

**Table C-2.**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction**  
**and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2008 and 2009**

Nature of Suit	2008	2009					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>267,257</b>	<b>276,397</b>	<b>8,834</b>	<b>34,310</b>	<b>136,041</b>	<b>97,209</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>34,172</b>	<b>35,634</b>	<b>2,680</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>8,061</b>	<b>24,500</b>	<b>1</b>
FRANCHISE	391	429	-	-	72	357	-
INSURANCE	12,697	11,155	4	64	1,970	9,117	-
MARINE	2,349	3,498	4	3	3,368	122	1
MILLER ACT	225	249	65	1	183	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	504	872	57	7	211	597	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,447	3,043	2,438	132	129	344	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,910	2,405	2,384	21	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	9	12	7	5	-	-	-
OTHER	528	626	47	106	129	344	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	14,559	16,388	112	185	2,128	13,963	-
<b>REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>5,072</b>	<b>5,998</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>2,820</b>	<b>1,996</b>	<b>-</b>
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	944	317	159	9	135	14	-
FORECLOSURE	2,144	3,129	574	182	1,517	856	-
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	172	185	7	4	71	103	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	510	579	18	28	132	401	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	1,302	1,788	41	160	965	622	-
<b>TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>72,011</b>	<b>78,093</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>2,793</b>	<b>6,720</b>	<b>68,503</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>68,121</b>	<b>72,897</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2,586</b>	<b>4,554</b>	<b>65,732</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY/</b>							
<b>PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL</b>	<b>52,110</b>	<b>58,335</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>56,303</b>	<b>-</b>
AIRPLANE	101	131	-	10	28	93	-
MARINE	33	27	-	2	12	13	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	390	401	-	3	27	371	-
ASBESTOS <sup>1</sup>	33,780	41,785	-	9	364	41,412	-
OTHER	17,806	15,991	-	987	590	14,414	-
<b>OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>16,011</b>	<b>14,562</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>3,533</b>	<b>9,429</b>	<b>1</b>
AIRPLANE	386	446	-	9	120	317	-
MARINE	1,393	1,345	6	23	1,047	269	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	3,636	3,588	7	402	203	2,976	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	557	530	-	39	158	333	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	511	545	-	55	490	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,255	1,059	-	577	-	482	-
OTHER	8,273	7,049	11	470	1,515	5,052	1

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Nature of Suit	2008	2009					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL</b>	<b>3,890</b>	<b>5,196</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>2,166</b>	<b>2,771</b>	<b>-</b>
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,245	3,320	42	46	1,831	1,401	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,645	1,876	10	161	335	1,370	-
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL</b>	<b>155,939</b>	<b>156,629</b>	<b>5,272</b>	<b>30,740</b>	<b>118,409</b>	<b>2,207</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>ANTITRUST</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,383</b>	<b>2,313</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2,280</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	1,954	1,906	15	9	1,882	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	429	407	8	1	398	-	-
<b>BANKS AND BANKING</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>32,132</b>	<b>33,761</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>1,576</b>	<b>29,898</b>	<b>1,864</b>	<b>-</b>
VOTING	145	127	9	5	111	2	-
EMPLOYMENT	13,219	14,036	294	682	11,623	1,437	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	644	746	36	26	661	23	-
WELFARE	48	71	2	4	64	1	-
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	1,095	1,195	27	40	1,073	55	-
ADA—OTHER	1,583	1,974	9	28	1,921	16	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	15,398	15,612	46	791	14,445	330	-
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>DEPORTATION</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>54,786</b>	<b>52,304</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,457</b>	<b>41,844</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	6,352	5,771	-	5,771	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS	21,298	20,319	-	2,865	17,454	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	192	245	-	18	227	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,265	1,081	-	488	593	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	18,069	17,348	-	912	16,436	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	7,610	7,540	-	403	7,134	3	-
<b>FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,331</b>	<b>2,371</b>	<b>2,283</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	26	22	16	6	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	47	34	32	2	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,399	1,441	1,407	34	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	4	1	1	-	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	8	12	10	2	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	847	861	817	44	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	2008	2009					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>LABOR LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>16,788</b>	<b>17,719</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>17,317</b>	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	5,393	6,073	134	24	5,915	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,051	1,066	17	5	1,044	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	66	57	10	2	45	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	83	74	-	-	74	-	-
ERISA <sup>2</sup>	8,983	9,129	121	9	8,999	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,212	1,320	37	43	1,240	-	-
<b>IMMIGRATION, TOTAL <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>1,641</b>	<b>2,277</b>	-	<b>2,277</b>	-	-	-
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	586	437	-	437	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	485	883	-	883	-	-	-
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	570	957	-	957	-	-	-
<b>PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>9,592</b>	<b>8,365</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8,318</b>	-	-
COPYRIGHT	3,234	2,192	-	-	2,192	-	-
PATENT	2,909	2,792	5	36	2,751	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,449	3,381	6	-	3,375	-	-
<b>SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>1,674</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,332</b>	-	-
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>13,138</b>	<b>13,622</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>13,572</b>	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,080	6,389	47	6,342	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,373	6,472	-	6,472	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	603	665	-	665	-	-	-
OTHER	82	96	3	93	-	-	-
<b>RICO <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>684</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>3</b>	-	<b>707</b>	<b>76</b>	-
<b>STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	-	-	<b>3</b>	-	-
<b>TAX SUITS</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>480</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>CUSTOMER CHALLENGE</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	-	<b>19</b>	-	-	-
<b>CONSUMER CREDIT</b>	<b>4,239</b>	<b>6,463</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6,214</b>	<b>228</b>	-
<b>CABLE/SATELLITE TV</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>626</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>18</b>	-
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>314</b>	-	<b>263</b>	<b>51</b>	-	-
<b>CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>18</b>	-
<b>OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS</b>	<b>11,326</b>	<b>10,345</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>1,443</b>	<b>8,119</b>	-	-
<b>OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3</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.