

Table 4.4

U.S. District Courts. Civil Cases Filed, by Nature of Suit

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year							
	1990	1995	2000	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
TOTAL	217,013	248,335	259,517	252,962	281,338	253,273	259,541	257,507
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	44,481	31,182	53,625	31,263	29,404	28,020	30,044	33,939
Insurance	7,104	7,540	7,517	8,629	8,460	7,804	9,792	13,287
Marine	3,286	2,622	2,446	1,912	1,676	1,435	1,700	1,969
Miller Act	1,458	775	769	442	386	387	359	302
Negotiable Instruments	2,993	1,536	495	524	440	447	336	377
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments, Total	9,449	1,822	24,838	3,073	2,830	3,309	2,872	2,693
Medicare Benefits	104	66	114	193	101	126	152	
Student Loans ¹	4,471	1,142	24,404	2,525	2,438	2,883	2,395	2,673
Veterans' Benefits ²	4,381	253	43	84	18	8	13	20
Other	493	361	277	271	273	292	312	511
Other Contract Actions	20,191	16,887	17,560	16,683	15,612	14,638	14,985	14,800
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	9,603	6,869	6,711	7,373	5,845	4,561	4,414	5,180
Condemnation of Land	474	334	1,243	408	197	251	316	321
Foreclosure	7,188	4,972	4,209	5,319	4,306	3,012	2,644	2,960
Rent, Lease, and Ejectments	348	310	175	160	169	154	142	135
Torts to Land	488	401	377	791	385	380	467	842
Other Real Property Actions	1,105	852	707	695	788	764	845	922
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	44,041	53,986	36,586	45,054	55,023	51,335	68,804	61,359
Personal Injury, Total ³	40,815	50,565	32,621	39,563	50,594	47,364	64,743	57,244
Personal Injury/Product Liability	18,839	27,547	14,428	21,611	34,100	29,537	48,739	36,469
Other Personal Injury, Total	21,976	23,018	18,193	17,952	16,494	17,827	16,004	20,775
Airplane	873	683	747	659	483	351	294	478
Marine	2,937	2,277	2,006	1,814	1,841	1,667	1,584	1,597
Motor Vehicle	6,105	5,374	4,690	4,480	4,229	4,091	3,938	3,764
Assault, Libel, and Slander	670	826	801	892	668	647	587	533
Fed. Employers Liability Act	2,703	1,903	1,108	975	782	748	700	585
Medical Malpractice	1,346	1,328	1,526	1,607	1,313	1,221	1,221	1,164
Other	7,342	10,627	7,315	7,525	7,178	9,102	7,680	12,654
Personal Property Damage, Total	3,226	3,421	3,965	5,491	4,429	3,971	4,061	4,115
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	1,561	1,881	2,265	3,860	2,909	2,465	2,313	2,129
Other Personal Property Damage	1,665	1,540	1,700	1,631	1,520	1,506	1,748	1,986
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	118,762	156,209	162,583	169,253	191,017	169,265	156,177	156,916
Antitrust	527	781	858	762	752	818	986	1,038
Bankruptcy, Total	5,179	5,046	3,361	3,305	4,145	3,000	3,389	3,164
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	4,330	4,312	2,785	2,658	2,822	2,435	2,475	2,290
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	849	734	576	647	1,323	565	914	874
Banks and Banking	701	432	205	223	366	258	201	234

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Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year							
	1990	1995	2000	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Civil Rights, Total ⁴	18,922	36,600	40,908	40,516	40,239	36,096	32,865	31,756
Voting	140	208	167	147	173	166	150	118
Employment	8,273	19,059	21,032	20,507	19,746	16,930	14,353	13,375
Accommodations	364	735	1,284	1,315	1,222	885	643	665
Welfare	137	116	80	65	61	54	56	27
Other Civil Rights	10,008	16,482	18,345	18,482	19,037	18,061	17,663	17,571
Environmental Matters	1,004	1,081	886	947	978	714	871	767
Deportation	66	106	213	278	316	201	130	115
Prisoner Petitions	43,199	63,550	58,257	54,378	55,330	61,238	54,955	53,995
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	6,021	2,517	2,320	2,073	2,146	2,298	2,224	2,272
Agricultural Acts	87	155	57	49	43	27	18	29
Food and Drug Act	2,663	197	110	72	42	49	42	55
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	-	1,042	1,117	1,217	1,292	1,359	1,328	1,355
Air Traffic Regulations	49	11	7	19	6	6	2	5
Occupational Safety and Health Act	58	33	4	6	7	5	8	7
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	3,164	1,079	1,025	710	756	852	826	821
Labor Laws, Total	14,068	14,954	14,142	17,318	18,330	18,322	16,659	18,674
Fair Labor Standards Act	1,257	1,580	1,935	2,751	3,617	4,039	4,207	7,310
Labor Management Relations Act	2,272	1,984	1,542	1,618	1,641	1,674	1,239	1,079
Labor Management Reporting & Disclosure Act	165	161	101	101	81	88	63	82
Railway Labor Act	197	172	137	101	111	104	108	92
E.R.I.S.A. ⁵	*	9,517	9,124	11,304	11,421	11,171	9,748	8,986
Other Labor Litigation	10,177	1,540	1,303	1,443	1,459	1,246	1,294	1,125
Protected Property Rights	5,738	6,866	8,738	8,934	9,590	12,184	11,514	10,783
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	2,645	1,906	2,678	3,189	3,094	2,038	1,621	1,394
Social Security Laws, Total	6,895	9,354	15,829	17,127	15,873	15,487	13,847	12,974
Health Insurance	119	81	70	70	61	58	53	56
Black Lung Cases	28	11	20	10	4	20	7	2
Disability Insurance	4,743	5,501	8,122	7,931	7,061	7,024	6,480	6,187
Supplemental Security Income	1,774	3,347	6,762	7,792	7,916	7,675	6,649	6,135
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	231	414	855	1,324	831	710	658	594
RICO ⁶	**	900	829	743	777	781	687	653
State Reapportionment Suits	3	7	2	1	5	8	6	6
Tax Suits	2,672	2,202	907	1,244	1,314	1,385	1,490	1,522
Customer Challenge	39	33	12	11	16	21	17	12
Freedom of Information Act	411	467	341	283	315	404	312	335
Constitutionality of State Statutes	304	309	288	267	317	310	304	277
Other Statutory Actions ⁷	10,368	9,098	11,809	17,654	37,114	13,702	14,099	16,995