

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Periods Ending December 31, 2007 and 2008

Nature of Suit	2007	2008					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	246,039	265,178	9,608	33,586	133,722	88,258	4
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	34,258	32,494	3,020	291	7,783	21,400	-
FRANCHISE	388	405	-	-	99	306	-
INSURANCE	13,596	10,101	14	54	2,271	7,762	-
MARINE	2,019	3,038	3	4	2,948	83	-
MILLER ACT	287	214	60	2	152	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	396	527	28	2	60	437	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,224	3,325	2,818	110	143	254	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,672	2,793	2,774	19	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	17	12	8	4	-	-	-
OTHER	535	520	36	87	143	254	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	14,348	14,884	97	119	2,110	12,558	-
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	5,800	4,953	1,305	299	1,693	1,654	2
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	566	726	549	5	138	34	-
FORECLOSURE	3,323	2,023	721	119	674	507	2
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	141	169	4	7	55	103	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	850	488	12	31	110	335	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	920	1,547	19	137	716	675	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	50,944	72,555	73	1,790	6,820	63,871	1
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	46,888	68,533	20	1,623	5,342	61,547	1
PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	30,626	53,581	-	29	1,029	52,523	-
AIRPLANE	127	91	-	-	15	76	-
MARINE	38	34	-	1	12	21	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	441	364	-	3	33	328	-
ASBESTOS	15,121	33,178	-	5	209	32,964	-
OTHER	14,899	19,914	-	20	760	19,134	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	16,262	14,952	20	1,594	4,313	9,024	1
AIRPLANE	475	361	-	43	184	134	-
MARINE	1,540	1,364	3	26	1,073	262	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	3,769	3,582	1	387	223	2,971	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	536	583	-	41	159	383	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	571	548	-	56	492	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,293	1,095	-	555	-	540	-
OTHER	8,078	7,419	16	486	2,182	4,734	1

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Nature of Suit	2007	2008					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	4,056	4,022	53	167	1,478	2,324	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,143	2,366	43	19	1,160	1,144	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,913	1,656	10	148	318	1,180	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	154,948	155,123	5,204	31,199	117,391	1,328	1
ANTITRUST	1,009	1,272	25	5	1,242	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	2,903	2,326	11	9	2,306	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,197	1,919	10	8	1,901	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	706	407	1	1	405	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	227	335	5	63	267	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	31,459	32,544	397	1,686	29,416	1,045	-
VOTING	103	183	10	15	158	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	13,107	13,380	289	795	11,518	778	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS		674	672	36	19	607	10
WELFARE	32	61	1	3	57	-	-
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	1,036	1,153	12	58	1,031	52	-
ADA—OTHER	1,283	1,730	3	29	1,683	15	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	15,224	15,365	46	767	14,362	190	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	696	933	176	258	499	-	-
DEPORTATION	124	105	-	47	58	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	54,567	53,999	-	10,803	43,194	2	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	6,181	6,089	-	6,089	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS	22,091	21,009	-	2,876	18,133	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY		239	178	-	7	171	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,547	1,165	-	505	660	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	17,154	17,817	-	924	16,893	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	7,355	7,741	-	402	7,337	2	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,282	2,344	2,252	92	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	30	23	11	12	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	61	37	34	3	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,346	1,431	1,393	38	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	6	2	2	-	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	5	9	8	1	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	834	842	804	38	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	2007	2008					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	16,412	16,820	303	83	16,434	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	5,144	5,360	129	18	5,213	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,069	1,054	25	10	1,019	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	64	72	10	4	58	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	88	88	-	-	88	-	-
ERISA ¹	8,905	8,974	121	9	8,844	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,142	1,272	18	42	1,212	-	-
IMMIGRATION, TOTAL²	42	2,130	-	2,130	-	-	-
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	35	651	-	651	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	4	683	-	683	-	-	-
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	3	796	-	796	-	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	10,474	9,315	9	13	9,293	-	-
COPYRIGHT	4,027	3,128	-	-	3,128	-	-
PATENT	2,973	2,799	3	13	2,783	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,474	3,388	6	-	3,382	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	1,620	1,540	281	3	1,256	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	13,143	13,097	37	13,060	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,327	6,023	34	5,989	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,155	6,378	-	6,378	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	583	621	-	621	-	-	-
OTHER	78	75	3	72	-	-	-
RICO³	655	727	5	-	635	87	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	6	4	-	-	4	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,451	1,501	941	559	-	-	1
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	11	8	-	8	-	-	-
CONSUMER CREDIT	3,511	4,525	5	6	4,349	165	-
CABLE/SAT. TV	457	636	-	1	624	11	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	335	287	-	246	41	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	280	253	2	11	222	18	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	13,284	10,422	755	2,116	7,551	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	89	53	6	7	35	5	-

¹ ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

² DATA COLLECTION FOR THESE CATEGORIES BEGAN IN DECEMBER 2007.

³ RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.