

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2004

Nature of Suit	2003	2004					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	257,234	276,942	10,253	40,440	162,104	64,140	5
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	31,111	28,839	3,117	318	5,534	19,870	-
INSURANCE	8,792	8,127	16	47	1,154	6,910	-
MARINE	1,947	1,578	11	20	1,427	120	-
MILLER ACT	412	372	100	3	269	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	510	423	43	6	53	321	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,038	3,077	2,725	98	158	96	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,513	2,680	2,650	30	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	48	18	14	4	-	-	-
OTHER	477	379	61	64	158	96	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	16,412	15,262	222	144	2,473	12,423	-
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	7,167	5,386	2,021	373	672	2,317	3
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	271	194	99	22	59	14	-
FORECLOSURE	5,155	3,941	1,854	144	252	1,689	2
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	195	138	15	7	31	85	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	831	336	6	42	79	209	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	715	777	47	158	251	320	1
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	47,158	52,209	94	2,107	8,589	41,418	1
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	41,255	48,275	39	1,951	6,943	39,341	1
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PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	23,441	31,807	-	33	2,241	29,533	-
AIRPLANE	113	96	-	3	24	69	-
MARINE	38	31	-	1	9	21	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	626	575	-	2	46	527	-
ASBESTOS	1,397	1,505	-	2	479	1,024	-
OTHER	21,267	29,600	-	25	1,683	27,892	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	17,814	16,468	39	1,918	4,702	9,808	1
AIRPLANE	715	385	-	29	152	204	-
MARINE	1,806	1,835	3	48	1,553	231	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,508	4,159	-	484	235	3,440	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	856	662	-	58	208	396	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	911	785	-	71	714	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,571	1,288	-	623	-	665	-
OTHER	7,447	7,354	36	605	1,840	4,872	1

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	5,903	3,934	55	156	1,646	2,077	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	4,289	2,470	41	25	1,311	1,093	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,614	1,464	14	131	335	984	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	171,773	190,383	5,014	37,638	147,207	523	1
ANTITRUST	758	759	15	4	740	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	3,451	4,023	15	24	3,984	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,742	2,731	11	21	2,699	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	709	1,292	4	3	1,285	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	243	382	7	8	367	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	40,250	39,307	601	2,246	36,076	384	-
VOTING	151	207	12	12	183	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	20,040	19,281	446	1,291	17,252	292	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,274	1,210	44	19	1,142	5	-
WELFARE	60	57	1	4	51	1	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	18,725	18,552	98	920	17,448	86	-
COMMERCE	546	452	1	4	447	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	976	962	154	288	520	-	-
DEPORTATION	286	294	-	245	49	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	53,819	57,576	-	15,602	41,968	5	1
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,815	7,941	-	7,941	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	22,861	24,478	-	5,761	18,716	-	1
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	234	233	-	12	221	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,134	1,214	-	493	721	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	14,946	15,498	-	1,114	14,384	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	8,829	8,212	-	281	7,926	5	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,034	2,157	1,997	160	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	53	36	9	27	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	63	43	42	1	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,219	1,304	1,252	52	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	16	7	5	2	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	5	7	6	1	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	678	760	683	77	-	-	-

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LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	17,811	18,256	381	127	17,748	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	2,955	3,653	110	21	3,522	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,620	1,606	22	14	1,570	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	103	84	12	1	71	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	117	91	1	3	87	-	-
ERISA ¹	11,524	11,454	203	20	11,231	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,492	1,368	33	68	1,267	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	9,190	10,176	18	12	10,146	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,605	3,773	-	-	3,773	-	-
PATENT	2,880	2,973	8	12	2,953	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,705	3,430	10	-	3,420	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	3,110	2,900	301	7	2,592	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	16,631	16,239	80	16,159	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	7,619	7,161	80	7,081	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	7,702	8,223	-	8,223	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	1,237	781	-	781	-	-	-
OTHER	73	74	-	74	-	-	-
RICO²	732	839	7	-	738	94	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	1	7	-	-	7	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,239	1,340	579	761	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	9	18	-	18	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	291	417	-	292	125	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	281	303	3	11	249	40	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	20,115	33,976	855	1,670	31,451	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	25	125	7	4	102	12	-

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