

Table C-2.

**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Periods Ending March 31, 2008 and 2009**

Nature of Suit	2008	2009					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	245,427	258,535	9,563	32,801	133,700	82,466	5
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	34,432	35,795	3,138	315	8,930	23,412	-
FRANCHISE	416	410	-	-	98	312	-
INSURANCE	13,625	12,318	11	57	3,098	9,152	-
MARINE	2,034	3,401	5	3	3,292	101	-
MILLER ACT	273	224	62	2	160	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	413	599	33	4	66	496	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND							
ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,387	3,477	2,929	116	145	287	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,826	2,900	2,879	21	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	17	10	5	5	-	-	-
OTHER	544	567	45	90	145	287	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	14,284	15,366	98	133	2,071	13,064	-
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	5,610	5,309	1,123	337	2,030	1,817	2
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	675	638	447	8	147	36	-
FORECLOSURE	3,061	2,293	628	141	916	606	2
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	168	158	5	6	48	99	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING							
PRODUCT LIABILITY	759	492	15	28	101	348	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	947	1,728	28	154	818	728	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	49,395	63,631	69	1,824	6,229	55,507	2
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	45,583	59,356	24	1,635	4,621	53,074	2
PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	29,277	45,159	-	98	990	44,071	-
AIRPLANE	111	84	-	3	19	62	-
MARINE	32	31	-	1	12	18	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	414	371	-	3	30	338	-
ASBESTOS	15,116	25,016	-	6	289	24,721	-
OTHER	13,604	19,657	-	85	640	18,932	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	16,306	14,197	24	1,537	3,631	9,003	2
AIRPLANE	502	268	-	16	127	125	-
MARINE	1,481	1,329	4	26	1,043	256	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	3,695	3,582	5	373	203	3,001	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	547	549	-	36	157	356	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	541	552	-	50	502	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,284	1,060	-	566	-	494	-
OTHER	8,256	6,857	15	470	1,599	4,771	2

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Nature of Suit	2008	2009					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	3,812	4,275	45	189	1,608	2,433	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,118	2,527	38	30	1,271	1,188	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,694	1,748	7	159	337	1,245	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	155,920	153,744	5,230	30,319	116,468	1,726	1
ANTITRUST	1,063	1,086	18	6	1,062	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	2,786	2,291	13	5	2,273	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C 158)	2,103	1,892	10	4	1,878	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C 157)	683	399	3	1	395	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	218	363	3	72	288	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	31,532	32,740	405	1,636	29,259	1,440	-
VOTING	111	171	10	13	148	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	12,910	13,523	282	760	11,378	1,103	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	655	758	41	22	679	16	-
WELFARE	28	70	1	3	65	1	-
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	1,084	1,113	10	55	1,001	47	-
ADA—OTHER	1,382	1,865	8	26	1,812	19	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	15,362	15,240	53	757	14,176	254	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	723	915	181	259	475	-	-
DEPORTATION	149	107	-	48	59	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	55,634	52,480	-	10,566	41,912	2	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	6,353	5,928	-	5,928	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS	21,872	20,479	-	2,796	17,683	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	201	213	-	11	202	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,442	1,179	-	481	698	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	18,299	16,882	-	910	15,972	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	7,467	7,799	-	440	7,357	2	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,330	2,379	2,286	93	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	28	22	13	9	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	65	32	29	3	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,373	1,429	1,392	37	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	6	1	1	-	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	8	8	7	1	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	850	887	844	43	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	2008	2009					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	16,480	17,127	284	89	16,754	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	5,302	5,644	110	18	5,516	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,044	1,035	18	9	1,008	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	64	63	10	4	49	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	88	83	-	-	83	-	-
ERISA ¹	8,840	8,983	121	5	8,857	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,142	1,319	25	53	1,241	-	-
IMMIGRATION, TOTAL²	559	2,226	-	2,226	-	-	-
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	258	537	-	537	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	130	802	-	802	-	-	-
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	171	887	-	887	-	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	9,774	8,943	9	11	8,923	-	-
COPYRIGHT	3,346	2,780	-	-	2,780	-	-
PATENT	3,017	2,796	3	11	2,782	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,411	3,367	6	-	3,361	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	1,638	1,652	310	5	1,337	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	13,453	12,820	41	12,779	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,418	5,955	38	5,917	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,345	6,183	-	6,183	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	607	600	-	600	-	-	-
OTHER	83	82	3	79	-	-	-
RICO³	640	749	4	-	669	76	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	5	3	-	-	3	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,490	1,420	905	514	-	-	1
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	9	11	-	11	-	-	-
CONSUMER CREDIT	3,670	5,122	8	5	4,928	181	-
CABLE/SAT. TV	582	583	-	1	572	10	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	318	275	-	237	38	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	266	270	2	12	239	17	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	12,601	10,182	761	1,744	7,677	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	70	56	3	6	43	4	-

¹ ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

² DATA COLLECTION FOR THESE CATEGORIES BEGAN IN DECEMBER 2007.

³ RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.