

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, 2004

Nature of Suit	2003	2004					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	252,962	281,338	10,071	38,391	165,241	67,624	11
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	31,263	29,404	2,892	353	5,880	20,276	3
INSURANCE	8,629	8,460	25	57	1,211	7,166	1
MARINE	1,912	1,676	11	19	1,530	116	-
MILLER ACT	442	386	108	4	274	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	524	440	46	6	56	332	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND							
ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,073	2,830	2,483	96	158	93	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,525	2,438	2,415	23	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	84	18	15	3	-	-	-
OTHER	464	374	53	70	158	93	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	16,683	15,612	219	171	2,651	12,569	2
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	7,373	5,845	2,024	350	693	2,773	5
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	408	197	97	25	61	14	-
FORECLOSURE	5,319	4,306	1,854	132	255	2,061	4
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	160	169	20	3	54	92	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	791	385	6	26	80	273	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	695	788	47	164	243	333	1
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	45,054	55,023	108	2,150	8,844	43,919	2
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	39,563	50,594	40	1,987	6,796	41,769	2
PERSONAL INJURY/							
PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	21,611	34,100	-	37	2,221	31,842	-
AIRPLANE	101	100	-	3	29	68	-
MARINE	34	32	-	1	9	22	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	609	618	-	2	43	573	-
ASBESTOS	1,562	1,471	-	5	485	981	-
OTHER	19,305	31,879	-	26	1,655	30,198	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	17,952	16,494	40	1,950	4,575	9,927	2
AIRPLANE	659	483	-	28	211	244	-
MARINE	1,814	1,841	2	49	1,572	218	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,480	4,229	-	488	245	3,495	1
ASSAULT, LIBEL AND SLANDER	892	668	-	64	206	398	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	975	782	-	70	712	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,607	1,313	-	645	-	668	-
OTHER	7,525	7,178	38	606	1,629	4,904	1

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	5,491	4,429	68	163	2,048	2,150	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	3,860	2,909	52	23	1,698	1,136	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,631	1,520	16	140	350	1,014	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	169,253	191,017	5,045	35,532	149,791	648	1
ANTITRUST	762	752	16	5	731	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	3,305	4,145	14	32	4,099	-	-
APPEAL (28 USC 158)	2,658	2,822	10	30	2,782	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 USC 157)	647	1,323	4	2	1,317	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	223	366	8	8	350	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	40,516	40,239	603	2,262	36,864	510	-
VOTING	147	173	12	9	152	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	20,507	19,746	435	1,271	17,641	399	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMODATIONS	1,315	1,222	35	18	1,166	3	-
WELFARE	65	61	1	6	53	1	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	18,482	19,037	120	958	17,852	107	-
COMMERCE	538	470	2	5	463	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	947	978	151	282	545	-	-
DEPORTATION	278	316	-	263	53	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	54,378	55,330	-	13,908	41,416	5	1
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,832	7,137	-	7,137	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS - GENERAL	23,070	23,344	-	4,912	18,431	-	1
HABEAS CORPUS - DEATH PENALTY	243	225	-	11	214	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,160	1,175	-	514	661	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	14,690	15,478	-	1,082	14,396	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	9,383	7,971	-	252	7,714	5	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,073	2,146	1,995	151	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	49	43	20	23	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	72	42	39	3	-	-	-
DRUG RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,217	1,292	1,241	51	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	19	6	5	1	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	6	7	6	1	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	710	756	684	72	-	-	-

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	17,318	18,330	403	152	17,775	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	2,751	3,617	133	25	3,459	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,618	1,641	27	22	1,592	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	101	81	12	2	67	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	101	111	-	4	107	-	-
ERISA ¹	11,304	11,421	195	23	11,203	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,443	1,459	36	76	1,347	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	8,934	9,590	22	10	9,558	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,448	3,007	-	-	3,007	-	-
PATENT	2,814	3,075	10	10	3,055	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,672	3,508	12	-	3,496	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	3,189	3,094	321	10	2,763	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	17,127	15,873	79	15,794	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	7,931	7,061	79	6,982	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	7,792	7,916	-	7,916	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	1,324	831	-	831	-	-	-
OTHER	80	65	-	65	-	-	-
RICO	743	777	7	-	682	88	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	1	5	-	-	5	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,244	1,314	586	728	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	11	16	-	16	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	283	315	-	269	46	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	267	317	2	14	256	45	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	17,116	36,644	836	1,623	34,185	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	19	49	2	6	33	8	-

¹ ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

² RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.