

Table C-4.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Terminated, by Nature of Suit and Action Taken,
During the 12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2009

Nature of Suit	Total	No Court Action	Court Action						
			Total	Before Pretrial	During or After Pretrial	During or After			Percent Reaching Trial
						Total	Nonjury	Jury	
TOTAL CASES	276,684	55,696	220,988	192,991	24,655	3,342	1,055	2,287	1.2
UNITED STATES CASES	41,570	9,710	31,860	30,174	1,408	278	189	89	0.7
CONTRACT ACTIONS									
FRANCHISE	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	46	14	32	31	1	-	-	-	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	2,646	1,435	1,211	1,161	45	5	4	1	0.2
OTHER CONTRACTS	458	112	346	284	58	4	3	1	0.9
REAL PROPERTY	954	219	735	683	42	10	9	1	1.0
TORT ACTIONS									
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	31	6	25	18	5	2	2	-	6.5
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	420	102	318	224	71	23	20	3	5.5
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	1,397	381	1,016	732	220	64	57	7	4.6
OTHER TORTS	252	67	185	158	23	4	4	-	1.6
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES									
CONSUMER CREDIT	21	8	13	12	1	-	-	-	-
CABLE/SATELLITE TV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ANTITRUST	15	3	12	12	-	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS									
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	63	6	57	48	8	1	-	1	1.6
ADA—OTHER	29	2	27	25	2	-	-	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	1,111	198	913	664	210	39	14	25	3.5
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	881	163	718	650	54	14	6	8	1.6
DEPORTATION	56	20	36	36	-	-	-	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS									
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,648	929	4,719	4,688	19	12	10	2	0.2
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	2,829	734	2,095	2,083	10	2	-	2	0.1
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	7	-	7	6	1	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	480	99	381	372	8	1	1	-	0.2
CIVIL RIGHTS	943	205	738	724	10	4	3	1	0.4
PRISON CONDITION	397	76	321	318	3	-	-	-	-
LIQUOR FORFEITURES	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	2,440	598	1,842	1,655	173	14	10	4	0.6
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	160	56	104	85	18	1	1	-	0.6
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	234	72	162	146	14	2	2	-	0.9
SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	No Total	Court Action	Court Action						
			Before Total	During or Pretrial	After Pretrial	During or After			
						Total	Nonjury	Percent Jury	Reaching Trial
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES (CONTINUED)									
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS									
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,104	939	5,165	5,113	52	-	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,348	1,016	5,332	5,295	33	4	2	2	0.1
RETIREMENT AND SERVICES BENEFITS	621	95	526	520	5	1	-	1	0.2
OTHER	69	22	47	47	-	-	-	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,369	343	1,026	885	115	26	15	11	1.9
IMMIGRATION									
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	437	157	280	261	19	-	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	786	176	610	607	2	1	1	-	0.1
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	901	411	490	479	10	1	1	-	0.1
ALL OTHER U.S. ACTIONS	3,414	1,046	2,368	2,149	176	43	24	19	1.3
FEDERAL QUESTION	135,047	30,948	104,099	89,000	13,032	2,067	592	1,475	1.5
CONTRACT ACTIONS									
FRANCHISE	78	20	58	43	14	1	1	-	1.3
MARINE	3,515	913	2,602	2,351	222	29	28	1	0.8
MILLER ACT	181	48	133	110	17	6	4	2	3.3
OTHER CONTRACTS	4,471	808	3,663	3,006	597	60	33	27	1.3
REAL PROPERTY	2,389	624	1,765	1,659	92	14	6	8	0.6
TORT ACTIONS									
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	534	115	419	258	126	35	2	33	6.6
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	1,154	215	939	573	308	58	36	22	5.0
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	2,960	631	2,329	1,910	371	48	14	34	1.6
OTHER TORTS	1,995	540	1,455	1,164	275	16	12	4	0.8
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES									
CONSUMER CREDIT	5,683	2,271	3,412	2,867	530	15	4	11	0.3
CABLE/SATELLITE TV	586	222	364	325	36	3	1	2	0.5
BANKRUPTCY SUITS	2,325	561	1,764	1,681	70	13	12	1	0.6
ANTITRUST	952	216	736	484	243	9	2	7	0.9
CIVIL RIGHTS									
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	940	198	742	485	246	11	2	9	1.2
ADA—OTHER	1,742	599	1,143	949	182	12	5	7	0.7
EMPLOYMENT	11,594	2,335	9,259	6,289	2,616	354	34	320	3.1
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	14,882	2,740	12,142	9,135	2,459	548	67	481	3.7

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ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES (CONTINUED)									
PRISONER PETITIONS									
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	18,079	3,472	14,607	14,549	50	8	4	4	0.0
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	231	26	205	199	5	1	1	-	0.4
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	626	117	509	507	2	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	16,393	3,204	13,189	12,637	348	204	36	168	1.2
PRISON CONDITION	6,936	1,045	5,891	5,592	183	116	47	69	1.7
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	5,343	923	4,420	3,735	608	77	28	49	1.4
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,087	323	764	610	145	9	6	3	0.8
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	10,463	3,083	7,380	6,132	1,153	95	67	28	0.9
COPYRIGHT	2,575	809	1,766	1,459	270	37	19	18	1.4
PATENT	2,863	810	2,053	1,480	470	103	34	69	3.6
TRADEMARK	3,496	1,063	2,433	2,018	362	53	22	31	1.5
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	237	43	194	166	22	6	4	2	2.5
ALL OTHER FEDERAL QUESTION	10,737	2,974	7,763	6,627	1,010	126	61	65	1.2
DIVERSITY OF CITIZENSHIP	100,063	15,037	85,026	73,817	10,212	997	274	723	1.0
CONTRACT ACTIONS									
FRANCHISE	314	88	226	181	42	3	1	2	1.0
INSURANCE	9,566	2,488	7,078	5,558	1,386	134	35	99	1.4
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	508	131	377	322	51	4	3	1	0.8
OTHER CONTRACTS	13,352	3,475	9,877	7,524	1,964	389	172	217	2.9
REAL PROPERTY	1,806	499	1,307	1,096	189	22	11	11	1.2
TORT ACTIONS									
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	310	60	250	197	44	9	2	7	2.9
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	3,398	799	2,599	1,713	770	116	12	104	3.4
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	66,766	6,384	60,382	54,930	5,204	248	20	228	0.4
OTHER TORTS	2,452	695	1,757	1,352	341	64	17	47	2.6
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES									
CONSUMER CREDIT	169	48	121	113	8	-	-	-	-
CABLE/SATELLITE TV	24	8	16	13	3	-	-	-	-

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CIVIL RIGHTS									
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	49	13	36	20	14	2	-	2	4.1
ADA—OTHER	13	3	10	9	1	-	-	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	967	258	709	552	153	4	-	4	0.4
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	260	59	201	176	25	-	-	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALL OTHER DIVERSITY	109	29	80	61	17	2	1	1	1.8
LOCAL JURISDICTION	4	1	3	-	3	-	-	-	-
CONTRACT ACTIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
REAL PROPERTY	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
TORT ACTIONS									
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER TORTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS									
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALL OTHER LOCAL	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-

NOTE: Land condemnation cases omitted.

¹ Includes cases filed in previous years as consolidated cases that thereafter were severed into individual cases.