

Table C-2.

**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction  
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Period Ending March 31, 2004**

Nature of Suit	2003	2004					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>256,858</b>	<b>255,851</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>36,942</b>	<b>147,855</b>	<b>60,334</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>33,288</b>	<b>30,512</b>	<b>3,155</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>6,057</b>	<b>20,890</b>	<b>9</b>
INSURANCE	8,757	8,673	69	66	1,262	7,274	2
MARINE	1,896	1,934	9	15	1,793	115	2
MILLER ACT	514	371	112	7	252	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	560	482	45	7	55	375	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,873	3,037	2,675	106	148	108	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	3,365	2,588	2,573	15	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	87	43	42	1	-	-	-
OTHER	421	406	60	90	148	108	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	17,688	16,015	245	200	2,547	13,018	5
<b>REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>7,874</b>	<b>6,785</b>	<b>2,428</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>3,394</b>	<b>5</b>
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	648	280	188	24	56	12	-
FORECLOSURE	5,731	4,999	2,159	124	224	2,487	5
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	208	186	29	2	60	95	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	373	594	8	22	82	482	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	914	726	44	145	219	318	-
<b>TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>46,629</b>	<b>45,891</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>2,402</b>	<b>8,265</b>	<b>35,084</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>42,640</b>	<b>39,983</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2,219</b>	<b>6,102</b>	<b>31,618</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY/</b>							
<b>PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL</b>	<b>24,656</b>	<b>22,609</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1,266</b>	<b>21,297</b>	<b>-</b>
AIRPLANE	92	103	-	4	29	70	-
MARINE	46	32	-	2	9	21	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	576	639	-	5	39	595	-
ASBESTOS	4,908	1,305	-	8	204	1,093	-
OTHER	19,034	20,530	-	27	985	19,518	-
<b>OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>17,984</b>	<b>17,374</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2,173</b>	<b>4,836</b>	<b>10,321</b>	<b>6</b>
AIRPLANE	785	706	-	28	358	320	-
MARINE	1,911	1,870	4	59	1,603	204	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,591	4,405	-	570	256	3,578	1
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	867	702	-	58	212	432	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	945	912	-	78	834	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,531	1,470	-	731	-	739	-
OTHER	7,354	7,309	34	649	1,573	5,048	5

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Nature of Suit	2003	2004					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL</b>	<b>3,989</b>	<b>5,908</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>2,163</b>	<b>3,466</b>	<b>-</b>
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,371	4,296	82	25	1,798	2,391	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,618	1,612	14	158	365	1,075	-
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL</b>	<b>169,056</b>	<b>172,633</b>	<b>4,980</b>	<b>33,818</b>	<b>132,875</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>ANTITRUST</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL</b>	<b>4,170</b>	<b>3,623</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3,567</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,678	2,838	19	31	2,788	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	1,492	785	3	3	779	-	-
<b>BANKS AND BANKING</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>40,333</b>	<b>40,566</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>2,287</b>	<b>36,845</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>-</b>
VOTING	204	154	4	8	142	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	20,782	19,912	425	1,262	17,585	640	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,332	1,280	23	14	1,235	8	-
WELFARE	77	61	-	3	58	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	17,938	19,159	126	1,000	17,825	208	-
<b>COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>DEPORTATION</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>55,800</b>	<b>53,138</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,879</b>	<b>41,255</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,945	5,793	-	5,793	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	23,691	22,531	-	4,199	18,332	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	218	238	-	18	220	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,202	1,143	-	520	623	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	14,771	14,917	-	1,083	13,834	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	9,973	8,516	-	266	8,246	4	-
<b>FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>2,103</b>	<b>1,976</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	48	53	28	25	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	78	55	50	5	-	-	-
DRUG R-ELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,219	1,265	1,214	51	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	12	14	14	-	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	6	7	7	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	762	709	663	46	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	2003	2004					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>LABOR LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>18,442</b>	<b>18,330</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>17,773</b>	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	4,055	3,426	148	30	3,248	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,586	1,645	33	21	1,591	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	90	97	12	4	81	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	100	128	-	2	126	-	-
ERISA <sup>1</sup>	11,229	11,499	174	22	11,303	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,382	1,535	30	81	1,424	-	-
<b>PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>8,389</b>	<b>9,337</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9,294</b>	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,111	2,653	-	-	2,653	-	-
PATENT	2,759	2,978	10	18	2,950	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,519	3,706	15	-	3,691	-	-
<b>SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES</b>	<b>3,468</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2,751</b>	-	-
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>18,178</b>	<b>16,242</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>16,154</b>	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	81	62	-	62	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	17	8	-	8	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	8,426	7,454	88	7,366	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	8,352	7,606	-	7,606	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	1,302	1,112	-	1,112	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>RICO</b> <sup>2</sup>	<b>845</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>4</b>	-	<b>615</b>	<b>76</b>	-
<b>STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS<sup>9</sup></b>	<b>3</b>	-	-	<b>3</b>	-	-	-
<b>TAX SUITS</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>743</b>	-	-	-
<b>CUSTOMER CHALLENGE</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	-	<b>11</b>	-	-	-
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>288</b>	-	<b>242</b>	<b>46</b>	-	-
<b>CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>24</b>	-
<b>OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS</b>	<b>12,715</b>	<b>20,848</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>1,591</b>	<b>18,397</b>	-	-
<b>OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	11	30	3	4	17	6	-

<sup>1</sup> ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

<sup>2</sup> RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.