

**Table C-4.**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Terminated, by Nature of Suit and Action Taken,**  
**During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2009**

Nature of Suit	Total	No Court Action	Court Action						
			Total	Before Pretrial	During or After Pretrial	During or After Trial			Percent Reaching Trial
						Total	Nonjury	Jury	
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>263,049</b>	<b>54,840</b>	<b>208,209</b>	<b>181,111</b>	<b>23,827</b>	<b>3,271</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>2,274</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>UNITED STATES CASES</b>	<b>41,833</b>	<b>9,837</b>	<b>31,996</b>	<b>30,313</b>	<b>1,391</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS</b>									
FRANCHISE	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	28	9	19	18	1	-	-	-	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	2,670	1,497	1,173	1,123	44	6	4	2	0.2
OTHER CONTRACTS	487	120	367	296	65	6	5	1	1.2
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>TORT ACTIONS</b>									
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	35	6	29	18	7	4	4	-	11.4
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	422	113	309	214	73	22	18	4	5.2
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	1,320	351	969	699	209	61	57	4	4.6
OTHER TORTS	235	62	173	146	21	6	4	2	2.6
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES</b>									
CONSUMER CREDIT	19	5	14	12	2	-	-	-	-
CABLE/SATELLITE TV	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
ANTITRUST	23	6	17	15	2	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS									
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	60	8	52	41	8	3	-	3	5.0
ADA—OTHER	28	2	26	24	2	-	-	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	1,147	216	931	668	214	49	19	30	4.3
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	894	174	720	653	55	12	5	7	1.3
DEPORTATION	55	21	34	34	-	-	-	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS									
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,698	936	4,762	4,738	14	10	8	2	0.2
HABEAS CORPUS	2,885	708	2,177	2,165	11	1	-	1	0.0
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	10	1	9	8	1	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	486	103	383	371	12	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	926	201	725	713	8	4	4	-	0.4
PRISON CONDITION	404	75	329	326	3	-	-	-	-

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<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES (CONTINUED)</b>									
LIQUOR FORFEITURES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	2,470	630	1,840	1,667	163	10	8	2	0.4
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	146	46	100	82	17	1	1	-	0.7
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	224	68	156	139	15	2	2	-	0.9
SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS									
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,097	952	5,145	5,097	47	1	-	1	0.0
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,281	1,014	5,267	5,237	26	4	2	2	0.1
RETIREMENT AND SERVICES BENEFITS	603	99	504	501	3	-	-	-	-
OTHER	66	21	45	45	-	-	-	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,436	358	1,078	924	121	33	20	13	2.3
IMMIGRATION									
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	477	170	307	294	13	-	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	801	159	642	638	4	-	-	-	-
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	868	390	478	462	15	1	1	-	0.1
ALL OTHER U.S. ACTIONS	3,572	1,119	2,453	2,232	177	44	28	16	1.2
<b>FEDERAL QUESTION</b>	<b>133,771</b>	<b>30,802</b>	<b>102,969</b>	<b>88,071</b>	<b>12,875</b>	<b>2,023</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>1,486</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS</b>									
FRANCHISE	82	19	63	50	12	1	1	-	1.2
MARINE	3,163	934	2,229	2,010	196	23	22	1	0.7
MILLER ACT	172	54	118	101	11	6	4	2	3.5
OTHER CONTRACTS	4,658	840	3,818	3,141	623	54	28	26	1.2
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>2,321</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>1,757</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>TORT ACTIONS</b>									
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	518	119	399	247	113	39	2	37	7.5
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	1,171	222	949	585	317	47	28	19	4.0
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	2,974	660	2,314	1,893	367	54	16	38	1.8
OTHER TORTS	1,756	491	1,265	1,002	251	12	8	4	0.7
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES</b>									
CONSUMER CREDIT	4,979	1,926	3,053	2,559	480	14	4	10	0.3
CABLE/SATELLITE TV	587	210	377	336	38	3	1	2	0.5
BANKRUPTCY SUITS	2,352	556	1,796	1,717	71	8	6	2	0.3
ANTITRUST	986	241	745	525	214	6	2	4	0.6

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<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES (CONTINUED)</b>									
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>									
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	956	202	754	502	239	13	2	11	1.4
ADA—OTHER	1,710	595	1,115	923	184	8	2	6	0.5
EMPLOYMENT	11,783	2,407	9,376	6,323	2,679	374	35	339	3.2
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	14,813	2,780	12,033	9,028	2,461	544	72	472	3.7
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b>									
HABEAS CORPUS	17,951	3,461	14,490	14,445	37	8	4	4	0.0
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	219	25	194	190	4	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	663	138	525	523	2	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	16,296	3,140	13,156	12,607	342	207	31	176	1.3
PRISON CONDITION	6,827	1,033	5,794	5,528	165	101	38	63	1.5
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	5,655	939	4,716	4,057	589	70	22	48	1.2
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,075	337	738	580	148	10	7	3	0.9
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	10,385	3,060	7,325	6,087	1,160	78	53	25	0.8
COPYRIGHT	2,765	909	1,856	1,548	264	44	19	25	1.6
PATENT	2,845	761	2,084	1,500	470	114	35	79	4.0
TRADEMARK	3,463	1,105	2,358	1,972	331	55	26	29	1.6
<b>CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES</b>									
	263	47	216	179	29	8	5	3	3.0
<b>ALL OTHER FEDERAL QUESTION</b>	<b>10,383</b>	<b>3,027</b>	<b>7,356</b>	<b>6,279</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>DIVERSITY OF CITIZENSHIP</b>	<b>87,441</b>	<b>14,201</b>	<b>73,240</b>	<b>62,727</b>	<b>9,557</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS</b>									
FRANCHISE	313	91	222	181	38	3	1	2	1.0
INSURANCE	9,954	2,483	7,471	5,845	1,492	134	36	98	1.3
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	503	120	383	332	45	6	4	2	1.2
OTHER CONTRACTS	12,939	3,483	9,456	7,181	1,909	366	162	204	2.8
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>1,094</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>TORT ACTIONS</b>									
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	302	72	230	187	37	6	2	4	2.0
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	3,348	797	2,551	1,702	734	115	8	107	3.4
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY <sup>1</sup>	54,734	5,607	49,127	44,231	4,653	243	21	222	0.4
OTHER TORTS	2,357	643	1,714	1,355	306	53	12	41	2.2

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<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES</b>									
CONSUMER CREDIT	170	53	117	107	10	-	-	-	-
CABLE/SATELLITE TV	19	8	11	8	3	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS									
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	54	13	41	26	14	1	-	1	1.9
ADA—OTHER	15	6	9	8	1	-	-	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	780	216	564	437	125	2	-	2	0.3
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	217	50	167	153	14	-	-	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
ALL OTHER DIVERSITY	110	28	82	67	14	1	-	1	0.9
<b>LOCAL JURISDICTION</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TORT ACTIONS</b>									
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
OTHER TORTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b>									
HABEAS CORPUS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>ALL OTHER LOCAL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</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.