

**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, 2001**

Nature of Suit	2000	2001					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>263,049</b>	<b>253,354</b>	<b>25,655</b>	<b>40,814</b>	<b>137,639</b>	<b>49,109</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>54,494</b>	<b>45,438</b>	<b>16,366</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>6,262</b>	<b>22,376</b>	<b>21</b>
INSURANCE	7,636	7,602	17	53	1,094	6,436	2
MARINE	2,443	2,477	37	10	2,274	152	4
MILLER ACT	795	600	160	1	439	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	513	573	60	9	69	435	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND							
ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	25,636	16,116	15,767	125	126	98	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	25,185	15,658	15,613	45	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	33	94	93	1	-	-	-
OTHER	418	364	61	79	126	98	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	17,471	18,070	325	215	2,260	15,255	15
<b>REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>6,481</b>	<b>7,296</b>	<b>4,111</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>2,152</b>	<b>70</b>
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	994	1,485	1,389	22	64	10	-
FORECLOSURE	4,232	4,448	2,630	111	175	1,464	68
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	186	199	21	10	64	104	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	364	406	11	28	89	278	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	705	758	60	183	217	296	2
<b>TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>40,877</b>	<b>34,071</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>2,585</b>	<b>8,056</b>	<b>23,296</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>36,867</b>	<b>30,194</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2,410</b>	<b>6,683</b>	<b>21,044</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY/</b>							
<b>PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL</b>	<b>15,349</b>	<b>12,569</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2,025</b>	<b>10,510</b>	<b>1</b>
AIRPLANE	197	128	-	1	33	94	-
MARINE	56	39	-	-	14	25	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	375	586	-	8	38	540	-
ASBESTOS	7,893	5,656	-	4	1,416	4,236	-
OTHER	6,828	6,160	-	20	524	5,615	1
<b>OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>21,518</b>	<b>17,625</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2,377</b>	<b>4,658</b>	<b>10,534</b>	<b>28</b>
AIRPLANE	869	736	-	50	336	350	-
MARINE	4,987	2,143	5	52	1,907	179	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,783	4,560	-	675	178	3,706	1
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	807	659	-	51	191	415	2
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	1,149	1,020	-	78	942	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,481	1,490	-	654	-	836	-
OTHER	7,442	7,017	23	817	1,104	5,048	25

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Nature of Suit	2000	2001					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL</b>	<b>4,010</b>	<b>3,877</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>2,252</b>	<b>3</b>
FRAUD INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,311	2,220	55	24	1,031	1,109	1
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,699	1,657	19	151	342	1,143	2
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL</b>	<b>161,187</b>	<b>166,535</b>	<b>5,072</b>	<b>37,462</b>	<b>122,704</b>	<b>1,283</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>ANTITRUST</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>743</b>	-	-
<b>BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL</b>	<b>3,378</b>	<b>3,012</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2,924</b>	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,797	2,576	45	35	2,496	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	581	436	3	5	428	-	-
<b>BANKS AND BANKING</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>178</b>	-	-
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>41,226</b>	<b>40,979</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>2,369</b>	<b>36,743</b>	<b>1,185</b>	-
VOTING	127	193	9	16	166	2	-
EMPLOYMENT	21,404	21,121	491	1,317	18,391	922	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,289	1,320	61	43	1,203	13	-
WELFARE	74	68	1	8	59	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	18,332	18,277	120	985	16,924	248	-
<b>COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>546</b>	-	-
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>1,299</b>	-	-
<b>DEPORTATION</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>230</b>	-	<b>153</b>	<b>77</b>	-	-
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>57,706</b>	<b>59,159</b>	-	<b>14,332</b>	<b>44,813</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,916	8,673	-	8,673	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	24,570	24,735	-	4,040	20,684	-	11
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	271	219	-	16	203	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,167	1,152	-	570	581	-	1
CIVIL RIGHTS	14,240	13,537	-	748	12,789	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	11,542	10,843	-	285	10,556	2	-
<b>FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,246</b>	<b>2,143</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>134</b>	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	60	46	21	25	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	111	72	67	5	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,063	1,037	985	52	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	12	5	4	1	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	8	1	1	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	992	982	931	51	-	-	-

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>LABOR LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>14,229</b>	<b>14,880</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>14,361</b>	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	1,860	2,009	143	28	1,838	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,660	1,442	36	22	1,384	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	94	140	18	2	120	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	156	106	-	2	104	-	-
ERISA <sup>1</sup>	9,155	9,936	125	22	9,789	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,304	1,247	46	75	1,126	-	-
<b>PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>8,745</b>	<b>8,143</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8,112</b>	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,094	2,024	-	-	2,024	-	-
PATENT	2,402	2,615	14	9	2,592	-	-
TRADEMARK	4,249	3,504	8	-	3,496	-	-
<b>SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>3,152</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2,853</b>	-	-
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>14,365</b>	<b>17,530</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>17,410</b>	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	76	57	-	57	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	18	18	-	18	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	7,440	8,948	120	8,828	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,073	7,507	-	7,507	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	758	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>RICO<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>814</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>3</b>	-	<b>674</b>	<b>77</b>	-
<b>STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	-	-	<b>8</b>	-	-
<b>TAX SUITS</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>658</b>	-	-	<b>2</b>
<b>CUSTOMER CHALLENGE</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	-	<b>15</b>	-	-	-
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>350</b>	-	<b>307</b>	<b>43</b>	-	-
<b>CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>19</b>	-
<b>OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS</b>	<b>11,297</b>	<b>11,651</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>1,558</b>	<b>9,107</b>	-	-
<b>OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	-	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	10	14	4	-	8	2	-

<sup>1</sup> ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

<sup>2</sup> RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.