

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2005 and 2006

Nature of Suit	2005	2006					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	253,273	259,541	9,257	35,037	134,877	80,370	-
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	28,020	30,044	2,655	432	5,987	20,970	-
INSURANCE	7,804	9,792	20	144	1,758	7,870	-
MARINE	1,435	1,700	6	10	1,573	111	-
MILLER ACT	387	359	97	5	257	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	447	336	12	4	44	276	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND							
ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,309	2,872	2,397	118	213	144	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,883	2,395	2,361	34	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	8	13	10	3	-	-	-
OTHER	418	464	26	81	213	144	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	14,638	14,985	123	151	2,142	12,569	-
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	4,561	4,414	1,543	265	808	1,798	-
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	251	316	126	7	170	13	-
FORECLOSURE	3,012	2,644	1,369	97	233	945	-
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	154	142	12	5	39	86	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	380	467	8	50	105	304	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	764	845	28	106	261	450	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	51,335	68,804	62	1,994	9,508	57,240	-
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	47,364	64,743	19	1,801	8,035	54,888	-
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PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	29,537	48,739	-	29	3,225	45,485	-
AIRPLANE	79	74	-	1	13	60	-
MARINE	46	37	-	-	23	14	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	531	561	-	2	36	523	-
ASBESTOS	1,243	16,547	-	5	512	16,030	-
OTHER	27,638	31,520	-	21	2,641	28,858	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	17,827	16,004	19	1,772	4,810	9,403	-
AIRPLANE	351	294	-	25	112	157	-
MARINE	1,667	1,584	4	37	1,288	255	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,091	3,938	-	413	254	3,271	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	647	587	-	41	168	378	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	748	700	-	80	620	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,221	1,221	-	633	-	588	-
OTHER	9,102	7,680	15	543	2,368	4,754	-

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Nature of Suit	2005	2006					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	3,971	4,061	43	193	1,473	2,352	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,465	2,313	34	23	1,027	1,229	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,506	1,748	9	170	446	1,123	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	169,265	156,177	4,984	32,340	118,510	343	-
ANTITRUST	818	986	16	3	967	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	3,000	3,389	8	16	3,365	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,435	2,475	7	13	2,455	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	565	914	1	3	910	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	258	201	2	13	186	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	36,096	32,865	499	1,961	30,276	129	-
VOTING	166	150	16	12	122	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	16,930	14,353	373	938	12,990	52	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	885	643	32	18	593	-	-
WELFARE	54	56	-	7	49	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	18,061	17,663	78	986	16,522	77	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	714	871	147	209	515	-	-
DEPORTATION	201	130	-	105	25	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	61,238	54,955	-	12,032	42,922	1	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	10,361	6,515	-	6,515	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	24,633	22,745	-	3,786	18,959	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	240	239	-	3	236	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,390	1,217	-	612	605	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	16,005	16,428	-	897	15,531	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	8,609	7,811	-	219	7,591	1	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,298	2,224	2,115	109	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	27	18	9	9	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	49	42	38	4	-	-	-
DRUG—RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,359	1,328	1,297	31	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	6	2	2	-	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	5	8	6	2	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	852	826	763	63	-	-	-

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	18,322	16,659	386	86	16,187	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	4,039	4,207	143	19	4,045	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,674	1,239	32	8	1,199	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	88	63	12	1	50	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	104	108	-	3	105	-	-
ERISA ¹	11,171	9,748	172	16	9,560	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,246	1,294	27	39	1,228	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	12,184	11,514	7	21	11,486	-	-
COPYRIGHT	5,796	4,944	-	-	4,944	-	-
PATENT	2,720	2,830	2	21	2,807	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,668	3,740	5	-	3,735	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	2,038	1,621	241	7	1,373	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	15,487	13,847	53	13,794	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	7,024	6,480	52	6,428	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	7,675	6,649	-	6,649	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	710	658	-	658	-	-	-
OTHER	78	60	1	59	-	-	-
RICO²	781	687	1	-	624	62	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	8	6	-	-	6	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,385	1,490	762	728	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	21	17	-	17	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	404	312	-	256	56	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	310	304	8	24	243	29	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	13,702	14,099	739	2,959	10,279	122	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	92	102	13	6	64	19	-

¹ ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.² RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.