

Table C-2A.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2001 Through 2005

NATURE OF SUIT	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Percent Change 2005/2004
TOTAL CASES	250,907	274,841	252,962	281,338	253,273	-10.0
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	43,148	35,843	31,263	29,404	28,020	-4.7
INSURANCE	7,874	8,793	8,629	8,460	7,804	-7.8
MARINE	2,505	2,122	1,912	1,676	1,435	-14.4
MILLER ACT	560	528	442	386	387	0.3
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	605	595	524	440	447	1.6
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	13,409	5,651	3,073	2,830	3,309	16.9
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	12,952	5,212	2,525	2,438	2,883	18.3
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	118	98	84	18	8	-55.6
OTHER	339	341	464	374	418	11.8
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	18,195	18,154	16,683	15,612	14,638	-6.2
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	7,290	8,059	7,373	5,845	4,561	-22.0
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	1,506	938	408	197	251	27.4
FORECLOSURE	4,458	5,592	5,319	4,306	3,012	-30.1
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	196	216	160	169	154	-8.9
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	388	353	791	385	380	-1.3
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	742	960	695	788	764	-3.1
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	33,663	62,919	45,054	55,023	51,335	-6.7
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	29,789	58,997	39,563	50,594	47,364	-6.4
PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	12,307	41,135	21,611	34,100	29,537	-13.4
AIRPLANE	118	120	101	100	79	-21.0
MARINE	39	42	34	32	46	43.8
MOTOR VEHICLE	654	564	609	618	531	-14.1
ASBESTOS	5,041	26,818	1,562	1,471	1,243	-15.5
OTHER	6,455	13,591	19,305	31,879	27,638	-13.3
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	17,482	17,862	17,952	16,494	17,827	8.1
AIRPLANE	714	846	659	483	351	-27.3
MARINE	2,164	1,978	1,814	1,841	1,667	-9.5
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,535	4,525	4,480	4,229	4,091	-3.3
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	623	693	892	668	647	-3.2
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	1,067	944	975	782	748	-4.4
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,429	1,463	1,607	1,313	1,221	-7.0
OTHER	6,950	7,413	7,525	7,178	9,102	26.8

Table C-2A. (September 30, 2005—Continued)

NATURE OF SUIT	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Percent Change 2005/2004
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	3,874	3,922	5,491	4,429	3,971	-10.4
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,224	2,359	3,860	2,909	2,465	-15.3
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,650	1,563	1,631	1,520	1,506	-0.9
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	166,792	168,010	169,253	191,017	169,265	-11.4
ANTITRUST	723	826	762	752	818	8.8
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	2,950	4,100	3,305	4,145	3,000	-27.6
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,519	2,636	2,658	2,822	2,435	-13.7
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	431	1,464	647	1,323	565	-57.3
BANKS AND BANKING	214	251	223	366	258	-29.5
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	40,910	40,420	40,516	40,239	36,096	-10.3
VOTING	195	234	147	173	166	-4.1
EMPLOYMENT	21,157	20,955	20,507	19,746	16,930	-14.3
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,249	1,313	1,315	1,222	885	-27.6
WELFARE	61	71	65	61	54	-11.5
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	18,248	17,847	18,482	19,037	18,061	-5.1
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	1,807	790	947	978	714	-27.0
DEPORTATION	217	325	278	316	201	-36.4
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	58,805	55,295	54,378	55,330	61,238	10.7
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	8,644	6,107	5,832	7,137	10,361	45.2
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	24,684	23,863	23,070	23,344	24,633	5.5
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	202	236	243	225	240	6.7
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,157	1,125	1,160	1,175	1,390	18.3
CIVIL RIGHTS	13,435	14,039	14,690	15,478	16,005	3.4
PRISON CONDITION	10,683	9,925	9,383	7,971	8,609	8.0
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	1,938	2,119	2,073	2,146	2,298	7.1
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	46	47	49	43	27	-37.2
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	58	69	72	42	49	16.7
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	953	1,200	1,217	1,292	1,359	5.2
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	4	6	19	6	6	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	1	5	6	7	5	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	876	792	710	756	852	12.7

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NATURE OF SUIT	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Percent Change 2005/2004
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	15,195	18,285	17,318	18,330	18,322	-0.1
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	1,960	3,904	2,751	3,617	4,039	11.7
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,445	1,529	1,618	1,641	1,674	2.0
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	129	84	101	81	88	8.6
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	115	126	101	111	104	-6.3
ERISA*	10,292	11,232	11,304	11,421	11,171	-2.2
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,254	1,410	1,443	1,459	1,246	-14.6
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	8,314	8,254	8,934	9,590	12,184	27.0
COPYRIGHT	2,446	2,084	2,448	3,007	5,796	92.8
PATENT	2,520	2,700	2,814	3,075	2,720	-11.6
TRADEMARK	3,348	3,470	3,672	3,508	3,668	4.6
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	3,538	3,465	3,189	3,094	2,038	-34.1
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	17,074	18,322	17,127	15,873	15,487	-2.4
DISABILITY INSURANCE	8,623	8,739	7,931	7,061	7,024	-0.5
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	7,361	8,313	7,792	7,916	7,675	-3.1
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	1,004	1,164	1,324	831	710	-14.6
OTHER	86	106	80	65	78	20.0
RICO**	724	760	743	777	781	0.5
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	13	24	1	5	8	-
TAX SUITS	1,020	1,151	1,244	1,314	1,385	5.4
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	16	7	11	16	21	31.3
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	325	271	283	315	404	28.3
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	254	256	267	317	310	-2.2
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	12,755	13,089	17,654	37,114	13,702	-63.1
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	14	10	19	49	92	87.8

NOTE: PERCENT CHANGE NOT COMPUTED WHEN FEWER THAN 10 CASES REPORTED FOR THE PREVIOUS PERIOD.

* ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

** RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.