

Table X-5.

U.S. District Courts—Class Action Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction and Nature of Suit, During the Twelve-Month Period Ended September 30, 1997

Nature of Suit	1997					
	Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
		Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	1,475	11	39	1,151	274	-
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	145	1	2	42	100	-
INSURANCE	56	-	1	13	42	-
MARINE	2	-	-	1	1	-
MILLER ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	3	-	-	1	2	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	2	1	-	1	-	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	1	1	-	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	1	-	-	1	-	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	82	-	1	26	55	-
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	22	1	2	7	12	-
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	2	-	-	2	-	-
FORECLOSURE	9	1	1	-	7	-
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	5	-	-	2	3	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	6	-	1	3	2	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	262	-	2	99	161	-
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	107	-	2	16	89	-
PERSONAL INJURY/						
PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	69	-	-	3	66	-
AIRPLANE	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARINE	-	-	-	-	-	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	5	-	-	1	4	-
ASBESTOS	3	-	-	-	3	-
OTHER	61	-	-	2	59	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	38	-	2	13	23	-
AIRPLANE	-	-	1	1	-	-
MARINE	3	-	-	3	-	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	3	-	-	-	3	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	1	-	-	1	-	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	29	-	2	8	19	-

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Nature of Suit	1997					
	Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
		Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	155	-	-	83	72	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	140	-	-	80	60	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	15	-	-	3	12	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	1,046	9	33	1,003	1	-
ANTITRUST	78	1	-	77	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	3	-	-	3	-	-
APPEAL (28 USC 158)	3	-	-	3	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 USC 157)	-	-	-	-	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	16	-	-	16	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	217	3	13	201	-	-
VOTING	4	-	-	4	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	70	3	5	62	-	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMODATIONS	16	-	-	16	-	-
WELFARE	12	-	4	8	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	115	-	4	111	-	-
COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)	11	-	-	11	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	2	-	1	1	-	-
DEPORTATION	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	71	-	4	67	-	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	2	-	2	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS	4	-	-	4	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	2	-	1	1	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS*	63	-	1	62	-	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	-	-	-	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	-	-	-	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
		Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	107	-	1	106	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	31	-	1	30	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	7	-	-	7	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	1	-	-	1	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	1	-	-	1	-	-
ERISA**	50	-	-	50	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	17	-	-	17	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	7	-	-	7	-	-
COPYRIGHT	3	-	-	3	-	-
PATENT	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRADEMARK	4	-	-	4	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	261	2	-	259	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	4	-	4	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	-	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	-	-	-	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	4	-	4	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-
RICO***	58	-	-	57	1	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	-	-	-	-	-	-
TAX SUITS	3	2	1	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	-	-	-	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	8	-	1	7	-	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	200	1	8	191	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-

* THIS CATEGORY INCLUDES PRISON CONDITION CASES.

** ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

*** RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.