

**Table C-2A.**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,**  
**During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2006 Through 2010**

NATURE OF SUIT	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Percent Change 2009-2010
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>259,541</b>	<b>257,507</b>	<b>267,257</b>	<b>276,397</b>	<b>282,895</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>30,044</b>	<b>33,939</b>	<b>34,172</b>	<b>35,634</b>	<b>31,109</b>	<b>-12.7</b>
FRANCHISE	267	384	391	429	357	-16.8
INSURANCE	9,792	13,287	12,697	11,155	9,380	-15.9
MARINE	1,700	1,969	2,349	3,498	1,344	-61.6
MILLER ACT	359	302	225	249	276	10.8
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	336	377	504	872	956	9.6
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	2,872	3,204	3,447	3,043	3,426	12.6
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,395	2,673	2,910	2,405	2,741	14.0
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	13	20	9	12	16	33.3
OTHER	464	511	528	626	669	6.9
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	14,718	14,416	14,559	16,388	15,370	-6.2
<b>REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>4,414</b>	<b>5,180</b>	<b>5,072</b>	<b>5,998</b>	<b>7,432</b>	<b>23.9</b>
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	316	321	944	317	173	-45.4
FORECLOSURE	2,644	2,960	2,144	3,129	4,267	36.4
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	142	135	172	185	254	37.3
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	467	842	510	579	661	14.2
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	845	922	1,302	1,788	2,077	16.2
<b>TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>68,804</b>	<b>61,359</b>	<b>72,011</b>	<b>78,093</b>	<b>83,055</b>	<b>6.4</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>64,743</b>	<b>57,244</b>	<b>68,121</b>	<b>72,897</b>	<b>78,350</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY/   PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL</b>	<b>48,739</b>	<b>36,469</b>	<b>52,110</b>	<b>58,335</b>	<b>63,203</b>	<b>8.3</b>
AIRPLANE	74	114	101	131	184	40.5
MARINE	37	44	33	27	37	37.0
MOTOR VEHICLE	561	447	390	401	507	26.4
ASBESTOS <sup>1</sup>	16,547	12,404	33,780	41,785	41,133	-1.6
OTHER	31,520	23,460	17,806	15,991	21,342	33.5
<b>OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>16,004</b>	<b>20,775</b>	<b>16,011</b>	<b>14,562</b>	<b>15,147</b>	<b>4.0</b>
AIRPLANE	294	478	386	446	300	-32.7
MARINE	1,584	1,597	1,393	1,345	1,393	3.6
MOTOR VEHICLE	3,938	3,764	3,636	3,588	3,546	-1.2
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	587	533	557	530	559	5.5
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	700	585	511	545	480	-11.9
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,221	1,164	1,255	1,059	1,115	5.3
OTHER	7,680	12,654	8,273	7,049	7,754	10.0

**Table C-2A. (September 30, 2010—Continued)**

NATURE OF SUIT	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Percent Change 2009-2010
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL</b>	<b>4,061</b>	<b>4,115</b>	<b>3,890</b>	<b>5,196</b>	<b>4,705</b>	<b>-9.4</b>
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,313	2,129	2,245	3,320	2,902	-12.6
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,748	1,986	1,645	1,876	1,803	-3.9
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL</b>	<b>156,177</b>	<b>156,916</b>	<b>155,939</b>	<b>156,629</b>	<b>161,297</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>ANTITRUST</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>1,038</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>-33.0</b>
<b>BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL</b>	<b>3,389</b>	<b>3,164</b>	<b>2,383</b>	<b>2,313</b>	<b>2,696</b>	<b>16.6</b>
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,475	2,290	1,954	1,906	2,177	14.2
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	914	874	429	407	519	27.5
<b>BANKS AND BANKING</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>45.7</b>
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>32,865</b>	<b>31,756</b>	<b>32,132</b>	<b>33,761</b>	<b>34,872</b>	<b>3.3</b>
VOTING	150	118	145	127	102	-19.7
EMPLOYMENT	14,353	13,375	13,219	14,036	14,543	3.6
HOUSING AND ACCOMODATIONS	643	665	644	746	687	-7.9
WELFARE	56	27	48	71	58	-18.3
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	987	1,041	1,095	1,195	1,522	27.4
ADA—OTHER	1,381	1,277	1,583	1,974	2,309	17.0
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	15,295	15,253	15,398	15,612	15,651	0.2
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>27.1</b>
<b>DEPORTATION</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>-33.0</b>
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>54,955</b>	<b>53,945</b>	<b>54,786</b>	<b>52,304</b>	<b>51,901</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	6,515	5,896	6,352	5,771	5,858	1.5
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	22,745	22,192	21,298	20,319	19,825	-2.4
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	239	246	192	245	208	-15.1
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,217	1,586	1,265	1,081	952	-11.9
CIVIL RIGHTS	16,428	16,716	18,069	17,348	16,951	-2.3
PRISON CONDITION	7,811	7,309	7,610	7,540	8,107	7.5
<b>FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,224</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>2,331</b>	<b>2,371</b>	<b>2,268</b>	<b>-4.3</b>
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	18	29	26	22	32	45.5
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	42	55	47	34	35	2.9
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,328	1,355	1,399	1,441	1,273	-11.7
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	2	5	4	1	5	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	8	7	8	12	15	25.0
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	826	821	847	861	908	5.5

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NATURE OF SUIT	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Percent Change 2009-2010
<b>LABOR LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>16,659</b>	<b>18,674</b>	<b>16,788</b>	<b>17,719</b>	<b>18,624</b>	<b>5.1</b>
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	4,207	7,310	5,393	6,073	6,825	12.4
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,239	1,079	1,051	1,066	1,094	2.6
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	63	82	66	57	70	22.8
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	108	92	83	74	66	-10.8
ERISA <sup>2</sup>	9,748	8,986	8,983	9,129	9,216	1.0
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,294	1,125	1,212	1,320	1,353	2.5
<b>IMMIGRATION, TOTAL<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,641</b>	<b>2,277</b>	<b>1,865</b>	<b>-18.1</b>
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	-	-	586	437	402	-8.0
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	-	-	485	883	682	-22.8
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	-	-	570	957	781	-18.4
<b>PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>11,514</b>	<b>10,783</b>	<b>9,592</b>	<b>8,365</b>	<b>8,966</b>	<b>7.2</b>
COPYRIGHT	4,944	4,400	3,234	2,192	2,013	-8.2
PATENT	2,830	2,896	2,909	2,792	3,301	18.2
TRADEMARK	3,740	3,487	3,449	3,381	3,652	8.0
<b>SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>1,674</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>-16.5</b>
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>13,847</b>	<b>12,974</b>	<b>13,138</b>	<b>13,622</b>	<b>14,016</b>	<b>2.9</b>
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,480	6,187	6,080	6,389	6,141	-3.9
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,649	6,135	6,373	6,472	7,088	9.5
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	658	594	603	665	715	7.5
OTHER	60	58	82	96	72	-25.0
<b>RICO<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>687</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>26.3</b>
<b>STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TAX SUITS</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>1,522</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>-8.9</b>
<b>CUSTOMER CHALLENGE</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-52.6</b>
<b>CONSUMER CREDIT</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>3,222</b>	<b>4,239</b>	<b>6,463</b>	<b>8,453</b>	<b>30.8</b>
<b>CABLE/SATELLITE TV</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>62.0</b>
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>-5.1</b>
<b>CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>20.5</b>
<b>OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS</b>	<b>11,214</b>	<b>13,323</b>	<b>11,326</b>	<b>10,345</b>	<b>10,206</b>	<b>-1.3</b>
<b>OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-95.3</b>

NOTE: Percent change not computed when fewer than 10 cases reported for the previous period.

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

<sup>2</sup> ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

<sup>3</sup> Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

<sup>4</sup> RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.