

**Table C-4.**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Terminated, by Nature of Suit and Action Taken,**  
**During the 12-Month Period Ending March 31, 2010**

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	
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>285,126</b>	<b>55,286</b>	<b>229,840</b>	<b>199,475</b>	<b>27,009</b>	<b>3,356</b>	<b>1,076</b>	<b>2,280</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>UNITED STATES CASES</b>	<b>41,116</b>	<b>9,567</b>	<b>31,549</b>	<b>29,816</b>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS</b>									
FRANCHISE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	69	20	49	49	-	-	-	-	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	2,648	1,418	1,230	1,181	45	4	3	1	0.2
OTHER CONTRACTS	415	107	308	256	49	3	2	1	0.7
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>TORT ACTIONS</b>									
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	24	3	21	13	4	4	4	-	16.7
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	415	93	322	219	79	24	22	2	5.8
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	1,460	425	1,035	749	219	67	59	8	4.6
OTHER TORTS	255	65	190	162	23	5	5	-	2.0
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES</b>									
CONSUMER CREDIT	24	11	13	12	1	-	-	-	-
CABLE/SATELLITE TV	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
ANTITRUST	18	2	16	16	-	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS									
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	72	12	60	47	12	1	-	1	1.4
ADA—OTHER	31	1	30	28	2	-	-	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	1,093	203	890	660	194	36	17	19	3.3
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	888	167	721	642	66	13	7	6	1.5
DEPORTATION	54	19	35	35	-	-	-	-	-
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b>									
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,559	931	4,628	4,595	20	13	10	3	0.2
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	2,742	694	2,048	2,037	9	2	-	2	0.1
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	7	1	6	5	1	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	470	83	387	378	8	1	1	-	0.2
CIVIL RIGHTS	902	177	725	710	11	4	3	1	0.4
PRISON CONDITION	383	67	316	313	3	-	-	-	-

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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
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES (CONTINUED)</b>									
LIQUOR FORFEITURES	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	2,375	589	1,786	1,588	181	17	12	5	0.7
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	165	56	109	89	17	3	2	1	1.8
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	237	77	160	142	18	-	-	-	-
SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS</b>									
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,065	976	5,089	5,020	69	-	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,381	1,011	5,370	5,328	37	5	2	3	0.1
RETIREMENT AND SERVICES BENEFITS	609	104	505	498	5	2	1	1	0.3
OTHER	78	25	53	53	-	-	-	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,349	315	1,034	895	118	21	10	11	1.6
<b>IMMIGRATION</b>									
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	417	151	266	247	19	-	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	764	170	594	592	1	1	1	-	0.1
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	856	363	493	484	8	1	1	-	0.1
ALL OTHER U.S. ACTIONS	3,305	980	2,325	2,096	187	42	26	16	1.3
<b>FEDERAL QUESTION</b>	<b>137,093</b>	<b>31,139</b>	<b>105,954</b>	<b>90,409</b>	<b>13,477</b>	<b>2,068</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>1,471</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS</b>									
FRANCHISE	85	21	64	51	13	-	-	-	-
MARINE	2,994	733	2,261	2,028	201	32	31	1	1.1
MILLER ACT	200	56	144	115	24	5	3	2	2.5
OTHER CONTRACTS	4,626	858	3,768	3,108	606	54	27	27	1.2
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>2,599</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>1,948</b>	<b>1,824</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>TORT ACTIONS</b>									
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	520	106	414	247	131	36	1	35	6.9
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	1,124	179	945	570	328	47	28	19	4.2
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	2,932	620	2,312	1,909	359	44	11	33	1.5
OTHER TORTS	2,221	555	1,666	1,346	304	16	11	5	0.7
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES</b>									
CONSUMER CREDIT	6,376	2,652	3,724	3,134	573	17	5	12	0.3
CABLE/SATELLITE TV	604	211	393	354	35	4	3	1	0.7
BANKRUPTCY SUITS	2,298	567	1,731	1,648	70	13	11	2	0.6
ANTITRUST	1,078	179	899	645	245	9	2	7	0.8

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<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES (CONTINUED)</b>									
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>									
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	970	196	774	522	237	15	2	13	1.5
ADA—OTHER	1,784	618	1,166	969	179	18	9	9	1.0
EMPLOYMENT	11,538	2,296	9,242	6,241	2,644	357	32	325	3.1
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	15,018	2,713	12,305	9,227	2,529	549	71	478	3.7
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b>									
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	17,962	3,535	14,427	14,347	73	7	4	3	0.0
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	214	21	193	188	3	2	1	1	0.9
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	547	109	438	435	3	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	16,315	3,226	13,089	12,479	398	212	38	174	1.3
PRISON CONDITION	7,095	1,082	6,013	5,699	217	97	45	52	1.4
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	6,394	964	5,430	4,661	683	86	35	51	1.3
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,088	304	784	629	145	10	7	3	0.9
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	10,453	3,113	7,340	6,048	1,205	87	65	22	0.8
COPYRIGHT	2,295	701	1,594	1,302	255	37	18	19	1.6
PATENT	2,837	773	2,064	1,502	463	99	37	62	3.5
TRADEMARK	3,508	1,077	2,431	1,988	384	59	24	35	1.7
<b>CONSTITUTIONALITY</b>									
OF STATE STATUTES	223	39	184	154	24	6	5	1	2.7
<b>ALL OTHER FEDERAL QUESTION</b>	<b>11,195</b>	<b>2,984</b>	<b>8,211</b>	<b>7,039</b>	<b>1,036</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>DIVERSITY OF CITIZENSHIP</b>	<b>106,912</b>	<b>14,578</b>	<b>92,334</b>	<b>79,250</b>	<b>12,074</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS</b>									
FRANCHISE	317	91	226	186	39	1	-	1	0.3
INSURANCE	8,916	2,138	6,778	5,298	1,340	140	31	109	1.6
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	563	152	411	355	49	7	5	2	1.2
OTHER CONTRACTS	13,586	3,428	10,158	7,723	2,041	394	173	221	2.9
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>1,977</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>1,467</b>	<b>1,223</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>TORT ACTIONS</b>									
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	313	55	258	203	46	9	3	6	2.9
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	3,332	768	2,564	1,662	786	116	13	103	3.5
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY <sup>1</sup>	73,577	6,248	67,329	60,154	6,935	240	21	219	0.3
OTHER TORTS	2,485	681	1,804	1,375	366	63	16	47	2.5

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<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES</b>									
CONSUMER CREDIT	206	55	151	140	10	1	-	1	0.5
CABLE/SATELLITE TV	23	9	14	13	1	-	-	-	-
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>									
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	50	13	37	25	10	2	-	2	4.0
ADA—OTHER	15	4	11	10	1	-	-	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	1,152	330	822	632	183	7	1	6	0.6
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	280	67	213	187	25	1	-	1	0.4
PRISON CONDITION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALL OTHER DIVERSITY	120	29	91	64	25	2	1	1	1.7
<b>LOCAL JURISDICTION</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS</b>									
REAL PROPERTY	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
<b>TORT ACTIONS</b>									
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER TORTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b>									
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>ALL OTHER LOCAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

NOTE: Land condemnation cases omitted.

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