

Table C-2A.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2003 Through 2007

NATURE OF SUIT	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Percent Change 2007/2006
TOTAL CASES	252,962	281,338	253,273	259,541	257,507	-0.8
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	31,263	29,404	28,020	30,044	33,939	13.0
INSURANCE	8,629	8,460	7,804	9,792	13,287	35.7
MARINE	1,912	1,676	1,435	1,700	1,969	15.8
MILLER ACT	442	386	387	359	302	-15.9
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	524	440	447	336	377	12.2
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,073	2,830	3,309	2,872	3,204	11.6
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,525	2,438	2,883	2,395	2,673	11.6
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	84	18	8	13	20	53.8
OTHER	464	374	418	464	511	10.1
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	16,683	15,612	14,638	14,985	14,800	-1.2
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	7,373	5,845	4,561	4,414	5,180	17.4
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	408	197	251	316	321	1.6
FORECLOSURE	5,319	4,306	3,012	2,644	2,960	12.0
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	160	169	154	142	135	-4.9
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	791	385	380	467	842	80.3
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	695	788	764	845	922	9.1
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	45,054	55,023	51,335	68,804	61,359	-10.8
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	39,563	50,594	47,364	64,743	57,244	-11.6
PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	21,611	34,100	29,537	48,739	36,469	-25.2
AIRPLANE	101	100	79	74	114	54.1
MARINE	34	32	46	37	44	18.9
MOTOR VEHICLE	609	618	531	561	447	-20.3
ASBESTOS	1,562	1,471	1,243	16,547	12,404	-25.0
OTHER	19,305	31,879	27,638	31,520	23,460	-25.6
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	17,952	16,494	17,827	16,004	20,775	29.8
AIRPLANE	659	483	351	294	478	62.6
MARINE	1,814	1,841	1,667	1,584	1,597	0.8
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,480	4,229	4,091	3,938	3,764	-4.4
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	892	668	647	587	533	-9.2
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	975	782	748	700	585	-16.4
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,607	1,313	1,221	1,221	1,164	-4.7
OTHER	7,525	7,178	9,102	7,680	12,654	64.8

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NATURE OF SUIT	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Percent Change 2007/2006
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	5,491	4,429	3,971	4,061	4,115	1.3
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	3,860	2,909	2,465	2,313	2,129	-8.0
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,631	1,520	1,506	1,748	1,986	13.6
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	169,253	191,017	169,265	156,177	156,916	0.5
ANTITRUST	762	752	818	986	1,038	5.3
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	3,305	4,145	3,000	3,389	3,164	-6.6
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,658	2,822	2,435	2,475	2,290	-7.5
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	647	1,323	565	914	874	-4.4
BANKS AND BANKING	223	366	258	201	234	16.4
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	40,516	40,239	36,096	32,865	31,756	-3.4
VOTING	147	173	166	150	118	-21.3
EMPLOYMENT	20,507	19,746	16,930	14,353	13,375	-6.8
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,315	1,222	885	643	665	3.4
WELFARE	65	61	54	56	27	-51.8
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	18,482	19,037	18,061	17,663	17,571	-0.5
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	947	978	714	871	767	-12.0
DEPORTATION	278	316	201	130	115	-11.5
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	54,378	55,330	61,238	54,955	53,945	-1.8
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,832	7,137	10,361	6,515	5,896	-9.5
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	23,070	23,344	24,633	22,745	22,192	-2.4
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	243	225	240	239	246	2.9
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,160	1,175	1,390	1,217	1,586	30.3
CIVIL RIGHTS	14,690	15,478	16,005	16,428	16,716	1.8
PRISON CONDITION	9,383	7,971	8,609	7,811	7,309	-6.4
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,073	2,146	2,298	2,224	2,272	2.2
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	49	43	27	18	29	61.1
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	72	42	49	42	55	31.0
DRUG—RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,217	1,292	1,359	1,328	1,355	2.0
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	19	6	6	2	5	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	6	7	5	8	7	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	710	756	852	826	821	-0.6

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NATURE OF SUIT	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Percent Change 2007/2006
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	17,318	18,330	18,322	16,659	18,674	12.1
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	2,751	3,617	4,039	4,207	7,310	73.8
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,618	1,641	1,674	1,239	1,079	-12.9
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	101	81	88	63	82	30.2
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	101	111	104	108	92	-14.8
ERISA *	11,304	11,421	11,171	9,748	8,986	-7.8
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,443	1,459	1,246	1,294	1,125	-13.1
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	8,934	9,590	12,184	11,514	10,783	-6.4
COPYRIGHT	2,448	3,007	5,796	4,944	4,400	-11.0
PATENT	2,814	3,075	2,720	2,830	2,896	2.3
TRADEMARK	3,672	3,508	3,668	3,740	3,487	-6.8
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	3,189	3,094	2,038	1,621	1,394	-14.0
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	17,127	15,873	15,487	13,847	12,974	-6.3
DISABILITY INSURANCE	7,931	7,061	7,024	6,480	6,187	-4.5
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	7,792	7,916	7,675	6,649	6,135	-7.7
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	1,324	831	710	658	594	-9.7
OTHER	80	65	78	60	58	-3.3
RICO **	743	777	781	687	653	-5.0
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	1	5	8	6	6	-
TAX SUITS	1,244	1,314	1,385	1,490	1,522	2.1
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	11	16	21	17	12	-29.4
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	283	315	404	312	335	7.4
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	267	317	310	304	277	-8.9
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	17,654	37,114	13,702	14,099	16,995	20.5
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	19	49	92	102	113	10.8

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.