

**Table C-2.**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction**  
**and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Periods Ending March 31, 2009 and 2010**

Nature of Suit	2009	2010					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>258,535</b>	<b>282,307</b>	<b>8,513</b>	<b>34,751</b>	<b>136,456</b>	<b>102,585</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>35,795</b>	<b>32,008</b>	<b>2,639</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>5,861</b>	<b>23,090</b>	<b>1</b>
FRANCHISE	410	386	-	-	65	321	-
INSURANCE	12,318	9,076	3	62	1,046	7,965	-
MARINE	3,401	2,117	3	6	1,965	142	1
MILLER ACT	224	252	71	1	180	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	599	1,037	71	7	291	668	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,477	2,985	2,375	144	137	329	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,900	2,337	2,322	15	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	10	17	11	6	-	-	-
OTHER	567	631	42	123	137	329	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	15,366	16,155	116	197	2,177	13,665	-
<b>REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>5,309</b>	<b>6,319</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>3,001</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>-</b>
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	638	199	92	7	89	11	-
FORECLOSURE	2,293	3,540	590	153	1,714	1,083	-
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	158	208	3	7	88	110	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	492	610	16	25	192	377	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	1,728	1,762	36	150	918	658	-
<b>TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>63,631</b>	<b>85,713</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>3,645</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>74,829</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>59,356</b>	<b>80,371</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3,448</b>	<b>4,944</b>	<b>71,960</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY/</b>							
<b>PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL</b>	<b>45,159</b>	<b>65,317</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,805</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>62,473</b>	<b>-</b>
AIRPLANE	84	201	-	8	24	169	-
MARINE	31	35	-	1	14	20	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	371	478	-	2	64	412	-
ASBESTOS	25,016	46,798	-	6	347	46,445	-
OTHER	19,657	17,805	-	1,788	590	15,427	-
<b>OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>14,197</b>	<b>15,054</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1,643</b>	<b>3,905</b>	<b>9,487</b>	<b>-</b>
AIRPLANE	268	473	-	13	106	354	-
MARINE	1,329	1,376	3	21	1,058	294	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	3,582	3,567	6	390	223	2,948	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	549	543	-	41	166	336	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	552	473	-	56	417	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,060	1,113	-	623	-	490	-
OTHER	6,857	7,509	10	499	1,935	5,065	-

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Nature of Suit	2009	2010					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL</b>	<b>4,275</b>	<b>5,342</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>2,229</b>	<b>2,869</b>	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,527	3,473	37	41	1,901	1,494	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,748	1,869	10	156	328	1,375	-
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL</b>	<b>153,744</b>	<b>158,254</b>	<b>5,064</b>	<b>30,345</b>	<b>120,417</b>	<b>2,427</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>ANTITRUST</b>	<b>1,086</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>646</b>	-	-
<b>BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>2,594</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,568</b>	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C 158)	1,892	2,087	11	7	2,069	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C 157)	399	507	7	1	499	-	-
<b>BANKS AND BANKING</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>403</b>	-	-
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>32,740</b>	<b>34,013</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>1,503</b>	<b>30,099</b>	<b>2,026</b>	-
VOTING	171	77	3	2	70	2	-
EMPLOYMENT	13,523	14,334	283	629	11,856	1,566	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	758	574	30	15	511	18	-
WELFARE	70	66	3	4	59	-	-
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	1,113	1,320	27	48	1,188	57	-
ADA—OTHER	1,865	1,928	4	26	1,875	23	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	15,240	15,714	35	779	14,540	360	-
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>306</b>	-	-
<b>DEPORTATION</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>66</b>	-	<b>39</b>	<b>27</b>	-	-
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>52,480</b>	<b>51,843</b>	-	<b>10,252</b>	<b>41,591</b>	-	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,928	5,745	-	5,745	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	20,479	19,937	-	2,764	17,173	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	213	221	-	11	210	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,179	985	-	476	509	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	16,882	17,205	-	884	16,321	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	7,799	7,750	-	372	7,378	-	-
<b>FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,379</b>	<b>2,297</b>	<b>2,215</b>	<b>82</b>	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	22	26	16	10	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	32	39	37	2	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,429	1,378	1,344	34	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	1	2	2	-	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	8	12	10	2	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	887	840	806	34	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	2009	2010					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>LABOR LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>17,127</b>	<b>17,892</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>17,488</b>	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	5,644	6,081	147	21	5,913	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,035	1,091	19	8	1,064	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	63	67	9	-	58	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	83	66	-	1	65	-	-
ERISA <sup>2</sup>	8,983	9,326	122	13	9,191	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,319	1,261	30	34	1,197	-	-
<b>IMMIGRATION, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,226</b>	<b>2,053</b>	-	<b>2,053</b>	-	-	-
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	537	458	-	458	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	802	747	-	747	-	-	-
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	887	848	-	848	-	-	-
<b>PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>8,943</b>	<b>8,382</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>8,314</b>	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,780	1,984	-	-	1,984	-	-
PATENT	2,796	2,892	5	56	2,831	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,367	3,506	7	-	3,499	-	-
<b>SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES</b>	<b>1,652</b>	<b>1,564</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,222</b>	-	-
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>12,820</b>	<b>13,958</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>13,915</b>	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	5,955	6,284	43	6,241	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,183	6,863	-	6,863	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	600	723	-	723	-	-	-
OTHER	82	88	-	88	-	-	-
<b>RICO <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>749</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>2</b>	-	<b>710</b>	<b>91</b>	-
<b>STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	-	-	<b>5</b>	-	-
<b>TAX SUITS</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>479</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>CUSTOMER CHALLENGE</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	-	<b>17</b>	-	-	-
<b>CONSUMER CREDIT</b>	<b>5,122</b>	<b>7,926</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7,636</b>	<b>268</b>	-
<b>CABLE/SATELLITE TV</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>767</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>28</b>	-
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>313</b>	-	<b>259</b>	<b>54</b>	-	-
<b>CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>259</b>	-	<b>13</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>14</b>	-
<b>OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS</b>	<b>10,182</b>	<b>10,374</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>8,378</b>	-	-
<b>OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Includes cases filed in previous years as consolidated cases that thereafter were severed into individual cases.

<sup>2</sup> ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

<sup>3</sup> Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

<sup>4</sup> RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.