

Table C-2A.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,
During the Twelve-Month Periods Ended September 30, 1993 Through 1997

NATURE OF SUIT	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	Percent Change 1997/1996
TOTAL CASES	229,850	236,391	248,335	269,132	272,027	1.1
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	35,146	31,254	31,182	35,688	40,836	14.4
INSURANCE	7,383	7,385	7,540	7,914	8,045	1.7
MARINE	3,017	2,708	2,622	2,797	2,587	-7.5
MILLER ACT	835	886	775	912	834	-8.6
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	1,905	1,499	1,536	1,194	1,056	-11.6
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	4,519	2,330	1,822	5,139	9,677	88.3
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,816	1,313	1,142	4,508	9,098	101.8
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	1,306	653	253	152	115	-24.4
OTHER	397	364	427	479	464	-3.1
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	17,487	16,446	16,887	17,732	18,637	5.1
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	7,884	7,585	6,869	6,254	5,473	-12.5
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	374	435	334	367	334	-9.0
FORECLOSURE	5,896	5,572	4,972	4,406	3,764	-14.6
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	340	303	310	295	239	-19.0
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	404	412	401	363	390	7.4
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	870	863	852	823	746	-9.4
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	43,259	47,664	53,986	59,661	58,289	-2.3
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	39,746	44,306	50,565	55,647	53,940	-3.1
PERSONAL INJURY/PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	18,959	22,288	27,547	27,584	32,856	19.1
AIRPLANE	95	115	155	135	161	19.3
MARINE	65	42	53	55	43	-21.8
MOTOR VEHICLE	630	534	566	550	537	-2.4
ASBESTOS	5,683	6,518	6,916	7,289	7,143	-2.0
OTHER	12,486	15,079	19,857	19,555	24,972	27.7
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	20,787	22,018	23,018	28,063	21,084	-24.9
AIRPLANE	534	557	683	809	740	-8.5
MARINE	2,601	2,330	2,277	2,172	2,298	5.8
MOTOR VEHICLE	5,370	5,087	5,374	5,330	5,126	-3.8
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	712	783	826	848	859	1.3
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	2,149	2,092	1,903	2,225	1,943	-12.7
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,279	1,332	1,328	1,330	1,368	2.9
OTHER	8,142	9,837	10,627	15,349	8,750	-43.0

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PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	3,513	3,358	3,421	4,014	4,349	8.3
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	1,756	1,708	1,881	2,299	2,693	17.1
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,757	1,650	1,540	1,715	1,656	-3.5
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	143,398	149,788	156,209	167,520	167,414	-0.1
ANTITRUST	653	686	781	689	598	-13.2
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	6,302	5,497	5,046	4,565	4,139	-9.3
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	4,892	4,558	4,312	3,872	3,475	-10.3
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	1,410	939	734	693	664	-4.2
BANKS AND BANKING	802	573	432	407	280	-31.2
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	27,655	32,622	36,600	42,007	43,278	3.0
VOTING	213	224	208	229	141	-38.4
EMPLOYMENT	12,962	15,965	19,059	23,152	23,796	2.8
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	590	730	735	932	854	-8.4
WELFARE	114	122	116	83	91	9.6
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	13,776	15,581	16,482	17,611	18,396	4.5
COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)	1,641	929	580	1,624	502	-69.1
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	1,054	1,120	1,081	1,131	958	-15.3
DEPORTATION	104	117	106	150	149	-0.7
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	53,451	57,940	63,550	68,235	62,966	-7.7
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,379	4,628	5,988	9,729	11,675	20.0
HABEAS CORPUS	13,054	13,359	14,975	16,429	21,858	33.0
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,085	888	908	862	798	-7.4
CIVIL RIGHTS*	33,933	39,065	41,679	41,215	28,635	-30.5
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	4,479	3,285	2,517	2,235	2,384	6.7
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	115	156	155	162	146	-9.9
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	390	263	197	140	149	6.4
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,934	1,326	1,042	947	1,131	19.4
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	46	29	11	14	24	71.4
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	69	49	33	27	20	-25.9
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	1,925	1,462	1,079	945	914	-3.3

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LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	15,820	15,662	14,954	15,073	15,508	2.9
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	1,457	1,545	1,580	1,558	1,633	4.8
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	2,050	2,142	1,984	1,902	1,927	1.3
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	137	153	161	185	182	-1.6
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	166	163	172	176	168	-4.6
ERISA**	10,536	10,216	9,517	9,655	10,045	4.0
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,474	1,443	1,540	1,597	1,553	-2.8
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	6,560	6,902	6,866	7,028	7,559	7.6
COPYRIGHT	2,588	2,828	2,417	2,263	2,258	-0.2
PATENT	1,553	1,617	1,723	1,840	2,112	14.8
TRADEMARK	2,419	2,457	2,726	2,925	3,189	9.0
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	1,793	1,810	1,906	1,704	1,669	-2.1
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	11,747	10,927	9,354	9,347	13,605	45.6
HEALTH INSURANCE	137	108	81	71	98	38.0
BLACK LUNG CASES	17	17	11	12	17	41.7
DISABILITY INSURANCE	7,664	6,641	5,501	5,166	7,583	46.8
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	3,476	3,682	3,347	3,656	5,204	42.3
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS' BENEFITS	453	479	414	442	703	59.0
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-
RICO***	903	828	900	849	840	-1.1
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	4	8	7	5	11	-
TAX SUITS	2,274	2,187	2,202	2,122	2,272	7.1
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	34	36	33	22	15	-31.8
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	435	573	467	463	371	-19.9
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	300	356	309	309	333	7.8
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	7,387	7,730	8,518	9,555	9,977	4.4
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	163	100	89	9	15	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	1	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	162	100	89	9	15	-

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

* THIS CATEGORY INCLUDES PRISON CONDITION CASES.

** ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

*** RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.