

Table C-4.

**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Terminated, by Nature of Suit and Action Taken,
During the Twelve-Month Period Ended September 30, 1997**

| Nature of Suit | Total | No Court Action | Court Action | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| | | | Total | Before Pretrial | During or After Pretrial | During or After Trial | | | Percent Reaching Trial |
| | | | | | | Total | Nonjury | Jury | |
| TOTAL CASES | 249,336 | 38,545 | 210,791 | 182,812 | 20,620 | 7,359 | 2,802 | 4,557 | 3.0 |
| UNITED STATES CASES | 50,345 | 7,793 | 42,552 | 40,095 | 1,799 | 658 | 462 | 196 | 1.3 |
| CONTRACT ACTIONS | | | | | | | | | |
| NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS | 452 | 133 | 319 | 291 | 22 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1.3 |
| RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS | 7,001 | 2,202 | 4,799 | 4,744 | 52 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0.0 |
| OTHER CONTRACTS | 2,348 | 1,031 | 1,317 | 1,136 | 139 | 42 | 21 | 21 | 1.8 |
| REAL PROPERTY | 2,984 | 452 | 2,532 | 2,407 | 110 | 15 | 12 | 3 | 0.5 |
| TORT ACTIONS | | | | | | | | | |
| MARINE, PERSONAL INJURY | 119 | 22 | 97 | 64 | 21 | 12 | 12 | - | 10.1 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE, PERSONAL INJURY | 846 | 214 | 632 | 442 | 136 | 54 | 50 | 4 | 6.4 |
| OTHER PERSONAL INJURY | 1,932 | 389 | 1,543 | 1,141 | 270 | 132 | 110 | 22 | 6.8 |
| OTHER TORTS | 363 | 81 | 282 | 236 | 33 | 13 | 12 | 1 | 3.6 |
| ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES | | | | | | | | | |
| ANTITRUST | 38 | 5 | 33 | 30 | 3 | - | - | - | - |
| CIVIL RIGHTS | | | | | | | | | |
| EMPLOYMENT | 1,516 | 207 | 1,309 | 966 | 194 | 149 | 62 | 87 | 9.8 |
| OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS | 1,277 | 145 | 1,132 | 1,034 | 66 | 32 | 16 | 16 | 2.5 |
| DEPORTATION | 112 | 19 | 93 | 90 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 0.9 |
| PRISONER PETITIONS | | | | | | | | | |
| MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE | 9,125 | 517 | 8,608 | 8,583 | 13 | 12 | 10 | 2 | 0.1 |
| HABEAS CORPUS | 1,704 | 91 | 1,613 | 1,603 | 6 | 4 | 4 | - | 0.2 |
| MANDAMUS AND OTHER | 457 | 92 | 365 | 352 | 10 | 3 | 3 | - | 0.7 |
| CIVIL RIGHTS* | 1,052 | 66 | 986 | 973 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0.5 |
| LIQUOR FORFEITURES | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS | 2,335 | 339 | 1,996 | 1,819 | 143 | 34 | 25 | 9 | 1.5 |
| FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT | 180 | 34 | 146 | 129 | 15 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1.1 |
| OTHER LABOR LITIGATION | 436 | 79 | 357 | 324 | 26 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 1.6 |

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| | | | | | | Total | Nonjury | Jury | |
| SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT | 6 | 2 | 4 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - |
| SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS | | | | | | | | | |
| HEALTH INSURANCE | 71 | 7 | 64 | 60 | 4 | - | - | - | - |
| BLACK LUNG | 15 | 2 | 13 | 13 | - | - | - | - | - |
| DISABILITY INSURANCE | 5,504 | 409 | 5,095 | 4,997 | 92 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0.1 |
| SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME | 3,634 | 236 | 3,398 | 3,368 | 24 | 6 | 6 | - | 0.2 |
| RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS | 464 | 37 | 427 | 419 | 6 | 2 | 2 | - | 0.4 |
| OTHER | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TAX SUITS | 2,278 | 309 | 1,969 | 1,747 | 164 | 58 | 43 | 15 | 2.5 |
| ALL OTHER U.S. ACTIONS | 4,096 | 673 | 3,423 | 3,123 | 240 | 60 | 53 | 7 | 1.5 |
| FEDERAL QUESTION | 144,480 | 20,172 | 124,308 | 108,250 | 11,685 | 4,373 | 1,785 | 2,588 | 3.0 |
| CONTRACT ACTIONS | | | | | | | | | |
| MARINE | 2,361 | 471 | 1,890 | 1,583 | 253 | 54 | 47 | 7 | 2.3 |
| MILLER ACT | 548 | 152 | 396 | 331 | 48 | 17 | 12 | 5 | 3.1 |
| OTHER CONTRACTS | 3,282 | 730 | 2,552 | 2,154 | 330 | 68 | 36 | 32 | 2.1 |
| REAL PROPERTY | 594 | 89 | 505 | 414 | 81 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 1.7 |
| TORT ACTIONS | | | | | | | | | |
| EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT | 1,931 | 480 | 1,451 | 875 | 487 | 89 | 6 | 83 | 4.6 |
| MARINE, PERSONAL INJURY | 1,857 | 306 | 1,551 | 1,164 | 296 | 91 | 50 | 41 | 4.9 |
| OTHER PERSONAL INJURY | 8,318 | 426 | 7,892 | 7,553 | 273 | 66 | 15 | 51 | 0.8 |
| OTHER TORTS | 1,387 | 362 | 1,025 | 846 | 143 | 36 | 25 | 11 | 2.6 |
| ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES | | | | | | | | | |
| BANKRUPTCY SUITS | 4,399 | 386 | 4,013 | 3,906 | 69 | 38 | 33 | 5 | 0.9 |
| ANTITRUST | 556 | 82 | 474 | 370 | 86 | 18 | 4 | 14 | 3.2 |
| CIVIL RIGHTS | | | | | | | | | |
| EMPLOYMENT | 19,976 | 3,419 | 16,557 | 12,018 | 3,365 | 1,174 | 251 | 923 | 5.9 |
| OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS | 17,265 | 2,689 | 14,576 | 11,505 | 2,187 | 884 | 210 | 674 | 5.1 |
| PRISONER PETITIONS | | | | | | | | | |
| HABEAS CORPUS | 15,367 | 927 | 14,440 | 14,348 | 61 | 31 | 29 | 2 | 0.2 |
| MANDAMUS AND OTHER | 384 | 19 | 365 | 360 | - | 5 | 5 | - | 1.3 |
| CIVIL RIGHTS* | 33,930 | 2,503 | 31,427 | 29,723 | 642 | 1,062 | 618 | 444 | 3.1 |
| FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT | 1,417 | 262 | 1,155 | 863 | 228 | 64 | 34 | 30 | 4.5 |
| LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT | 1,845 | 387 | 1,458 | 1,211 | 223 | 24 | 16 | 8 | 1.3 |
| OTHER LABOR LITIGATION | 11,311 | 2,699 | 8,612 | 7,224 | 1,184 | 204 | 146 | 58 | 1.8 |
| COPYRIGHT | 2,202 | 508 | 1,694 | 1,427 | 219 | 48 | 36 | 12 | 2.2 |
| PATENT | 1,828 | 459 | 1,369 | 1,042 | 224 | 103 | 49 | 54 | 5.6 |

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| TRADEMARK CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES | 2,994 | 783 | 2,211 | 1,837 | 293 | 81 | 51 | 30 | 2.7 |
| ALL OTHER FEDERAL QUESTION | 10,468 | 2,006 | 8,462 | 7,291 | 972 | 199 | 102 | 97 | 1.9 |
| DIVERSITY OF CITIZENSHIP | 54,293 | 10,474 | 43,819 | 34,369 | 7,129 | 2,321 | 554 | 1,767 | 4.3 |
| CONTRACT ACTIONS | | | | | | | | | |
| INSURANCE | 6,636 | 1,400 | 5,236 | 4,137 | 855 | 244 | 83 | 161 | 3.7 |
| NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS | 614 | 128 | 486 | 391 | 70 | 25 | 17 | 8 | 4.1 |
| OTHER CONTRACTS | 14,381 | 3,210 | 11,171 | 8,444 | 2,177 | 550 | 250 | 300 | 3.8 |
| REAL PROPERTY | 2,138 | 257 | 1,881 | 1,708 | 118 | 55 | 22 | 33 | 2.6 |
| TORT ACTIONS | | | | | | | | | |
| MARINE, PERSONAL INJURY | 328 | 65 | 263 | 194 | 56 | 13 | 4 | 9 | 4.0 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE, PERSONAL INJURY | 4,688 | 896 | 3,792 | 2,380 | 1,055 | 357 | 28 | 329 | 7.6 |
| OTHER PERSONAL INJURY | 22,904 | 4,049 | 18,855 | 15,445 | 2,441 | 969 | 116 | 853 | 4.2 |
| OTHER TORTS | 2,484 | 447 | 2,037 | 1,589 | 345 | 103 | 32 | 71 | 4.1 |
| ALL OTHER DIVERSITY | 120 | 22 | 98 | 81 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4.2 |
| LOCAL JURISDICTION | 218 | 106 | 112 | 98 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 3.2 |
| CONTRACT ACTIONS | 76 | 40 | 36 | 33 | 1 | 2 | - | 2 | 2.6 |
| REAL PROPERTY | 29 | 12 | 17 | 15 | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6.9 |
| TORT ACTIONS | | | | | | | | | |
| MOTOR VEHICLE, PERSONAL INJURY | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| OTHER PERSONAL INJURY | 56 | 21 | 35 | 27 | 6 | 2 | - | 2 | 3.6 |
| OTHER TORTS | 4 | - | 4 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - |
| PRISONER PETITIONS | | | | | | | | | |
| HABEAS CORPUS | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| MANDAMUS AND OTHER | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| CIVIL RIGHTS | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| DOMESTIC RELATIONS | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| INSANITY | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| ALL OTHER LOCAL | 48 | 31 | 17 | 16 | - | 1 | - | 1 | 2.1 |

NOTE: LAND CONDEMNATION CASES OMITTED.

* THIS CATEGORY INCLUDES PRISON CONDITION CASES.