

**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, 2006 and 2007**

Nature of Suit	2006	2007					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>244,068</b>	<b>278,272</b>	<b>9,174</b>	<b>34,990</b>	<b>141,551</b>	<b>92,557</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>27,957</b>	<b>33,319</b>	<b>2,776</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>7,052</b>	<b>23,062</b>	<b>-</b>
INSURANCE	7,912	12,990	13	168	2,571	10,238	-
MARINE	1,562	1,824	4	6	1,702	112	-
MILLER ACT	381	311	82	3	226	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	379	351	22	2	36	291	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	2,903	3,009	2,500	107	220	182	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,483	2,500	2,463	37	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	13	10	7	3	-	-	-
OTHER	407	499	30	67	220	182	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	14,820	14,834	155	143	2,297	12,239	-
<b>REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>4,765</b>	<b>4,179</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>1,786</b>	<b>-</b>
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	359	264	125	6	114	19	-
FORECLOSURE	3,017	2,273	1,135	95	226	817	-
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	154	141	12	5	38	86	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	411	611	9	40	184	378	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	824	890	28	122	254	486	-
<b>TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>50,216</b>	<b>83,570</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>14,189</b>	<b>67,356</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>46,077</b>	<b>79,437</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>12,621</b>	<b>65,006</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>							
<b>PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL</b>	<b>28,797</b>	<b>58,804</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2,879</b>	<b>55,898</b>	<b>-</b>
AIRPLANE	84	92	-	2	35	55	-
MARINE	35	50	-	2	30	18	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	591	461	-	3	41	417	-
ASBESTOS	1,786	21,179	-	3	271	20,905	-
OTHER	26,301	37,022	-	17	2,502	34,503	-
<b>OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>17,280</b>	<b>20,633</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1,761</b>	<b>9,742</b>	<b>9,108</b>	<b>-</b>
AIRPLANE	299	371	-	29	112	230	-
MARINE	1,648	1,562	2	36	1,280	244	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,083	3,782	-	405	238	3,139	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	603	531	-	37	162	332	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	677	656	-	66	590	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,170	1,225	-	638	-	587	-
OTHER	8,800	12,506	20	550	7,360	4,576	-

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Nature of Suit	2006	2007					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL</b>	<b>4,139</b>	<b>4,133</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>1,568</b>	<b>2,350</b>	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,517	2,209	34	17	1,130	1,028	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,622	1,924	8	156	438	1,322	-
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL</b>	<b>161,035</b>	<b>157,077</b>	<b>5,012</b>	<b>32,324</b>	<b>119,420</b>	<b>321</b>	-
<b>ANTITRUST</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,150</b>	-	-
<b>BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,957</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3,354</b>	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,381	2,411	13	27	2,371	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	576	989	3	3	983	-	-
<b>BANKS AND BANKING</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>215</b>	-	-
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>34,043</b>	<b>32,340</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>2,044</b>	<b>29,721</b>	<b>93</b>	-
VOTING	138	147	12	13	122	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	15,408	13,943	371	857	12,704	11	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	723	638	21	17	600	-	-
WELFARE	55	46	-	5	41	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	17,719	17,566	78	1,152	16,254	82	-
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>434</b>	-	-
<b>DEPORTATION</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>125</b>	-	<b>103</b>	<b>22</b>	-	-
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>58,097</b>	<b>52,961</b>	-	<b>10,772</b>	<b>42,188</b>	<b>1</b>	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	8,480	5,550	-	5,550	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	23,316	22,503	-	3,315	19,188	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	237	247	-	12	235	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,263	1,425	-	773	652	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	16,027	16,445	-	892	15,553	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	8,774	6,791	-	230	6,560	1	-
<b>FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>2,220</b>	<b>2,108</b>	<b>112</b>	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	17	22	11	11	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	41	42	39	3	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,367	1,313	1,277	36	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	4	3	2	1	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	6	10	8	2	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	864	830	771	59	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	2006	2007					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>LABOR LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>17,602</b>	<b>18,730</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>18,266</b>	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	4,389	6,786	150	12	6,624	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,327	1,147	35	10	1,102	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	77	78	12	5	61	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	119	98	2	4	92	-	-
ERISA <sup>1</sup>	10,417	9,426	157	12	9,257	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,273	1,195	21	44	1,130	-	-
<b>PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>12,038</b>	<b>11,537</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11,507</b>	-	-
COPYRIGHT	5,488	5,074	-	-	5,074	-	-
PATENT	2,812	2,814	3	22	2,789	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,738	3,649	5	-	3,644	-	-
<b>SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES</b>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>1,536</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,278</b>	-	-
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>14,404</b>	<b>13,220</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>13,175</b>	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,775	6,117	45	6,072	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,888	6,424	-	6,424	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	663	636	-	636	-	-	-
OTHER	78	43	-	43	-	-	-
<b>RICO<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>678</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>2</b>	-	<b>627</b>	<b>74</b>	-
<b>STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	-	-	<b>8</b>	-	-
<b>TAX SUITS</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>1,517</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>748</b>	-	-	-
<b>CUSTOMER CHALLENGE</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	-	<b>19</b>	-	-	-
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>316</b>	-	<b>267</b>	<b>49</b>	-	-
<b>CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>33</b>	-
<b>OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS</b>	<b>13,041</b>	<b>15,966</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>4,692</b>	<b>10,367</b>	<b>120</b>	-
<b>OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>32</b>	-

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

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