

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Periods Ending December 31, 2009 and 2010

Nature of Suit	2009	2010					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	278,884	293,352	9,021	35,052	140,702	108,575	2
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	35,158	31,732	3,339	413	4,896	23,084	-
FRANCHISE	415	372	-	-	63	309	-
INSURANCE	11,268	10,044	5	38	1,053	8,948	-
MARINE	2,700	1,194	5	4	1,072	113	-
MILLER ACT	255	292	90	1	201	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	1,015	886	39	11	139	697	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,026	3,730	3,051	157	200	322	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,363	3,028	3,013	15	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	17	9	4	5	-	-	-
OTHER	646	693	34	137	200	322	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	16,479	15,214	149	202	2,168	12,695	-
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	6,146	8,293	745	406	3,607	3,535	-
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	273	182	63	10	95	14	-
FORECLOSURE	3,339	4,986	630	221	2,242	1,893	-
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	199	284	6	5	122	151	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	609	630	13	19	114	484	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	1,726	2,211	33	151	1,034	993	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	79,904	88,754	60	2,957	6,331	79,405	1
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	74,567	84,060	16	2,758	4,578	76,707	1
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PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	59,745	69,307	-	1,147	623	67,537	-
AIRPLANE	140	208	-	1	13	194	-
MARINE	33	27	-	-	14	13	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	452	469	-	3	53	413	-
ASBESTOS ¹	43,220	47,094	-	4	192	46,898	-
OTHER	15,900	21,509	-	1,139	351	20,019	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	14,822	14,753	16	1,611	3,955	9,170	1
AIRPLANE	470	285	-	27	100	158	-
MARINE	1,356	1,407	3	35	1,046	323	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	3,548	3,530	3	380	218	2,929	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	515	559	-	36	183	340	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	510	425	-	52	373	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,110	1,102	-	577	-	525	-
OTHER	7,313	7,445	10	504	2,035	4,895	1

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Nature of Suit	2009	2010					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	5,337	4,694	44	199	1,753	2,698	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	3,462	2,833	39	40	1,386	1,368	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,875	1,861	5	159	367	1,330	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	157,655	164,571	4,875	31,276	125,868	2,551	1
ANTITRUST	775	574	19	7	548	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	2,453	2,610	3	6	2,601	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	1,942	2,146	2	4	2,140	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	511	464	1	2	461	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	455	687	18	113	556	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	33,790	35,741	356	1,403	31,856	2,126	-
VOTING	81	130	4	11	113	2	-
EMPLOYMENT	14,116	15,020	259	632	12,511	1,618	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	620	737	25	13	689	10	-
WELFARE	68	52	-	4	48	-	-
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	1,235	1,620	25	48	1,473	74	-
ADA—OTHER	2,022	2,455	6	27	2,397	25	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	15,648	15,727	37	668	14,625	397	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	730	955	173	254	528	-	-
DEPORTATION	96	59	-	32	27	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	51,950	52,645	-	10,807	41,834	4	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,741	6,001	-	6,001	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	20,016	20,061	-	3,102	16,959	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	248	205	-	8	197	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,053	955	-	392	563	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	17,177	17,214	-	922	16,292	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	7,715	8,209	-	382	7,823	4	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,387	2,274	2,153	121	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	24	37	16	21	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	35	44	36	8	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,421	1,267	1,241	26	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	1	5	3	2	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	12	20	15	5	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	894	901	842	59	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	2009	2010					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	18,044	18,753	337	68	18,348	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	6,280	6,864	126	9	6,729	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,098	1,041	34	7	1,000	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	67	57	8	2	47	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	65	73	-	2	71	-	-
ERISA ²	9,240	9,309	139	11	9,159	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,294	1,409	30	37	1,342	-	-
IMMIGRATION, TOTAL ³	2,166	1,853	-	1,853	-	-	-
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	438	368	-	368	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	800	711	-	711	-	-	-
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	928	774	-	774	-	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	8,261	9,354	45	31	9,278	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,018	2,033	-	-	2,033	-	-
PATENT	2,800	3,647	40	31	3,576	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,443	3,674	5	-	3,669	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	1,623	1,409	294	7	1,108	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	13,649	14,632	29	14,603	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,277	6,432	29	6,403	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,589	7,408	-	7,408	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	686	730	-	730	-	-	-
OTHER	97	62	-	62	-	-	-
RICO ⁴	795	955	1	-	880	74	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	3	4	-	-	4	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,262	1,163	676	487	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	19	7	-	7	-	-	-
CONSUMER CREDIT	7,311	8,662	10	5	8,325	322	-
CABLE/SATELLITE TV	675	1,328	-	2	1,316	10	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	323	302	-	261	41	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	268	353	6	12	319	15	1
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	10,620	10,251	755	1,197	8,299	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	21	2	2	-	-	-	-

¹ Includes cases filed in previous years as consolidated cases that thereafter were severed into individual cases.

² ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

³ Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

⁴ RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.