

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2003

Nature of Suit	2002	2003					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	256,562	257,234	10,685	37,552	146,376	62,603	18
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	34,718	31,111	3,138	466	6,193	21,305	9
INSURANCE	8,908	8,792	72	72	1,265	7,381	2
MARINE	2,016	1,947	9	10	1,816	110	2
MILLER ACT	520	412	121	8	283	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	592	510	49	5	72	384	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	4,728	3,038	2,618	167	160	93	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	4,274	2,513	2,498	15	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	105	48	47	1	-	-	-
OTHER	349	477	73	151	160	93	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	17,954	16,412	269	204	2,597	13,337	5
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	8,104	7,167	2,590	295	661	3,618	3
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	791	271	186	11	62	12	-
FORECLOSURE	5,763	5,155	2,316	130	229	2,477	3
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	205	195	29	6	65	95	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	357	831	9	26	80	716	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	988	715	50	122	225	318	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	44,686	47,158	126	2,483	7,990	36,553	6
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	40,699	41,255	38	2,307	5,867	33,037	6
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PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	22,663	23,441	-	41	995	22,405	-
AIRPLANE	89	113	-	1	32	80	-
MARINE	44	38	-	2	14	22	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	560	626	-	6	32	588	-
ASBESTOS	7,136	1,397	-	11	194	1,192	-
OTHER	14,834	21,267	-	21	723	20,523	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	18,036	17,814	38	2,266	4,872	10,632	6
AIRPLANE	858	715	-	20	352	343	-
MARINE	1,976	1,806	5	59	1,570	172	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,527	4,508	-	618	248	3,640	2
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	727	856	-	61	299	496	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	956	911	-	81	830	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,481	1,571	-	767	-	804	-
OTHER	7,511	7,447	33	660	1,573	5,177	4

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			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	3,987	5,903	88	176	2,123	3,516	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,375	4,289	72	23	1,758	2,436	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,612	1,614	16	153	365	1,080	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	169,045	171,773	4,828	34,305	131,519	1,121	-
ANTITRUST	830	758	17	9	732	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	4,200	3,451	21	31	3,399	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,722	2,742	18	27	2,697	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	1,478	709	3	4	702	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	246	243	5	14	224	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	40,733	40,250	576	2,260	36,409	1,005	-
VOTING	222	151	3	8	140	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	20,972	20,040	425	1,254	17,594	767	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,358	1,274	26	18	1,220	10	-
WELFARE	78	60	-	4	56	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	18,103	18,725	122	976	17,399	228	-
COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)	585	546	8	6	532	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	777	976	171	269	536	-	-
DEPORTATION	341	286	-	249	37	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	55,830	53,819	-	11,822	41,990	7	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	6,008	5,815	-	5,815	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	23,879	22,861	-	4,198	18,663	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	218	234	-	14	220	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,219	1,134	-	546	588	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	14,473	14,946	-	989	13,957	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	10,033	8,829	-	260	8,562	7	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,132	2,034	1,915	119	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	49	53	28	25	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	75	63	53	10	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,194	1,219	1,173	46	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	8	16	15	1	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	7	5	5	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	799	678	641	37	-	-	-

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LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	18,259	17,811	368	164	17,279	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	3,960	2,955	142	33	2,780	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,584	1,620	35	20	1,565	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	89	103	11	4	88	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	109	117	-	3	114	-	-
ERISA ¹	11,128	11,524	155	26	11,343	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,389	1,492	25	78	1,389	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	8,333	9,190	25	18	9,147	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,157	2,605	-	-	2,605	-	-
PATENT	2,706	2,880	9	18	2,853	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,470	3,705	16	-	3,689	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	3,476	3,110	341	11	2,758	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	18,412	16,631	86	16,545	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	82	63	-	63	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	16	10	-	10	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	8,713	7,619	86	7,533	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	8,369	7,702	-	7,702	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	1,232	1,237	-	1,237	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RICO²	793	732	3	-	642	87	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	13	1	-	-	1	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,225	1,239	453	786	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	13	9	-	9	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	263	291	-	248	43	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	261	281	4	21	234	22	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	12,323	20,115	835	1,724	17,556	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	9	25	3	3	13	6	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	9	25	3	3	13	6	-

¹ ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

² RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.