

Table X-5.

U.S. District Courts—Class Action Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction and Nature of Suit, During the Twelve-Month Period Ended September 30, 1998

Nature of Suit	1997	Total	1998				
			U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	1,475	1,881	29	37	1,561	254	-
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	145	190	23	4	65	98	-
INSURANCE	56	43	-	-	4	39	-
MARINE	2	2	-	-	2	-	-
MILLER ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	3	1	-	-	-	1	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS							
AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	2	27	23	1	3	-	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	1	23	23	-	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	1	4	-	1	3	-	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	82	117	-	3	56	58	-
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	22	12	-	-	5	7	-
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	2	1	-	-	-	1	-
FORECLOSURE	9	1	-	-	-	1	-
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TORTS TO LAND/INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	5	3	-	-	-	3	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	6	7	-	-	5	2	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	262	202	-	2	56	144	-
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	107	111	-	2	16	93	-
PERSONAL INJURY/							
PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	69	61	-	-	6	55	-
AIRPLANE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARINE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	5	2	-	-	-	2	-
ASBESTOS	3	1	-	-	1	-	-
OTHER	61	58	-	-	5	53	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	38	50	-	2	10	38	-
AIRPLANE	2	4	-	1	1	2	-
MARINE	3	4	-	-	4	-	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	3	3	-	-	-	3	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	1	2	-	-	1	1	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
OTHER	29	35	-	1	3	31	-

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Nature of Suit	1997	Total	1998				
			U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	155	91	-	-	40	51	-
FRAUD INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	140	77	-	-	38	39	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	15	14	-	-	2	12	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	1,046	1,477	6	31	1,435	5	-
ANTITRUST	78	60	-	-	60	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	3	1	-	-	1	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	16	22	-	-	22	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	217	265	2	15	246	2	-
VOTING	4	5	-	-	5	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	70	85	1	6	77	1	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	16	14	-	1	13	-	-
WELFARE	12	14	-	2	12	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	115	147	1	6	139	1	-
COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)	11	5	-	-	5	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	2	3	-	-	3	-	-
DEPORTATION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	71	90	-	3	87	-	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS - GENERAL	4	5	-	-	5	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS - DEATH PENALTY	-	2	-	-	2	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	2	4	-	-	4	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	33	47	-	2	45	-	-
PRISON CONDITION*	30	32	-	1	31	-	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	-	1	-	1	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	1997	Total	1998				
			U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	107	164	-	1	163	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	31	60	-	-	60	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	7	8	-	-	8	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	1	3	-	-	3	-	-
ERISA**	50	81	-	1	80	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	17	12	-	-	12	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	7	5	-	-	5	-	-
COPYRIGHT	3	3	-	-	3	-	-
PATENT	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
TRADEMARK	4	1	-	-	1	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	261	584	3	1	580	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	4	3	-	3	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	4	1	-	1	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RICO***	58	39	-	-	36	3	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TAX SUITS	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	8	16	-	2	14	-	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	200	219	1	5	213	-	-

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			U.S. Cases		Private Cases			
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction	
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* COLLECTION OF DATA FOR THIS CATEGORY BEGAN ON JANUARY 1, 1997; THEREFORE, THE TOTAL FOR 1997 CONSISTS OF NINE MONTHS OF DATA.

** ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

*** RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.