

Table X-5.
U.S. District Courts—Class Action Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction and Nature of Suit,
During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2002

Nature of Suit	2001	Total	2002				
			U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	3,092	2,916	14	40	2,262	600	-
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	179	168	-	1	77	90	-
INSURANCE	35	38	-	1	6	31	-
MARINE	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
MILLER ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	1	2	-	-	1	1	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3	3	-	-	2	1	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	2	3	-	-	2	1	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	139	125	-	-	68	57	-
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	22	17	-	1	7	9	-
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FORECLOSURE	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	11	11	-	1	4	6	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	10	4	-	-	3	1	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	382	571	1	1	74	495	-
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	278	500	-	1	32	467	-
PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	230	448	-	-	14	434	-
AIRPLANE	1	2	-	-	-	2	-
MARINE	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	16	3	-	-	-	3	-
ASBESTOS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	211	443	-	-	14	429	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	48	52	-	1	18	33	-
AIRPLANE	5	2	-	-	1	1	-
MARINE	3	1	-	-	1	-	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	3	8	-	-	-	8	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	3	5	-	-	-	5	-
OTHER	31	35	-	1	15	19	-

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Nature of Suit	2001	Total	2002				
			U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	104	71	1	-	42	28	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	85	62	1	-	38	23	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	19	9	-	-	4	5	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	2,509	2,160	13	37	2,104	6	-
ANTITRUST	122	126	-	-	126	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	10	13	-	-	13	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	238	199	4	13	178	4	-
VOTING	4	6	-	-	6	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	73	74	1	7	63	3	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	8	8	-	-	8	-	-
WELFARE	4	1	-	-	1	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	149	110	3	6	100	1	-
COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)	3	3	1	-	2	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	5	4	-	-	4	-	-
DEPORTATION	1	3	-	3	-	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	39	60	-	5	55	-	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	2	2	-	2	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	2	6	-	2	4	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	11	24	-	1	23	-	-
PRISON CONDITION*	23	28	-	-	28	-	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	2001	Total	2002				
			U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	159	200	1	1	198	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	77	86	1	-	85	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	8	6	-	-	6	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	3	1	-	-	1	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
ERISA**	57	94	-	1	93	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	13	12	-	-	12	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	14	7	-	1	6	-	-
COPYRIGHT	4	3	-	-	3	-	-
PATENT	9	1	-	1	-	-	-
TRADEMARK	1	3	-	-	3	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGE	1,571	1,237	4	1	1,232	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	4	3	-	3	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	2	2	-	2	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RICO***	31	32	-	-	30	2	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
TAX SUITS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	-	2	3	-	-	3	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	307	268	3	9	256	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* COLLECTION OF DATA FOR THIS CATEGORY BEGAN ON JANUARY 1, 1997.

** ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

*** RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.