

Table 4.9

U.S. District Courts—Diversity Of Citizenship Cases Filed, by Nature of Suit

Fiscal Year								
Nature of Suit	1995	2000	2005	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
TOTAL	51,447	48,625	62,175	88,457	97,209	101,202	101,366	85,742
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	20,992	21,581	19,266	23,211	24,500	22,570	22,505	20,693
Franchise ¹	-	-	-	291	357	293	353	300
Insurance	6,528	6,259	6,591	9,955	9,117	8,278	8,483	7,623
Marine	157	149	93	99	122	119	91	72
Negotiable Instruments	771	401	338	434	597	693	727	644
Recovery of Overpayments & Enforcement of Judgments, Total	106	96	105	233	344	315	363	359
Other Contract Actions	13,430	14,676	12,139	12,199	13,963	12,872	12,488	11,695
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	1,531	2,085	1,622	1,839	1,996	3,035	5,502	7,798
Condemnation of Land	11	20	17	30	14	12	9	14
Foreclosure	798	1,430	928	756	856	1,471	3,719	4,997
Rent, Lease, Ejectment	137	86	87	105	103	141	145	140
Torts to Land, Including Prod. Liability	240	258	226	352	401	470	437	877
Other Real Property Actions	345	291	364	596	622	941	1,192	1,770
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	28,806	23,594	40,866	62,427	68,503	73,150	70,401	54,286
Personal Injury, Total	26,756	21,291	38,588	60,153	65,732	70,516	67,671	51,714
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	12,059	10,176	27,212	50,995	56,303	61,179	58,443	42,280
Airplane	99	133	57	82	93	168	92	59
Marine	28	33	19	18	13	21	8	7
Motor Vehicle	541	388	491	360	371	431	270	259
Asbestos ²	2,098	3,501	1,029	33,568	41,412	40,916	37,444	14,883
Other	9,293	6,121	25,616	16,967	14,414	19,643	20,629	20,334
Other Personal Injury, Total	14,697	11,115	11,376	9,158	9,429	9,337	9,228	9,434
Airplane	432	367	219	157	317	177	154	97
Marine	356	208	226	265	269	320	342	345
Motor Vehicle	4,305	3,821	3,356	3,012	2,976	2,920	2,914	2,856
Assault, Libel, & Slander	568	535	416	368	333	339	381	356
Medical Malpractice	800	857	631	698	482	519	524	504
Other ³	8,236	5,327	6,528	4,658	5,052	5,062	4,913	5,276

Table 4.9 (Continued)

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Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year							
	1995	2000	2005	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Personal Property Damage, Total	2,050	2,303	2,278	2,274	2,771	2,634	2,730	2,572
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	1,091	1,149	1,292	1,095	1,401	1,339	1,491	1,323
Other Personal Property Damage	959	1,154	986	1,179	1,370	1,295	1,239	1,249
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	118	1,365	421	980	2,207	2,447	2,955	2,965

¹ Collection of data for this category began in 2008.

² The increase in 2008 occurred because cases filed in previous years as consolidated caes thereafter were severed into individual cases.

³ A significant increase in other personal injury cases in 1995 was mostly attributable to a large number cases related to an oil refinery explosion in explosion in Louisiana.

Source: Table C-2, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.