

**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, 2008 and 2009**

Nature of Suit	2008	2009					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>265,178</b>	<b>278,884</b>	<b>8,702</b>	<b>34,325</b>	<b>136,820</b>	<b>99,034</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>32,494</b>	<b>35,158</b>	<b>2,642</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>7,396</b>	<b>24,697</b>	<b>1</b>
FRANCHISE	405	415	-	-	72	343	-
INSURANCE	10,101	11,268	2	69	2,005	9,192	-
MARINE	3,038	2,700	5	5	2,547	142	1
MILLER ACT	214	255	68	1	186	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	527	1,015	66	8	278	663	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,325	3,026	2,399	151	127	349	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,793	2,363	2,341	22	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	12	17	11	6	-	-	-
OTHER	520	646	47	123	127	349	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	14,884	16,479	102	188	2,181	14,008	-
<b>REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>4,953</b>	<b>6,146</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>2,912</b>	<b>2,109</b>	<b>-</b>
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	726	273	115	7	140	11	-
FORECLOSURE	2,023	3,339	589	159	1,597	994	-
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	169	199	6	7	75	111	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	488	609	19	26	180	384	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	1,547	1,726	41	156	920	609	-
<b>TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>72,555</b>	<b>79,904</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>3,078</b>	<b>6,882</b>	<b>69,870</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>68,533</b>	<b>74,567</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2,872</b>	<b>4,639</b>	<b>67,031</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY/</b>							
<b>PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL</b>	<b>53,581</b>	<b>59,745</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,239</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>57,442</b>	<b>-</b>
AIRPLANE	91	140	-	11	30	99	-
MARINE	34	33	-	1	14	18	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	364	452	-	4	45	403	-
ASBESTOS	33,178	43,220	-	8	383	42,829	-
OTHER	19,914	15,900	-	1,215	592	14,093	-
<b>OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>14,952</b>	<b>14,822</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>3,575</b>	<b>9,589</b>	<b>1</b>
AIRPLANE	361	470	-	7	110	353	-
MARINE	1,364	1,356	3	20	1,050	283	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	3,582	3,548	10	403	224	2,911	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	583	515	-	38	148	329	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	548	510	-	57	453	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,095	1,110	-	611	-	499	-
OTHER	7,419	7,313	11	497	1,590	5,214	1

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Nature of Suit	2008	2009					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL</b>	<b>4,022</b>	<b>5,337</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>2,243</b>	<b>2,839</b>	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,366	3,462	38	45	1,922	1,457	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,656	1,875	11	161	321	1,382	-
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL</b>	<b>155,123</b>	<b>157,655</b>	<b>5,212</b>	<b>30,468</b>	<b>119,616</b>	<b>2,358</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>ANTITRUST</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>761</b>	-	-
<b>BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,326</b>	<b>2,453</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,424</b>	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	1,919	1,942	13	7	1,922	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	407	511	8	1	502	-	-
<b>BANKS AND BANKING</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>383</b>	-	-
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>32,544</b>	<b>33,790</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>1,545</b>	<b>29,858</b>	<b>1,979</b>	-
VOTING	183	81	5	2	72	2	-
EMPLOYMENT	13,380	14,116	292	645	11,647	1,532	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS		672	620	33	20	545	22
WELFARE	61	68	3	6	58	1	-
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	1,153	1,235	25	45	1,114	51	-
ADA—OTHER	1,730	2,022	10	30	1,959	23	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	15,365	15,648	40	797	14,463	348	-
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>283</b>	-	-
<b>DEPORTATION</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>96</b>	-	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>	-	-
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>53,999</b>	<b>51,950</b>	-	<b>10,345</b>	<b>41,605</b>	-	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	6,089	5,741	-	5,741	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	21,009	20,016	-	2,818	17,198	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	178	248	-	15	233	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,165	1,053	-	491	562	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	17,817	17,177	-	894	16,283	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	7,741	7,715	-	386	7,329	-	-
<b>FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,344</b>	<b>2,387</b>	<b>2,298</b>	<b>89</b>	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	23	24	17	7	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	37	35	33	2	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,431	1,421	1,381	40	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	9	12	10	2	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	842	894	856	38	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	2008	2009					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>LABOR LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>16,820</b>	<b>18,044</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>17,634</b>	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	5,360	6,280	145	24	6,111	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,054	1,098	13	6	1,079	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	72	67	9	-	58	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	88	65	-	-	65	-	-
ERISA <sup>1</sup>	8,974	9,240	124	11	9,105	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,272	1,294	34	44	1,216	-	-
<b>IMMIGRATION, TOTAL <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2,130</b>	<b>2,166</b>	-	<b>2,166</b>	-	-	-
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	651	438	-	438	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	683	800	-	800	-	-	-
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	796	928	-	928	-	-	-
<b>PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>9,315</b>	<b>8,261</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>8,200</b>	-	-
COPYRIGHT	3,128	2,018	-	-	2,018	-	-
PATENT	2,799	2,800	7	46	2,747	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,388	3,443	8	-	3,435	-	-
<b>SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,256</b>	-	-
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>13,097</b>	<b>13,649</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>13,602</b>	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,023	6,277	47	6,230	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,378	6,589	-	6,589	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	621	686	-	686	-	-	-
OTHER	75	97	-	97	-	-	-
<b>RICO <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>727</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>706</b>	<b>88</b>	-
<b>STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	-	-	<b>3</b>	-	-
<b>TAX SUITS</b>	<b>1,501</b>	<b>1,262</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>492</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>CUSTOMER CHALLENGE</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	-	<b>19</b>	-	-	-
<b>CONSUMER CREDIT</b>	<b>4,525</b>	<b>7,311</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7,041</b>	<b>248</b>	-
<b>CABLE/SATELLITE TV</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>675</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>26</b>	-
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>323</b>	-	<b>269</b>	<b>54</b>	-	-
<b>CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>17</b>	-
<b>OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS</b>	<b>10,422</b>	<b>10,620</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>1,384</b>	<b>8,476</b>	-	-
<b>OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	-	-

<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.