

Table C-2.

**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2001**

Nature of Suit	2000	2001					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	257,832	259,927	20,038	40,066	149,981	49,681	161
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	51,965	40,605	10,904	386	6,206	23,080	29
INSURANCE	7,625	7,976	17	41	1,119	6,794	5
MARINE	2,373	2,475	41	18	2,278	134	4
MILLER ACT	706	558	171	1	386	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	525	584	72	8	48	456	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	23,003	10,662	10,333	115	137	77	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	22,541	10,216	10,169	47	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	69	117	115	2	-	-	-
OTHER	393	329	49	66	137	77	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	17,733	18,350	270	203	2,238	15,619	20
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	6,939	7,366	3,986	257	657	2,401	65
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	1,446	1,461	1,364	13	71	13	-
FORECLOSURE	4,137	4,686	2,528	119	206	1,769	64
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	182	196	18	6	63	109	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	418	344	8	27	82	227	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	756	679	68	92	235	283	1
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	34,692	45,481	101	2,609	19,786	22,933	52
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	30,743	41,669	24	2,413	18,424	20,760	48
PERSONAL INJURY/							
PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	12,995	24,257	-	53	13,765	10,438	1
AIRPLANE	154	114	-	3	32	79	-
MARINE	46	36	-	-	13	23	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	453	674	-	7	51	616	-
ASBESTOS	6,153	16,331	-	16	12,978	3,337	-
OTHER	6,189	7,102	-	27	691	6,383	1
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	17,748	17,412	24	2,360	4,659	10,322	47
AIRPLANE	629	712	-	42	293	377	-
MARINE	1,976	2,170	8	49	1,914	198	1
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,634	4,479	-	676	196	3,606	1
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	760	617	-	56	165	394	2
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	1,051	1,051	-	75	976	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,490	1,455	-	681	-	774	-
OTHER	7,208	6,928	16	781	1,115	4,973	43

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	3,949	3,812	77	196	1,362	2,173	4
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,264	2,214	59	24	1,036	1,094	1
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,685	1,598	18	172	326	1,079	3
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	164,226	166,459	5,043	36,813	123,322	1,266	15
ANTITRUST	877	701	12	3	686	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	3,343	2,876	51	45	2,780	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,731	2,447	50	41	2,356	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	612	429	1	4	424	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	195	218	11	10	197	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	41,037	40,485	740	2,322	36,239	1,184	-
VOTING	203	178	7	9	160	2	-
EMPLOYMENT	21,111	21,062	544	1,279	18,309	930	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,242	1,232	50	39	1,130	13	-
WELFARE	82	57	1	7	49	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	18,399	17,956	138	988	16,591	239	-
COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)	555	585	4	3	578	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	939	1,771	187	266	1,318	-	-
DEPORTATION	229	197	-	144	53	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	58,531	57,921	-	14,320	43,587	2	12
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	6,949	8,219	-	8,219	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	24,862	24,665	-	4,636	20,018	-	11
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	239	220	-	11	209	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,167	1,141	-	474	666	-	1
CIVIL RIGHTS	14,072	13,308	-	711	12,597	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	11,242	10,368	-	269	10,097	2	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,168	2,048	1,914	134	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	59	39	16	23	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	87	64	61	3	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,061	1,065	1,020	45	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	8	5	5	-	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	3	1	1	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	950	874	811	63	-	-	-

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	14,308	15,596	346	147	15,103	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	1,920	2,013	136	23	1,854	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,512	1,444	21	22	1,401	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	121	98	12	1	85	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	126	126	-	2	124	-	-
ERISA ¹	9,363	10,607	134	22	10,451	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,266	1,308	43	77	1,188	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	8,640	8,404	26	12	8,366	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,053	2,406	-	-	2,406	-	-
PATENT	2,486	2,653	13	12	2,628	-	-
TRADEMARK	4,101	3,345	13	-	3,332	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	2,813	3,554	276	16	3,262	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	17,403	16,900	128	16,772	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	67	72	-	72	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	20	16	1	15	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	8,874	8,433	127	8,306	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	7,523	7,343	-	7,343	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	919	1,036	-	1,036	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RICO²	826	687	6	-	621	60	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	3	23	-	-	23	-	-
TAX SUITS	941	1,042	311	728	-	-	3
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	10	14	-	14	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	340	314	-	281	33	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	276	254	2	16	216	20	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	10,792	12,869	1,029	1,580	10,260	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	10	16	4	1	10	1	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	10	16	4	1	10	1	-

¹ ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.
² RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.