

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, 2003

Nature of Suit	2002	Total	2003				
			U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	2,916	2,148	7	41	1,834	266	-
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	168	151	-	8	59	84	-
INSURANCE	38	39	-	5	4	30	-
MARINE	-	2	-	-	1	1	-
MILLER ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS							
AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3	3	-	1	2	-	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	3	3	-	1	2	-	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	125	107	-	2	52	53	-
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	17	20	-	1	4	15	-
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
FORECLOSURE	2	1	-	-	-	1	-
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	11	13	-	-	1	12	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	4	5	-	-	3	2	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	571	312	-	3	149	160	-
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	500	237	-	3	95	139	-
PERSONAL INJURY/							
PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	448	159	-	-	65	94	-
AIRPLANE	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARINE	-	2	-	-	2	-	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	3	2	-	-	1	1	-
ASBESTOS	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
OTHER	443	154	-	-	61	93	-

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Nature of Suit	2002	Total	2003				
			U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	52	78	-	3	30	45	-
AIRPLANE	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARINE	1	3	-	-	2	1	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	8	4	-	-	-	4	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	5	1	-	-	-	1	-
OTHER	35	69	-	3	28	38	-
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	71	75	-	-	54	21	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	62	64	-	-	52	12	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	9	11	-	-	2	9	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	2,160	1,665	7	29	1,622	7	-
ANTITRUST	126	97	-	-	97	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	1	2	-	-	2	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	-	2	-	-	2	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	13	10	-	-	10	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	199	195	2	11	178	4	-
VOTING	6	5	-	1	4	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	74	76	2	4	67	3	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	8	5	-	-	5	-	-
WELFARE	1	5	-	-	5	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	110	104	-	6	97	1	-
COMMERCE	3	6	-	-	6	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	4	2	-	-	2	-	-
DEPORTATION	3	1	-	1	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	2002	Total	2003				
			U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	60	52	-	4	48	-	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	6	3	-	1	2	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	24	20	-	2	18	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	28	27	-	1	26	-	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	200	244	-	-	244	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	86	102	-	-	102	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	6	7	-	-	7	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	1	2	-	-	2	-	-
ERISA**	94	119	-	-	119	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	12	14	-	-	14	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	7	7	-	-	7	-	-
COPYRIGHT	3	5	-	-	5	-	-
PATENT	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
TRADEMARK	3	1	-	-	1	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	1,237	719	3	-	716	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	3	4	-	4	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	2	2	-	2	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	1	2	-	2	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	2002	Total	2003				
			U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
RICO***	32	50	-	-	48	2	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TAX SUITS	-	2	1	1	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	3	2	-	-	1	1	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	268	271	-	8	263	-	-
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.