

**Table C-2.**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction**  
**and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2003**

Nature of Suit	2002	2003					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>274,841</b>	<b>252,962</b>	<b>10,946</b>	<b>38,254</b>	<b>142,591</b>	<b>61,156</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>35,843</b>	<b>31,263</b>	<b>3,218</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>6,007</b>	<b>21,592</b>	<b>6</b>
INSURANCE	8,793	8,629	66	67	1,218	7,277	1
MARINE	2,122	1,912	9	11	1,784	106	2
MILLER ACT	528	442	133	5	304	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	595	524	50	5	76	393	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	5,651	3,073	2,673	158	155	87	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	5,212	2,525	2,509	16	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	98	84	83	1	-	-	-
OTHER	341	464	81	141	155	87	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	18,154	16,683	287	194	2,470	13,729	3
<b>REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>8,059</b>	<b>7,373</b>	<b>2,711</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>3,575</b>	<b>2</b>
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	938	408	194	10	195	9	-
FORECLOSURE	5,592	5,319	2,436	150	221	2,510	2
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	216	160	26	7	42	85	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	353	791	8	28	75	680	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	960	695	47	125	232	291	-
<b>TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>62,919</b>	<b>45,054</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>7,603</b>	<b>34,782</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>58,997</b>	<b>39,563</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2,360</b>	<b>5,887</b>	<b>31,272</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY/</b>							
<b>PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL</b>	<b>41,135</b>	<b>21,611</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>20,595</b>	<b>-</b>
AIRPLANE	120	101	-	1	25	75	-
MARINE	42	34	-	1	15	18	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	564	609	-	8	30	571	-
ASBESTOS	26,818	1,562	-	7	255	1,300	-
OTHER	13,591	19,305	-	21	653	18,631	-
<b>OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>17,862</b>	<b>17,952</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2,322</b>	<b>4,909</b>	<b>10,677</b>	<b>7</b>
AIRPLANE	846	659	-	26	340	293	-
MARINE	1,978	1,814	8	56	1,581	169	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,525	4,480	-	627	211	3,641	1
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	693	892	-	75	310	507	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	944	975	-	90	885	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,463	1,607	-	763	-	844	-
OTHER	7,413	7,525	29	685	1,582	5,223	6

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Nature of Suit	2002	2003					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL</b>	<b>3,922</b>	<b>5,491</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>3,510</b>	<b>-</b>
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,359	3,860	57	34	1,351	2,418	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,563	1,631	15	159	365	1,092	-
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL</b>	<b>168,010</b>	<b>169,253</b>	<b>4,905</b>	<b>34,940</b>	<b>128,205</b>	<b>1,203</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>ANTITRUST</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>3,305</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,636	2,658	20	26	2,612	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	1,464	647	5	4	638	-	-
<b>BANKS AND BANKING</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>40,420</b>	<b>40,516</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>2,315</b>	<b>36,498</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>-</b>
VOTING	234	147	3	5	139	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	20,955	20,507	445	1,294	17,940	828	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,313	1,315	34	20	1,248	13	-
WELFARE	71	65	-	2	62	1	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	17,847	18,482	117	994	17,109	262	-
<b>COMMERCE</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>DEPORTATION</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>55,295</b>	<b>54,378</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,981</b>	<b>42,392</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	6,107	5,832	-	5,832	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	23,863	23,070	-	4,326	18,744	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	236	243	-	15	228	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,125	1,160	-	551	609	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	14,039	14,690	-	982	13,708	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	9,925	9,383	-	275	9,103	5	-
<b>FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,119</b>	<b>2,073</b>	<b>1,937</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	47	49	17	32	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	69	72	62	10	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,200	1,217	1,170	47	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	6	19	18	1	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	5	6	4	2	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	792	710	666	44	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	2002	2003					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>LABOR LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>18,285</b>	<b>17,318</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>16,829</b>	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	3,904	2,751	125	31	2,595	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,529	1,618	30	18	1,570	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	84	101	12	3	86	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	126	101	-	3	98	-	-
ERISA <sup>1</sup>	11,232	11,304	142	23	11,139	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,410	1,443	27	75	1,341	-	-
<b>PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>8,254</b>	<b>8,934</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8,893</b>	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,084	2,448	-	-	2,448	-	-
PATENT	2,700	2,814	6	20	2,788	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,470	3,672	15	-	3,657	-	-
<b>SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES</b>	<b>3,465</b>	<b>3,189</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2,857</b>	-	-
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>18,322</b>	<b>17,127</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>17,026</b>	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	86	70	-	70	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	20	10	1	9	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	8,739	7,931	100	7,831	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	8,313	7,792	-	7,792	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	1,164	1,324	-	1,324	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>RICO <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>760</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>6</b>	-	<b>658</b>	<b>79</b>	-
<b>STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-
<b>TAX SUITS</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>1,244</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>792</b>	-	-	-
<b>CUSTOMER CHALLENGE</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	-	<b>11</b>	-	-	-
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>283</b>	-	<b>247</b>	<b>36</b>	-	-
<b>CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>15</b>	-
<b>OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS</b>	<b>12,494</b>	<b>17,116</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>14,584</b>	-	-
<b>OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	10	19	3	1	11	4	-

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