

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction and Nature of Suit,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending March 31, 2016 and 2017

Nature of Suit	2016	2017					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	274,552	292,076	4,838	56,987	151,418	78,820	13
Contract Actions, Total	25,390	23,754	1,018	229	3,790	18,717	0
Franchise	407	271	0	0	38	233	0
Insurance	9,124	8,791	13	30	892	7,856	0
Marine	822	777	0	6	709	62	0
Miller Act	357	294	65	1	228	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	485	486	11	1	47	427	0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgmen	1,968	1,493	855	98	224	316	0
Defaulted Student Loans	1,296	854	771	7	76	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	5	15	11	4	0	0	0
Other	667	624	73	87	148	316	0
Other Contract Actions	12,227	11,642	74	93	1,652	9,823	0
Real Property Actions, Total	9,145	8,561	713	217	3,102	4,529	0
Condemnation of Land	467	303	63	6	229	5	0
Foreclosure	4,911	4,302	620	66	981	2,635	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	826	1,085	1	6	1,002	76	0
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	593	795	9	28	148	610	0
Other Real Property Actions	2,348	2,076	20	111	742	1,203	0
Tort Actions, Total	64,015	60,238	52	1,787	6,377	52,022	0
Personal Injury, Total	56,509	55,860	23	1,642	5,118	49,077	0
Personal Injury Product Liability, Total	40,139	39,075	0	35	716	38,324	0
Airplane	71	84	0	0	66	18	0
Marine	10	38	0	0	29	9	0
Motor Vehicle	411	378	0	1	35	342	0
Asbestos	993	328	0	7	231	90	0
Health Care / Pharma	17,570	21,695	0	16	140	21,539	0
Other	21,084	16,552	0	11	215	16,326	0
Other Personal Injury, Total	16,370	16,785	23	1,607	4,402	10,753	0
Airplane	200	190	0	10	76	104	0
Marine	1,102	1,653	7	28	1,301	317	0

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Motor Vehicle	3,913	4,284	6	485	259	3,534	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	542	575	0	42	158	375	0
Federal Employers' Liability Act	318	338	0	41	297	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,327	1,190	0	538	232	420	0
Other	8,968	8,555	10	463	2,079	6,003	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	7,506	4,378	29	145	1,259	2,945	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	3,283	2,667	16	27	839	1,785	0
Other Personal Property Damage	4,223	1,711	13	118	420	1,160	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	176,002	199,523	3,055	54,754	138,149	3,552	13
Antitrust	1,070	562	29	8	525	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,520	2,202	6	5	2,191	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,086	1,911	2	5	1,904	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	434	291	4	0	287	0	0
Banks and Banking	251	249	10	12	227	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	37,143	38,271	220	1,225	34,590	2,236	0
Voting	102	153	1	8	141	3	0
Employment	11,687	11,956	109	401	9,678	1,768	0
Housing and Accommodations	856	841	37	14	781	9	0
Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADA - Employment	2,111	2,221	28	60	2,066	67	0
ADA - Other	5,975	7,522	9	32	7,451	30	0
Education	539	558	1	13	530	14	0
Other Civil Rights	15,873	15,020	35	697	13,943	345	0
Environmental Matters	1,029	1,854	115	156	1,583	0	0
Deportation	11	13	0	10	3	0	0
Prisoner Petitions, Total	54,343	76,510	0	30,079	46,431	0	0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	6,930	24,914	0	24,914	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus - General	18,248	17,223	0	2,342	14,881	0	0
Habeas Corpus - Death Penalty	168	189	0	9	180	0	0
Mandamus and Other	813	898	0	384	514	0	0

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Civil Rights	18,833	20,673	0	802	19,871	0	0
Prison Condition	8,112	10,947	0	265	10,682	0	0
Habeas Corpus - Alien Detainees	951	1,355	0	1,355	0	0	0
Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement	288	311	0	8	303	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	1,208	1,045	986	59	0	0	0
Agricultural Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	619	511	497	14	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	589	534	489	45	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	19,589	18,220	242	70	17,215	693	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	9,063	8,330	135	14	8,181	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	702	634	21	12	601	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Railway Labor Act	53	64	1	0	63	0	0
ERISA ¹	7,129	6,554	55	13	6,486	0	0
FMLA	1,194	1,261	4	13	1,244	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,448	1,377	26	18	640	693	0
Immigration, Total²	1,477	1,935	30	1,905	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	283	288	0	288	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	1,194	1,647	30	1,617	0	0	0
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	13,270	11,359	2	5	11,352	0	0
Copyright	4,699	3,621	0	0	3,621	0	0
Patent	5,507	4,643	1	5	4,637	0	0
Trademark	3,064	3,095	1	0	3,094	0	0
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,053	1,278	215	5	1,058	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	17,972	19,349	54	19,295	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	8,432	8,926	54	8,872	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	8,774	9,375	0	9,375	0	0	0

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Retirement and Survivors Benefits	681	961	0	961	0	0	0
Other	85	87	0	87	0	0	0
RICO³	746	695	1	0	606	88	0
State Reapportionment Suits	5	4	0	0	4	0	0
Tax Suits	977	959	588	358	0	0	13
Customer Challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	9,897	9,970	9	7	9,741	213	0
Cable/Sat. TV	965	635	0	0	624	11	0
Freedom of Information Act	510	505	0	427	78	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	391	416	0	10	374	32	0
Other Statutory Actions	11,575	13,492	548	1,118	11,547	279	0
Other Actions, Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

¹ ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

² Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

³ RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations.