

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the Twelve-Month Period Ended September 30, 1998

Nature of Suit	1997	1998					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	272,027	256,787	23,389	34,463	146,827	51,992	116
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	40,836	42,292	15,363	460	6,080	20,363	26
INSURANCE	8,045	7,270	12	52	928	6,271	7
MARINE	2,587	2,593	20	10	2,418	141	4
MILLER ACT	834	862	259	7	596	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	1,056	673	175	10	56	432	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS, TOTAL	9,677	14,577	14,267	122	120	68	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	9,098	14,080	14,043	37	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	115	79	78	1	-	-	-
OTHER	464	418	146	84	120	68	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	18,637	16,317	630	259	1,962	13,451	15
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	5,473	5,663	2,350	400	744	2,113	56
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	334	475	194	24	236	21	-
FORECLOSURE	3,764	3,790	2,063	111	135	1,428	53
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	239	225	28	21	69	106	1
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	390	397	8	49	85	255	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	746	776	57	195	219	303	2
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	58,289	50,362	104	3,022	18,265	28,937	34
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	53,940	46,496	34	2,795	17,074	26,560	33
PERSONAL INJURY/							
PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	32,856	26,886	-	221	12,119	14,541	5
AIRPLANE	161	177	-	1	36	140	-
MARINE	43	68	-	-	22	46	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	537	438	-	5	24	409	-
ASBESTOS	7,143	9,111	-	-	7,145	1,966	-
OTHER	24,972	17,092	-	215	4,892	11,980	5
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	21,084	19,610	34	2,574	4,955	12,019	28
AIRPLANE	740	733	-	58	184	490	1
MARINE	2,298	2,110	7	66	1,783	253	1
MOTOR VEHICLE	5,126	4,933	1	764	153	4,015	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	859	767	-	61	202	503	1
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	1,943	1,635	-	106	1,529	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,368	1,322	-	592	-	730	-
OTHER	8,750	8,110	26	927	1,104	6,028	25

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	4,349	3,866	70	227	1,191	2,377	1
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,693	2,170	48	42	854	1,225	1
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,656	1,696	22	185	337	1,152	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	167,414	158,459	5,572	30,578	121,731	578	-
ANTITRUST	598	580	26	6	548	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	4,139	3,833	33	41	3,759	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	3,475	3,313	27	34	3,252	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	664	520	6	7	507	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	280	236	18	27	191	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	43,278	42,354	672	2,366	38,835	481	-
VOTING	141	108	2	7	99	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	23,796	23,735	495	1,320	21,540	380	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	854	838	56	31	747	4	-
WELFARE	91	66	-	11	55	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	18,396	17,607	119	997	16,394	97	-
COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)	502	593	8	3	582	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	958	997	270	300	427	-	-
DEPORTATION	149	155	-	132	23	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	62,966	54,715	-	9,937	44,777	1	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	11,675	6,287	-	6,287	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	21,621	20,897	-	2,309	18,588	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	237	262	-	12	250	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	798	807	-	346	461	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	19,081	13,756	-	641	13,115	-	-
PRISON CONDITION*	9,554	12,706	-	342	12,363	1	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,384	2,331	2,163	168	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	146	132	81	51	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	149	124	115	9	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,131	1,106	1,058	48	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	24	12	10	2	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	20	5	4	1	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	914	952	895	57	-	-	-

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	15,508	14,650	384	159	14,107	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	1,633	1,562	150	29	1,383	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,927	1,744	64	25	1,655	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	182	132	8	3	121	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	168	133	4	3	126	-	-
ERISA**	10,045	9,609	119	33	9,457	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,553	1,470	39	66	1,365	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	7,559	7,748	21	20	7,707	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,258	2,082	-	-	2,082	-	-
PATENT	2,112	2,218	11	20	2,187	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,189	3,448	10	-	3,438	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	1,669	2,358	253	8	2,097	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	13,605	14,552	77	14,475	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	98	107	-	107	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	17	9	-	9	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	7,583	7,770	77	7,693	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	5,204	5,887	-	5,887	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	703	779	-	779	-	-	-
RICO***	840	785	2	-	707	76	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	11	3	-	-	3	-	-
TAX SUITS	2,272	1,524	505	1,019	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	15	15	-	15	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	371	397	-	333	64	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	333	291	3	16	252	20	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	9,977	10,342	1,137	1,553	7,652	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	15	11	-	3	7	1	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	15	11	-	3	7	1	-

* COLLECTION OF DATA FOR THIS CATEGORY BEGAN ON JANUARY 1, 1997; THEREFORE, THIS TABLE REPORTS DATA FOR THIS CATEGORY FOR NINE MONTHS FOR 1997, BUT FOR TWELVE MONTHS FOR 1998.

** ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

*** RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.