personal Injury, Total	57,244	68,121	72,897	78,350	73,749	-5.9
Personal Injury/ Product Liability, Total	36,469	52,110	58,335	63,203	59,761	-5.4
Airplane	114	101	131	184	101	-45.1
Marine	44	33	27	37	14	-62.2
Motor Vehicle	447	390	401	507	305	-39.8
Asbestos ¹	12,404	33,780	41,785	41,133	37,744	-8.2
Other	23,460	17,806	15,991	21,342	21,597	1.2
Other Personal Injury, Total	20,775	16,011	14,562	15,147	13,988	-7.7
Airplane	478	386	446	300	269	-10.3
Marine	1,597	1,393	1,345	1,393	1,390	-0.2
Motor Vehicle	3,764	3,636	3,588	3,546	3,549	0.1
Assault, Libel, and Slander	533	557	530	559	590	5.5
Federal Employers Liability Act	585	511	545	480	413	-14.0
Medical Malpractice	1,164	1,255	1,059	1,115	1,105	-0.9
Other	12,654	8,273	7,049	7,754	6,672	-14.0

Table C-2A. (September 30, 2011—Continued)

Nature of Suit	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change 2010-2011
Personal Property Damage, Total	4,115	3,890	5,196	4,705	4,426	-5.9
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,129	2,245	3,320	2,902	2,683	-7.5
Other Personal Property Damage	1,986	1,645	1,876	1,803	1,743	-3.3
Actions Under Statutes, Total	156,916	155,939	156,629	161,297	168,076	4.2
Antitrust	1,038	1,318	812	544	475	-12.7
Bankruptcy, Total	3,164	2,383	2,313	2,696	2,829	4.9
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,290	1,954	1,906	2,177	2,227	2.3
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	874	429	407	519	602	16.0
Banks and Banking	234	258	444	647	622	-3.9
Civil Rights, Total	31,756	32,132	33,761	34,872	37,020	6.2
Voting	118	145	127	102	168	64.7
Employment	13,375	13,219	14,036	14,543	15,141	4.1
Housing and Accommodations	665	644	746	687	783	14.0
Welfare	27	48	71	58	52	-10.3
ADA—Employment	1,041	1,095	1,195	1,522	1,768	16.2
ADA—Other	1,277	1,583	1,974	2,309	2,713	17.5
Other Civil Rights	15,253	15,398	15,612	15,651	16,395	4.8
Environmental Matters	767	920	741	942	726	-22.9
Deportation	115	130	91	61	53	-13.1
Prisoner Petitions, Total	53,945	55,271	53,187	52,583	53,611	2.0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	5,896	6,352	5,771	5,858	6,260	6.9
Habeas Corpus—General	22,192	21,298	20,319	19,825	19,624	-1.0
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	246	192	245	208	195	-6.3
Mandamus and Other	1,586	1,265	1,081	952	1,011	6.2
Civil Rights	16,716	18,069	17,348	16,951	17,047	0.6
Prison Condition	7,309	7,610	7,540	8,107	8,609	6.2
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	0	485	883	682	865	26.8
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	2,272	2,331	2,371	2,268	2,369	4.5
Agricultural Acts	29	26	22	32	35	9.4
Food and Drug Act	55	47	34	35	51	45.7
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,355	1,399	1,441	1,273	1,235	-3.0
Air Traffic Regulations	5	4	1	5	6	-
Occupational Safety and Health Act	7	8	12	15	28	86.7
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	821	847	861	908	1,014	11.7

Table C-2A. (September 30, 2010—Continued)

Nature of Suit	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change 2010-2011
Labor Laws, Total	18,674	16,788	17,719	18,624	17,966	-3.5
Fair Labor Standards Act	7,310	5,393	6,073	6,825	6,335	-7.2
Labor Management Relations Act	1,079	1,051	1,066	1,094	1,173	7.2
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	82	66	57	70	42	-40.0
Railway Labor Act	92	83	74	66	74	12.1
ERISA ²	8,986	8,983	9,129	9,216	8,860	-3.9
Other Labor Litigation	1,125	1,212	1,320	1,353	1,482	9.5
Immigration, Total ³	0	1,156	1,394	1,183	1,083	-8.5
Naturalization Applications	0	586	437	402	298	-25.9
Other Immigration Actions	0	570	957	781	785	0.5
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	10,783	9,592	8,365	8,966	9,940	10.9
Copyright	4,400	3,234	2,192	2,013	2,297	14.1
Patent	2,896	2,909	2,792	3,301	4,015	21.6
Trademark	3,487	3,449	3,381	3,652	3,628	-0.7
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,394	1,637	1,674	1,397	1,402	0.4
Social Security Laws, Total	12,974	13,138	13,622	14,016	15,705	12.1
Disability Insurance	6,187	6,080	6,389	6,141	6,779	10.4
Supplemental Security Income	6,135	6,373	6,472	7,088	8,176	15.3
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	594	603	665	715	682	-4.6
Other	58	82	96	72	68	-5.6
RICO ⁴	653	684	786	993	666	-32.9
State Reapportionment Suits	6	4	3	6	14	-
Tax Suits	1,522	1,451	1,306	1,190	1,194	0.3
Customer Challenge	12	8	19	9	9	-
Consumer Credit	3,222	4,239	6,463	8,453	9,822	16.2
Cable/Satellite TV	450	639	626	1,014	1,518	49.7
Freedom of Information Act	335	280	314	298	388	30.2
Constitutionality of State Statutes	277	254	273	329	333	1.2
Other Statutory Actions	13,323	11,326	10,345	10,206	10,331	1.2
Other Actions, Total	113	63	43	2	7	-

NOTE: Percent change not computed when fewer than 10 cases reported for the previous period.

¹ Includes cases filed in previous years as consolidated cases that thereafter were severed into individual cases.

² ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

³ Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

⁴ RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.