

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Period Ending June 30, 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	244,343	272,067	9,218	35,299	141,044	86,506	-
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	28,139	34,071	2,793	406	7,530	23,342	-
INSURANCE	8,141	13,656	13	166	2,979	10,498	-
MARINE	1,654	1,890	3	7	1,774	106	-
MILLER ACT	374	305	71	3	231	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	351	353	20	1	35	297	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	2,856	3,053	2,533	103	223	194	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,407	2,527	2,490	37	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	13	10	8	2	-	-	-
OTHER	436	516	35	64	223	194	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	14,763	14,814	153	126	2,288	12,247	-
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	4,761	4,456	1,304	256	872	2,024	-
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	325	320	159	9	127	25	-
FORECLOSURE	2,982	2,441	1,094	78	242	1,027	-
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	144	141	13	5	42	81	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	442	656	6	39	206	405	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	868	898	32	125	255	486	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	53,809	77,257	73	1,989	14,421	60,774	-
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	49,834	73,004	23	1,822	12,914	58,245	-
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PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	32,515	51,557	-	28	2,284	49,245	-
AIRPLANE	88	114	-	1	47	66	-
MARINE	30	46	-	2	26	18	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	581	462	-	6	36	420	-
ASBESTOS	8,709	15,422	-	3	140	15,279	-
OTHER	23,107	35,513	-	16	2,035	33,462	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	17,319	21,447	23	1,794	10,630	9,000	-
AIRPLANE	300	370	-	27	105	238	-
MARINE	1,595	1,580	1	35	1,301	243	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,014	3,815	-	436	238	3,141	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	599	523	-	44	157	322	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	707	604	-	64	540	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,158	1,234	-	627	-	607	-
OTHER	8,946	13,321	22	561	8,289	4,449	-

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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	3,975	4,253	50	167	1,507	2,529	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,400	2,156	37	17	1,065	1,037	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,575	2,097	13	150	442	1,492	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	157,536	156,152	5,031	32,640	118,148	333	-
ANTITRUST	1,033	1,104	12	6	1,086	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	3,193	3,182	18	34	3,130	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,369	2,427	13	32	2,382	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	824	755	5	2	748	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	207	225	4	8	213	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	33,417	31,975	452	2,070	29,362	91	-
VOTING	143	124	9	9	106	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	14,851	13,608	354	817	12,432	5	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	696	609	19	24	566	-	-
WELFARE	51	38	-	4	34	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	17,676	17,596	70	1,216	16,224	86	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	874	763	144	212	407	-	-
DEPORTATION	128	121	-	101	20	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	55,775	53,222	-	11,066	42,156	-	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	6,892	5,732	-	5,732	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	22,841	22,291	-	3,262	19,029	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	256	237	-	11	226	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,185	1,542	-	840	702	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	16,205	16,677	-	986	15,691	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	8,396	6,743	-	235	6,508	-	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,318	2,221	2,102	119	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	16	25	12	13	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	43	54	47	7	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,365	1,317	1,278	39	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	4	4	3	1	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	7	9	7	2	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	883	812	755	57	-	-	-

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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	16,853	18,630	373	93	18,164	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	4,138	6,992	157	15	6,820	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,281	1,094	27	12	1,055	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	74	82	13	5	64	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	110	105	2	4	99	-	-
ERISA ¹	9,921	9,213	143	13	9,057	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,329	1,144	31	44	1,069	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	11,745	11,132	7	17	11,108	-	-
COPYRIGHT	5,228	4,673	-	-	4,673	-	-
PATENT	2,748	2,937	3	17	2,917	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,769	3,522	4	-	3,518	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	1,654	1,369	259	6	1,104	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	14,052	12,964	53	12,911	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,611	6,074	53	6,021	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,730	6,251	-	6,251	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	640	593	-	593	-	-	-
OTHER	71	46	-	46	-	-	-
RICO ²	720	673	3	-	588	82	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	5	6	-	-	6	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,498	1,485	784	701	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	21	14	-	14	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	309	325	-	276	49	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	310	284	8	19	219	38	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	13,424	16,457	812	4,987	10,536	122	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	98	131	17	8	73	33	-

¹ ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

² RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.