

**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, 2010 and 2011**

| Nature of Suit  | 2010           | 2011           |              |               |                  |                          |                    |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
|   |                | Total          | U.S. Cases   |               | Private Cases    |                          |                    |
|   |                |                | Plaintiff    | Defendant     | Federal Question | Diversity of Citizenship | Local Jurisdiction |
| <b>Total Cases</b>                                    | <b>282,307</b> | <b>294,336</b> | <b>9,537</b> | <b>35,833</b> | <b>140,889</b>   | <b>108,072</b>           | <b>5</b>           |
| <b>Contract Actions, Total</b>                        | <b>32,008</b>  | <b>31,894</b>  | <b>3,661</b> | <b>415</b>    | <b>4,865</b>     | <b>22,953</b>            | <b>0</b>           |
| Franchise   | 386            | 408            | 0            | 0             | 71               | 337                      | 0                  |
| Insurance   | 9,076          | 9,953          | 8            | 35            | 1,044            | 8,866                    | 0                  |
| Marine  | 2,117          | 1,132          | 5            | 4             | 1,030            | 93                       | 0                  |
| Miller Act  | 252            | 315            | 94           | 2             | 219              | 0                        | 0                  |
| Negotiable Instruments                                | 1,037          | 906            | 30           | 9             | 139              | 728                      | 0                  |
| Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments | 2,985          | 4,065          | 3,377        | 176           | 174              | 338                      | 0                  |
| Defaulted Student Loans                               | 2,337          | 3,356          | 3,338        | 18            | 0                | 0                        | 0                  |
| Veterans' Overpayment                                 | 17             | 9              | 3            | 6             | 0                | 0                        | 0                  |
| Other   | 631            | 700            | 36           | 152           | 174              | 338                      | 0                  |
| Other Contract Actions                                | 16,155         | 15,115         | 147          | 189           | 2,188            | 12,591                   | 0                  |
| <b>Real Property Actions, Total</b>                   | <b>6,319</b>   | <b>9,318</b>   | <b>823</b>   | <b>460</b>    | <b>3,782</b>     | <b>4,253</b>             | <b>0</b>           |
| Condemnation of Land                                  | 199            | 209            | 66           | 9             | 120              | 14                       | 0                  |
| Foreclosure   | 3,540          | 5,869          | 693          | 251           | 2,409            | 2,516                    | 0                  |
| Rent, Lease, and Ejectment                            | 208            | 295            | 7            | 7             | 125              | 156                      | 0                  |
| Torts to Land, Including                              |                |                |              |               |                  |                          |                    |
| Product Liability                                     | 610            | 645            | 15           | 30            | 102              | 498                      | 0                  |
| Other Real Property Actions                           | 1,762          | 2,300          | 42           | 163           | 1,026            | 1,069                    | 0                  |
| <b>Tort Actions, Total</b>                            | <b>85,713</b>  | <b>86,759</b>  | <b>70</b>    | <b>2,810</b>  | <b>5,700</b>     | <b>78,177</b>            | <b>2</b>           |
| <b>Personal Injury, Total</b>                         | <b>80,371</b>  | <b>82,155</b>  | <b>17</b>    | <b>2,614</b>  | <b>4,046</b>     | <b>75,476</b>            | <b>2</b>           |
| <b>Personal Injury/</b>                               |                |                |              |               |                  |                          |                    |
| <b>Product Liability, Total</b>                       | <b>65,317</b>  | <b>67,806</b>  | <b>0</b>     | <b>994</b>    | <b>621</b>       | <b>66,190</b>            | <b>1</b>           |
| Airplane  | 201            | 140            | 0            | 1             | 12               | 127                      | 0                  |
| Marine  | 35             | 22             | 0            | 0             | 12               | 10                       | 0                  |
| Motor Vehicle   | 478            | 421            | 0            | 2             | 41               | 378                      | 0                  |
| Asbestos <sup>1</sup>                                 | 46,798         | 44,832         | 0            | 3             | 221              | 44,608                   | 0                  |
| Other   | 17,805         | 22,391         | 0            | 988           | 335              | 21,067                   | 1                  |
| <b>Other Personal Injury, Total</b>                   | <b>15,054</b>  | <b>14,349</b>  | <b>17</b>    | <b>1,620</b>  | <b>3,425</b>     | <b>9,286</b>             | <b>1</b>           |
| Airplane  | 473            | 287            | 0            | 26            | 98               | 163                      | 0                  |
| Marine  | 1,376          | 1,430          | 3            | 37            | 1,051            | 339                      | 0                  |
| Motor Vehicle   | 3,567          | 3,471          | 3            | 401           | 208              | 2,859                    | 0                  |
| Assault, Libel, and Slander                           | 543            | 573            | 0            | 33            | 162              | 378                      | 0                  |
| Federal Employers Liability Act                       | 473            | 420            | 0            | 54            | 366              | 0                        | 0                  |
| Medical Malpractice                                   | 1,113          | 1,096          | 0            | 565           | 0                | 531                      | 0                  |
| Other   | 7,509          | 7,072          | 11           | 504           | 1,540            | 5,016                    | 1                  |

**Table C-2. ( March 31, 2011—Continued)**

| Nature of Suit                         | 2010           | 2011           |              |               |                  |                          |                    |
|--|----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
|  |                | Total          | U.S. Cases   |               | Private Cases    |                          |                    |
|  |                |                | Plaintiff    | Defendant     | Federal Question | Diversity of Citizenship | Local Jurisdiction |
| <b>Personal Property Damage, Total</b> | <b>5,342</b>   | <b>4,604</b>   | <b>53</b>    | <b>196</b>    | <b>1,654</b>     | <b>2,701</b>             | <b>0</b>           |
| Fraud, Including Truth in Lending      | 3,473          | 2,743          | 47           | 36            | 1,295            | 1,365                    | 0                  |
| Other Personal Property Damage         | 1,869          | 1,861          | 6            | 160           | 359              | 1,336                    | 0                  |
| <b>Actions Under Statutes, Total</b>   | <b>158,254</b> | <b>166,365</b> | <b>4,983</b> | <b>32,148</b> | <b>126,542</b>   | <b>2,689</b>             | <b>3</b>           |
| <b>Antitrust</b>                       | <b>666</b>     | <b>555</b>     | <b>14</b>    | <b>4</b>      | <b>537</b>       | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Bankruptcy, Total</b>               | <b>2,594</b>   | <b>2,616</b>   | <b>3</b>     | <b>12</b>     | <b>2,601</b>     | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>           |
| Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)                 | 2,087          | 2,143          | 1            | 8             | 2,134            | 0                        | 0                  |
| Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)             | 507            | 473            | 2            | 4             | 467              | 0                        | 0                  |
| <b>Banks and Banking</b>               | <b>495</b>     | <b>702</b>     | <b>18</b>    | <b>112</b>    | <b>572</b>       | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Civil Rights, Total</b>             | <b>34,013</b>  | <b>36,489</b>  | <b>363</b>   | <b>1,455</b>  | <b>32,419</b>    | <b>2,252</b>             | <b>0</b>           |
| Voting                                 | 77             | 144            | 4            | 16            | 122              | 2                        | 0                  |
| Employment                             | 14,334         | 15,206         | 262          | 654           | 12,620           | 1,670                    | 0                  |
| Housing and Accommodations             | 574            | 784            | 25           | 18            | 723              | 18                       | 0                  |
| Welfare                                | 66             | 47             | 0            | 4             | 43               | 0                        | 0                  |
| ADA—Employment                         | 1,320          | 1,673          | 23           | 45            | 1,526            | 79                       | 0                  |
| ADA—Other                              | 1,928          | 2,707          | 8            | 31            | 2,641            | 27                       | 0                  |
| Other Civil Rights                     | 15,714         | 15,928         | 41           | 687           | 14,744           | 456                      | 0                  |
| <b>Environmental Matters</b>           | <b>734</b>     | <b>941</b>     | <b>163</b>   | <b>252</b>    | <b>526</b>       | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Deportation</b>                     | <b>66</b>      | <b>63</b>      | <b>0</b>     | <b>40</b>     | <b>23</b>        | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Prisoner Petitions, Total</b>       | <b>52,590</b>  | <b>53,323</b>  | <b>0</b>     | <b>11,744</b> | <b>41,573</b>    | <b>6</b>                 | <b>0</b>           |
| Motions to Vacate Sentence             | 5,745          | 6,178          | 0            | 6,178         | 0                | 0                        | 0                  |
| Habeas Corpus—General                  | 19,937         | 19,843         | 0            | 3,170         | 16,673           | 0                        | 0                  |
| Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty            | 221            | 240            | 0            | 9             | 231              | 0                        | 0                  |
| Mandamus and Other                     | 985            | 989            | 0            | 394           | 595              | 0                        | 0                  |
| Civil Rights                           | 17,205         | 16,962         | 0            | 836           | 16,126           | 0                        | 0                  |
| Prison Condition                       | 7,750          | 8,314          | 0            | 360           | 7,948            | 6                        | 0                  |
| Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees          | 747            | 797            | 0            | 797           | 0                | 0                        | 0                  |
| <b>Forfeiture and Penalty, Total</b>   | <b>2,297</b>   | <b>2,326</b>   | <b>2,167</b> | <b>159</b>    | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>           |
| Agricultural Acts                      | 26             | 38             | 14           | 24            | 0                | 0                        | 0                  |
| Food and Drug Act                      | 39             | 42             | 31           | 11            | 0                | 0                        | 0                  |
| Drug-Related Seizure of Property       | 1,378          | 1,279          | 1,250        | 29            | 0                | 0                        | 0                  |
| Air Traffic Regulations                | 2              | 5              | 3            | 2             | 0                | 0                        | 0                  |
| Occupational Safety and Health Act     | 12             | 26             | 19           | 7             | 0                | 0                        | 0                  |
| Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits     | 840            | 936            | 850          | 86            | 0                | 0                        | 0                  |

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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>17,892</b> | <b>18,740</b> | <b>345</b> | <b>69</b>     | <b>18,326</b>    | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>           |
| Fair Labor Standards Act                      | 6,081         | 7,008         | 132        | 8             | 6,868            | 0                        | 0                  |
| Labor Management Relations Act                | 1,091         | 1,101         | 34         | 7             | 1,060            | 0                        | 0                  |
| Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act | 67            | 54            | 7          | 2             | 45               | 0                        | 0                  |
| Railway Labor Act                             | 66            | 67            | 0          | 1             | 66               | 0                        | 0                  |
| ERISA <sup>2</sup>                            | 9,326         | 9,086         | 139        | 14            | 8,933            | 0                        | 0                  |
| Other Labor Litigation                        | 1,261         | 1,424         | 33         | 37            | 1,354            | 0                        | 0                  |
| <b>Immigration, Total <sup>3</sup></b>        | <b>1,306</b>  | <b>1,116</b>  | <b>0</b>   | <b>1,116</b>  | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>           |
| Naturalization Applications                   | 458           | 328           | 0          | 328           | 0                | 0                        | 0                  |
| Other Immigration Actions                     | 848           | 788           | 0          | 788           | 0                | 0                        | 0                  |
| <b>Intellectual Property Rights, Total</b>    | <b>8,382</b>  | <b>9,789</b>  | <b>53</b>  | <b>30</b>     | <b>9,706</b>     | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>           |
| Copyright                                     | 1,984         | 2,225         | 0          | 0             | 2,225            | 0                        | 0                  |
| Patent  | 2,892         | 3,872         | 46         | 30            | 3,796            | 0                        | 0                  |
| Trademark                                     | 3,506         | 3,692         | 7          | 0             | 3,685            | 0                        | 0                  |
| <b>Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges</b> | <b>1,564</b>  | <b>1,344</b>  | <b>339</b> | <b>20</b>     | <b>985</b>       | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Social Security Laws, Total</b>            | <b>13,958</b> | <b>15,208</b> | <b>23</b>  | <b>15,185</b> | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>           |
| Disability Insurance                          | 6,284         | 6,701         | 22         | 6,679         | 0                | 0                        | 0                  |
| Supplemental Security Income                  | 6,863         | 7,718         | 0          | 7,718         | 0                | 0                        | 0                  |
| Retirement and Survivors Benefits             | 723           | 718           | 0          | 718           | 0                | 0                        | 0                  |
| Other   | 88            | 71            | 1          | 70            | 0                | 0                        | 0                  |
| <b>RICO <sup>4</sup></b>                      | <b>803</b>    | <b>917</b>    | <b>1</b>   | <b>0</b>      | <b>837</b>       | <b>79</b>                | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>State Reapportionment Suits</b>            | <b>5</b>      | <b>3</b>      | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>      | <b>3</b>         | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Tax Suits</b>                              | <b>1,233</b>  | <b>1,174</b>  | <b>687</b> | <b>485</b>    | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>                 | <b>2</b>           |
| <b>Customer Challenge</b>                     | <b>17</b>     | <b>6</b>      | <b>0</b>   | <b>6</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Consumer Credit</b>                        | <b>7,926</b>  | <b>8,683</b>  | <b>10</b>  | <b>6</b>      | <b>8,340</b>     | <b>327</b>               | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Cable/Satellite TV</b>                     | <b>767</b>    | <b>1,402</b>  | <b>0</b>   | <b>1</b>      | <b>1,393</b>     | <b>8</b>                 | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Freedom of Information Act</b>             | <b>313</b>    | <b>332</b>    | <b>0</b>   | <b>288</b>    | <b>44</b>        | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Constitutionality of State Statutes</b>    | <b>259</b>    | <b>361</b>    | <b>7</b>   | <b>9</b>      | <b>327</b>       | <b>17</b>                | <b>1</b>           |
| <b>Other Statutory Actions</b>                | <b>10,374</b> | <b>10,275</b> | <b>790</b> | <b>1,155</b>  | <b>8,330</b>     | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Other Actions, Total</b>                   | <b>13</b>     | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>           |

<sup>1</sup> Includes cases filed in previous years as consolidated cases that thereafter were severed into individual cases.

<sup>2</sup> ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

<sup>3</sup> Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

<sup>4</sup> RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.