

Table C-12.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Pending Three Years or More, by Basis of Jurisdiction and Nature of Suit,
on September 30, 2010 and 2011

Nature of Suit	Cases Pending Three Years or More		U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
	2010	2011	Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	46,406	40,211	1,084	1,755	13,936	23,433	3
Contract Actions, Total	1,984	2,147	300	24	655	1,166	2
Franchise	15	20	-	-	6	14	-
Insurance	392	402	1	5	113	283	-
Marine	62	81	-	1	78	2	-
Miller Act	33	30	7	-	23	-	-
Negotiable Instruments	80	91	19	-	51	21	-
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	277	294	259	5	18	12	-
Defaulted Student Loans	94	103	103	-	-	-	-
Veterans' Overpayment	45	45	45	-	-	-	-
Other	138	146	111	5	18	12	-
Other Contract Actions	1,125	1,229	14	13	366	834	2
Real Property Actions, Total	462	454	32	140	150	132	-
Foreclosure	73	79	26	12	16	25	-
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	11	18	2	1	10	5	-
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	243	230	2	111	56	61	-
Other Real Property Actions	135	127	2	16	68	41	-
Tort Actions, Total	32,275	25,671	17	121	3,436	22,096	1
Personal Injury, Total	31,623	24,987	6	108	3,165	21,707	1
Personal Injury/ Product Liability, Total	22,295	22,401	-	4	1,135	21,262	-
Airplane	4	6	-	-	1	5	-
Marine	5	5	-	-	4	1	-
Motor Vehicle	114	38	-	-	6	32	-
Asbestos ¹	7,788	4,540	-	1	18	4,521	-
Other	14,384	17,812	-	3	1,106	16,703	-
Other Personal Injury, Total	9,328	2,586	6	104	2,030	445	1
Airplane	31	26	-	1	16	9	-
Marine	81	85	-	3	80	2	-
Motor Vehicle	196	203	-	18	76	109	-
Assault, Libel, and Slander	29	36	-	4	16	16	-
Federal Employers Liability Act	49	39	-	4	35	-	-
Medical Malpractice	57	65	-	31	-	34	-
Other	8,885	2,132	6	43	1,807	275	1

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Nature of Suit	Cases Pending Three Years or More		U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
	2010	2011	Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Personal Property Damage, Total	652	684	11	13	271	389	-
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	420	354	11	2	207	134	-
Other Personal Property Damage	232	330	-	11	64	255	-
Actions Under Statutes, Total	11,673	11,929	734	1,470	9,687	38	-
Antitrust	519	749	4	-	745	-	-
Bankruptcy, Total	116	121	-	1	120	-	-
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	61	68	-	-	68	-	-
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	55	53	-	1	52	-	-
Banks and Banking	31	35	1	7	27	-	-
Civil Rights, Total	2,331	2,515	55	176	2,265	19	-
Voting	17	13	3	1	9	-	-
Employment	834	855	30	96	718	11	-
Housing and Accommodations	54	69	7	3	58	1	-
Welfare	15	12	-	2	10	-	-
ADA—Employment	27	34	-	-	33	1	-
ADA—Other	47	58	1	1	55	1	-
Other Civil Rights	1,337	1,474	14	73	1,382	5	-
Environmental Matters	215	214	37	45	132	-	-
Deportation	3	2	-	2	-	-	-
Prisoner Petitions, Total	3,563	3,601	-	574	3,027	-	-
Motions to Vacate Sentence	259	348	-	348	-	-	-
Habeas Corpus—General	1,283	1,153	-	97	1,056	-	-
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	407	399	-	24	375	-	-
Mandamus and Other	56	61	-	48	13	-	-
Civil Rights	1,235	1,273	-	34	1,239	-	-
Prison Condition	323	365	-	21	344	-	-
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	0	2	-	2	-	-	-
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	187	202	194	8	-	-	-
Agricultural Acts	4	4	2	2	-	-	-
Food and Drug Act	4	2	2	-	-	-	-
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	39	53	51	2	-	-	-
Air Traffic Regulations	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Occupational Safety and Health Act	4	4	4	-	-	-	-
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	135	138	134	4	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	Cases Pending Three Years or More		U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
	2010	2011	Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Labor Laws, Total	925	949	31	5	913	-	-
Fair Labor Standards Act	258	272	18	-	254	-	-
Labor Management Relations Act	187	185	5	1	179	-	-
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	7	6	-	-	6	-	-
Railway Labor Act	13	6	-	-	6	-	-
ERISA ²	313	331	3	1	327	-	-
Other Labor Litigation	147	149	5	3	141	-	-
Immigration, Total ³	1	6	-	6	-	-	-
Naturalization Applications	0	2	-	2	-	-	-
Other Immigration Actions	1	4	-	4	-	-	-
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	677	731	1	3	727	-	-
Copyright	105	108	-	-	108	-	-
Patent	442	480	1	3	476	-	-
Trademark	130	143	-	-	143	-	-
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	880	613	95	1	517	-	-
Social Security Laws, Total	393	409	1	408	-	-	-
Disability Insurance	245	247	1	246	-	-	-
Supplemental Security Income	73	86	-	86	-	-	-
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	13	12	-	12	-	-	-
Other	62	64	-	64	-	-	-
RICO ⁴	139	145	2	-	134	9	-
State Reapportionment Suits	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
Tax Suits	90	93	40	53	-	-	-
Customer Challenge	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
Consumer Credit	85	128	-	-	122	6	-
Cable/Satellite TV	4	2	-	-	2	-	-
Freedom of Information Act	40	42	-	39	3	-	-
Constitutionality of State Statutes	37	35	-	-	31	4	-
Other Statutory Actions	1,435	1,335	273	141	921	-	-
Other Actions, Total	12	10	1	-	8	1	-

NOTE: Land condemnation cases are omitted.

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.