

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, 2006 and 2007

Nature of Suit	2006	2007					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	270,171	246,039	9,500	36,121	132,170	68,197	51
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	33,098	34,258	2,948	464	6,815	24,019	12
FRANCHISE	288	388	2	2	81	303	-
INSURANCE	12,479	13,596	9	191	2,227	11,167	2
MARINE	1,780	2,019	3	7	1,897	111	1
MILLER ACT	345	287	66	-	221	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	362	396	24	2	40	329	1
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND							
ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,121	3,224	2,703	132	196	193	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,617	2,672	2,630	42	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	11	17	17	-	-	-	-
OTHER	493	535	56	90	196	193	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	14,723	14,348	141	130	2,153	11,916	8
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	4,195	5,800	1,305	437	1,246	2,804	8
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	323	566	159	7	374	26	-
FORECLOSURE	2,351	3,323	1,096	85	314	1,820	8
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	136	141	9	3	46	83	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	502	850	7	214	192	437	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	883	920	34	128	320	438	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	74,234	50,944	85	1,948	7,864	41,021	26
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	70,220	46,888	34	1,745	6,514	38,571	24
PERSONAL INJURY/							
PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	50,381	30,626	-	28	1,196	29,400	2
AIRPLANE	64	127	-	-	50	77	-
MARINE	44	38	-	1	20	17	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	467	441	-	4	31	406	-
ASBESTOS	17,982	15,121	-	5	144	14,972	-
OTHER	31,824	14,899	-	18	951	13,928	2
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	19,839	16,262	34	1,717	5,318	9,171	22
AIRPLANE	317	475	-	48	160	265	2
MARINE	1,607	1,540	-	29	1,249	261	1
MOTOR VEHICLE	3,866	3,769	-	424	222	3,123	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	564	536	-	53	148	335	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	661	571	-	52	519	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,217	1,293	-	588	-	705	-
OTHER	11,607	8,078	34	523	3,020	4,482	19

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Nature of Suit	2006	2007					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	4,014	4,056	51	203	1,350	2,450	2
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,202	2,143	36	23	1,026	1,056	2
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,812	1,913	15	180	324	1,394	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	158,531	154,948	5,148	33,264	116,199	332	5
ANTITRUST	1,078	1,009	22	4	983	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	3,563	2,903	16	33	2,854	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,512	2,197	9	31	2,157	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	1,051	706	7	2	697	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	200	227	1	7	219	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	32,736	31,459	460	2,054	28,864	81	-
VOTING	153	103	9	11	83	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	14,027	13,107	368	812	11,926	1	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	641	674	26	23	625	-	-
WELFARE	47	32	-	-	32	-	-
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	974	1,036	5	50	918	63	-
ADA—OTHER	1,400	1,283	4	23	1,240	16	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	15,494	15,224	48	1,135	14,040	1	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	781	696	157	211	328	-	-
DEPORTATION	144	124	-	90	34	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	54,056	54,567	-	11,633	42,929	-	5
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	6,181	6,181	-	6,181	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	22,735	22,091	-	3,340	18,746	-	5
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	240	239	-	13	226	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,359	1,547	-	826	721	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	16,426	17,154	-	1,007	16,147	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	7,115	7,355	-	266	7,089	-	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,249	2,282	2,164	118	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	20	30	19	11	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	44	61	54	7	-	-	-
DRUG—RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,349	1,346	1,303	43	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	3	6	5	1	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	12	5	4	1	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	821	834	779	55	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	2006	2007					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	18,925	16,412	299	95	16,018	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	6,754	5,144	137	16	4,991	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,189	1,069	16	16	1,037	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	72	64	5	1	58	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	96	88	2	3	83	-	-
ERISA ¹	9,598	8,905	112	10	8,783	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,216	1,142	27	49	1,066	-	-
IMMIGRATION, TOTAL²	-	42	-	42	-	-	-
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	-	35	-	35	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	-	4	-	4	-	-	-
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	-	3	-	3	-	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	11,499	10,474	6	13	10,455	-	-
COPYRIGHT	4,879	4,027	-	-	4,027	-	-
PATENT	2,846	2,973	3	13	2,957	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,774	3,474	3	-	3,471	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	1,604	1,620	332	7	1,281	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	13,729	13,143	51	13,092	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,351	6,327	51	6,276	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,667	6,155	-	6,155	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	662	583	-	583	-	-	-
OTHER	49	78	-	78	-	-	-
RICO³	683	655	3	-	561	91	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	6	6	-	-	6	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,547	1,451	871	580	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	19	11	-	11	-	-	-
CONSUMER CREDIT	2,281	3,511	4	7	3,393	107	-
CABLE/SAT. TV	773	457	1	1	446	9	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	313	335	-	279	56	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	290	280	7	18	211	44	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	12,055	13,284	754	4,969	7,561	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	113	89	14	8	46	21	-

¹ ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

² DATA COLLECTION FOR THESE CATEGORIES BEGAN IN DECEMBER 2007.

³ RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.