

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, 2003

Nature of Suit	2002	2003					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	268,071	254,499	11,422	38,772	143,195	61,088	22
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	36,845	32,356	3,624	444	6,197	22,091	-
INSURANCE	8,610	8,698	63	72	1,226	7,337	-
MARINE	2,212	1,926	12	12	1,786	116	-
MILLER ACT	528	474	161	3	310	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	616	538	49	5	77	407	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	6,737	3,466	3,058	163	165	80	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	6,287	2,915	2,896	19	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	126	96	95	1	-	-	-
OTHER	324	455	67	143	165	80	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	18,142	17,254	281	189	2,633	14,151	-
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	7,731	7,503	2,776	350	1,018	3,350	9
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	1,140	480	253	10	208	9	-
FORECLOSURE	5,311	5,405	2,447	176	243	2,530	9
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	191	189	20	7	72	90	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	338	524	11	32	81	400	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	751	905	45	125	414	321	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	56,565	46,295	90	2,551	9,301	34,342	11
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	52,654	42,233	32	2,347	7,723	32,120	11
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PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	35,074	24,255	-	36	2,874	21,345	-
AIRPLANE	111	105	-	-	23	82	-
MARINE	42	37	-	2	16	19	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	621	612	-	8	30	574	-
ASBESTOS	24,844	3,718	-	4	2,143	1,571	-
OTHER	9,456	19,783	-	22	662	19,099	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	17,580	17,978	32	2,311	4,849	10,775	11
AIRPLANE	787	661	-	20	332	309	-
MARINE	1,947	1,885	10	54	1,647	174	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,454	4,550	-	640	202	3,707	1
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	671	892	-	75	324	493	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	987	988	-	85	903	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,417	1,612	-	741	-	871	-
OTHER	7,317	7,390	22	696	1,441	5,221	10

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Nature of Suit	2002	2003					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	3,911	4,062	58	204	1,578	2,222	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,316	2,460	46	35	1,213	1,166	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,595	1,602	12	169	365	1,056	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	166,920	168,332	4,931	35,426	126,670	1,303	2
ANTITRUST	774	836	19	22	795	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	3,792	3,342	24	30	3,288	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,533	2,616	20	26	2,570	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	1,259	726	4	4	718	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	246	234	5	18	211	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	40,172	40,567	572	2,306	36,500	1,189	-
VOTING	226	170	5	5	159	1	-
EMPLOYMENT	20,881	20,777	402	1,289	18,168	918	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,240	1,333	49	20	1,250	14	-
WELFARE	67	69	-	4	64	1	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	17,758	18,218	116	988	16,859	255	-
COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)	578	574	9	8	557	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	848	935	169	271	495	-	-
DEPORTATION	276	301	-	261	40	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	55,596	55,112	-	12,141	42,965	4	2
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	6,423	5,959	-	5,959	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	24,246	23,218	-	4,375	18,843	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	227	227	-	12	215	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,123	1,184	-	572	610	-	2
CIVIL RIGHTS	13,704	14,787	-	927	13,860	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	9,873	9,737	-	296	9,437	4	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,062	2,120	1,973	147	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	45	52	20	32	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	57	77	67	10	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,147	1,231	1,175	56	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	6	19	17	2	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	4	4	2	2	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	803	737	692	45	-	-	-

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			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	17,706	17,290	334	145	16,811	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	3,529	2,785	130	32	2,623	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,511	1,591	23	16	1,552	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	85	87	8	2	77	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	118	102	1	2	99	-	-
ERISA ¹	11,068	11,294	149	26	11,119	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,395	1,431	23	67	1,341	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	8,500	8,613	17	14	8,582	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,447	2,213	-	-	2,213	-	-
PATENT	2,646	2,771	3	14	2,754	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,407	3,629	14	-	3,615	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	3,559	3,449	321	12	3,116	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	17,868	17,483	92	17,391	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	87	70	-	70	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	19	15	1	14	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	8,623	8,182	91	8,091	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	8,037	7,912	-	7,912	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	1,102	1,304	-	1,304	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RICO ²	721	808	9	-	702	97	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	28	2	-	-	2	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,147	1,232	431	801	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	8	13	-	13	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	284	266	-	235	31	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	270	252	5	13	221	13	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	12,485	14,903	951	1,598	12,354	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	10	13	1	1	9	2	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	10	13	1	1	9	2	-

¹ ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

² RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.