

Table C-2.

U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction and Nature of Suit, During the Twelve-Month Period Ended September 30, 1997

Nature of Suit	1996	1997					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	269,132	272,027	20,966	39,038	156,596	55,278	149
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	35,688	40,836	12,227	527	6,379	21,652	51
INSURANCE	7,914	8,045	21	87	1,174	6,748	15
MARINE	2,797	2,587	68	10	2,376	130	3
MILLER ACT	912	834	263	10	561	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	1,194	1,056	487	14	54	501	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS, TOTAL	5,139	9,677	9,330	124	127	96	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	4,508	9,098	9,043	55	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	152	115	111	4	-	-	-
OTHER	479	464	176	65	127	96	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	17,732	18,637	2,058	282	2,087	14,177	33
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	6,254	5,473	2,355	425	614	2,049	30
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	367	334	190	19	111	14	-
FORECLOSURE	4,406	3,764	2,025	134	187	1,390	28
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	295	239	64	15	48	111	1
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	363	390	24	47	70	249	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	823	746	52	210	198	285	1
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	59,661	58,289	126	3,198	23,414	31,483	68
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	55,647	53,940	30	2,949	21,956	28,939	66
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PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	27,584	32,856	-	256	16,459	16,132	9
AIRPLANE	135	161	-	2	51	108	-
MARINE	55	43	-	1	17	25	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	550	537	-	14	22	500	1
ASBESTOS	7,289	7,143	-	2	5,556	1,585	-
OTHER	19,555	24,972	-	237	10,813	13,914	8
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	28,063	21,084	30	2,693	5,497	12,807	57
AIRPLANE	809	740	-	45	228	462	5
MARINE	2,172	2,298	9	60	1,940	288	1
MOTOR VEHICLE	5,330	5,126	-	780	158	4,180	8
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	848	859	-	86	175	596	2
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	2,225	1,943	-	118	1,825	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,330	1,368	-	584	-	784	-
OTHER	15,349	8,750	21	1,020	1,171	6,497	41

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	4,014	4,349	96	249	1,458	2,544	2
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,299	2,693	60	47	1,050	1,535	1
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,715	1,656	36	202	408	1,009	1
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	167,520	167,414	6,255	34,883	126,184	92	-
ANTITRUST	689	598	25	3	570	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	4,565	4,139	40	62	4,037	-	-
APPEAL (28 USC 158)	3,872	3,475	33	47	3,395	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 USC 157)	693	664	7	15	642	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	407	280	20	48	212	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	42,007	43,278	561	2,356	40,361	-	-
VOTING	229	141	2	10	129	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	23,152	23,796	404	1,241	22,151	-	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	932	854	39	24	791	-	-
WELFARE	83	91	2	14	75	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	17,611	18,396	114	1,067	17,215	-	-
COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)	1,624	502	5	10	487	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	1,131	958	244	245	469	-	-
DEPORTATION	150	149	-	132	17	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	68,235	62,966	-	14,952	48,011	3	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	9,729	11,675	-	11,675	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS	16,429	21,858	-	1,902	19,956	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	862	798	-	401	397	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS*	41,215	28,635	-	974	27,658	3	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,235	2,384	2,143	241	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	162	146	67	79	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	140	149	140	9	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	947	1,131	1,060	71	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	14	24	23	1	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	27	20	17	3	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	945	914	836	78	-	-	-

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LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	15,073	15,508	468	156	14,884	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	1,558	1,633	143	25	1,465	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,902	1,927	67	24	1,836	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	185	182	14	8	160	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	176	168	5	4	159	-	-
ERISA**	9,655	10,045	141	27	9,877	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,597	1,553	98	68	1,387	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	7,028	7,559	15	8	7,536	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,263	2,258	-	-	2,258	-	-
PATENT	1,840	2,112	6	8	2,098	-	-
TRADEMARK	2,925	3,189	9	-	3,180	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	1,704	1,669	238	13	1,418	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	9,347	13,605	89	13,516	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	71	98	-	98	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	12	17	-	17	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	5,166	7,583	89	7,494	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	3,656	5,204	-	5,204	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	442	703	-	703	-	-	-
RICO***	849	840	5	-	763	72	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	5	11	-	-	11	-	-
TAX SUITS	2,122	2,272	1,040	1,232	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	22	15	-	15	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	463	371	-	318	53	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	309	333	7	49	260	17	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	9,555	9,977	1,355	1,527	7,095	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	9	15	3	5	5	2	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	9	15	3	5	5	2	-

* THIS CATEGORY INCLUDES PRISON CONDITION CASES.

** ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

*** RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.