

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Period Ending March 31, 2003

Nature of Suit	2002	2003					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	265,091	256,858	12,122	39,604	144,014	61,059	59
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	38,535	33,288	4,040	430	6,254	22,561	3
INSURANCE	8,258	8,757	24	58	1,221	7,453	1
MARINE	2,381	1,896	10	12	1,754	120	-
MILLER ACT	561	514	180	5	329	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	597	560	51	4	86	419	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND							
ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	8,646	3,873	3,493	158	148	74	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	8,166	3,365	3,347	18	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	132	87	87	-	-	-	-
OTHER	348	421	59	140	148	74	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	18,092	17,688	282	193	2,716	14,495	2
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	7,642	7,874	3,015	339	1,148	3,343	29
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	1,393	648	297	15	327	9	-
FORECLOSURE	4,985	5,731	2,637	158	242	2,665	29
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	174	208	21	7	80	100	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	335	373	9	29	86	249	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	755	914	51	130	413	320	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	52,366	46,629	72	2,503	10,184	33,845	25
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	48,549	42,640	30	2,305	8,715	31,566	24
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PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	31,068	24,656	-	41	3,932	20,683	-
AIRPLANE	105	92	-	-	24	68	-
MARINE	35	46	-	1	23	22	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	648	576	-	9	31	536	-
ASBESTOS	22,076	4,908	-	5	3,191	1,712	-
OTHER	8,204	19,034	-	26	663	18,345	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	17,481	17,984	30	2,264	4,783	10,883	24
AIRPLANE	695	785	-	20	440	325	-
MARINE	1,931	1,911	10	55	1,665	181	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,451	4,591	-	620	177	3,791	3
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	629	867	-	75	304	488	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	1,022	945	-	95	850	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,471	1,531	-	716	-	815	-
OTHER	7,282	7,354	20	683	1,347	5,283	21

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Nature of Suit	2002	2003					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	3,817	3,989	42	198	1,469	2,279	1
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,241	2,371	27	32	1,097	1,214	1
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,576	1,618	15	166	372	1,065	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	166,535	169,056	4,994	36,331	126,419	1,310	2
ANTITRUST	709	863	15	20	828	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	2,895	4,170	25	29	4,116	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,455	2,678	19	25	2,634	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	440	1,492	6	4	1,482	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	245	236	5	21	210	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	40,549	40,333	606	2,339	36,184	1,204	-
VOTING	204	204	5	8	190	1	-
EMPLOYMENT	21,117	20,782	437	1,273	18,159	913	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,236	1,332	56	25	1,241	10	-
WELFARE	57	77	-	8	67	2	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	17,935	17,938	108	1,025	16,527	278	-
COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)	571	571	7	8	556	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	1,749	772	166	281	325	-	-
DEPORTATION	222	345	-	295	50	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	57,183	55,800	-	12,263	43,533	2	2
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	7,651	5,945	-	5,945	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	24,657	23,691	-	4,533	19,158	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	214	218	-	7	211	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,151	1,202	-	610	590	-	2
CIVIL RIGHTS	13,523	14,771	-	889	13,882	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	9,987	9,973	-	279	9,692	2	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,043	2,125	1,977	148	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	42	48	17	31	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	63	78	67	11	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,082	1,219	1,172	47	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	5	12	10	2	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	2	6	2	4	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	849	762	709	53	-	-	-

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	15,862	18,442	362	141	17,939	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	2,035	4,055	140	27	3,888	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,466	1,586	24	17	1,545	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	91	90	10	2	78	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	125	100	1	2	97	-	-
ERISA ¹	10,787	11,229	159	33	11,037	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,358	1,382	28	60	1,294	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	8,400	8,389	20	11	8,358	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,439	2,111	-	-	2,111	-	-
PATENT	2,612	2,759	8	11	2,740	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,349	3,519	12	-	3,507	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	3,595	3,468	308	11	3,149	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	17,059	18,178	103	18,075	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	77	81	-	81	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	18	17	1	16	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	8,377	8,426	102	8,324	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	7,569	8,352	-	8,352	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	1,018	1,302	-	1,302	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RICO²	707	845	10	-	743	92	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	25	9	-	-	9	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,126	1,246	413	833	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	9	12	-	12	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	310	271	-	241	30	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	263	266	5	11	238	12	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	13,013	12,715	972	1,592	10,151	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	13	11	1	1	9	-	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	13	11	1	1	9	-	-

¹ ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

² RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.