

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, 2001

Nature of Suit	2000	2001					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	259,517	250,907	22,680	40,644	138,441	48,998	144
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	53,625	43,148	13,653	376	6,197	22,897	25
INSURANCE	7,517	7,874	15	47	1,125	6,685	2
MARINE	2,446	2,505	41	13	2,301	146	4
MILLER ACT	769	560	166	-	394	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	495	605	63	7	69	466	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS, TOTAL	24,838	13,409	13,078	118	125	88	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	24,404	12,952	12,908	44	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	43	118	116	2	-	-	-
OTHER	391	339	54	72	125	88	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	17,560	18,195	290	191	2,183	15,512	19
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	6,711	7,290	4,040	324	656	2,204	66
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	1,243	1,506	1,414	22	63	7	-
FORECLOSURE	4,209	4,458	2,537	107	219	1,530	65
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	175	196	18	9	58	111	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	377	388	8	27	87	266	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	707	742	63	159	229	290	1
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	36,586	33,663	103	2,615	8,288	22,617	40
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	32,621	29,789	29	2,422	6,881	20,421	36
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PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	14,428	12,307	-	39	2,199	10,069	-
AIRPLANE	164	118	-	3	31	84	-
MARINE	54	39	-	-	13	26	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	421	654	-	9	45	600	-
ASBESTOS	7,187	5,041	-	3	1,553	3,485	-
OTHER	6,602	6,455	-	24	557	5,874	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	18,193	17,482	29	2,383	4,682	10,352	36
AIRPLANE	747	714	-	44	305	365	-
MARINE	2,006	2,164	9	47	1,929	178	1
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,690	4,535	1	678	197	3,658	1
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	801	623	-	57	174	390	2
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	1,108	1,067	-	72	995	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,526	1,429	-	666	-	763	-
OTHER	7,315	6,950	19	819	1,082	4,998	32

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Nature of Suit	2000	2001					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	3,965	3,874	74	193	1,407	2,196	4
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,265	2,224	53	20	1,059	1,091	1
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,700	1,650	21	173	348	1,105	3
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	162,583	166,792	4,880	37,328	123,292	1,279	13
ANTITRUST	858	723	11	5	707	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	3,361	2,950	48	35	2,867	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,785	2,519	46	32	2,441	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	576	431	2	3	426	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	205	214	9	12	193	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	40,908	40,910	710	2,322	36,690	1,188	-
VOTING	167	195	7	15	171	2	-
EMPLOYMENT	21,032	21,157	516	1,270	18,441	930	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,284	1,249	55	43	1,138	13	-
WELFARE	80	61	1	7	53	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	18,345	18,248	131	987	16,887	243	-
COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)	891	584	4	3	577	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	886	1,807	200	281	1,326	-	-
DEPORTATION	213	217	-	151	66	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	58,257	58,805	-	14,619	44,173	2	11
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	6,341	8,644	-	8,644	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	24,945	24,684	-	4,430	20,244	-	10
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	274	202	-	10	192	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,192	1,157	-	516	640	-	1
CIVIL RIGHTS	14,151	13,435	-	732	12,703	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	11,354	10,683	-	287	10,394	2	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,320	1,938	1,795	143	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	57	46	19	27	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	110	58	56	2	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,117	953	906	47	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	7	4	4	-	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	4	1	1	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	1,025	876	809	67	-	-	-

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	14,142	15,195	351	149	14,695	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	1,935	1,960	133	27	1,800	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,542	1,445	29	21	1,395	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	101	129	17	2	110	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	137	115	-	2	113	-	-
ERISA ¹	9,124	10,292	126	23	10,143	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,303	1,254	46	74	1,134	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	8,738	8,314	22	10	8,282	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,050	2,446	-	-	2,446	-	-
PATENT	2,484	2,520	14	10	2,496	-	-
TRADEMARK	4,204	3,348	8	-	3,340	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	2,678	3,538	265	12	3,261	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	15,829	17,074	121	16,953	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	70	70	-	70	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	20	16	-	16	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	8,122	8,623	121	8,502	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,762	7,361	-	7,361	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	855	1,004	-	1,004	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RICO ²	829	724	3	-	652	69	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	2	13	-	-	13	-	-
TAX SUITS	907	1,020	304	714	-	-	2
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	12	16	-	16	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	341	325	-	289	36	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	288	254	2	10	222	20	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	10,918	12,171	1,035	1,604	9,532	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	12	14	4	1	8	1	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	12	14	4	1	8	1	-

¹ ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.² RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.