

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Period Ending March 31, 2005 and 2006

Nature of Suit	2005	2006					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	278,712	244,068	9,799	37,499	134,582	62,188	-
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	28,684	27,957	2,796	307	5,214	19,640	-
INSURANCE	8,045	7,912	25	48	1,142	6,697	-
MARINE	1,494	1,562	6	13	1,443	100	-
MILLER ACT	398	381	111	5	265	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	452	379	30	5	55	289	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,222	2,903	2,503	110	183	107	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,806	2,483	2,455	28	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	19	13	10	3	-	-	-
OTHER	397	407	38	79	183	107	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	15,073	14,820	121	126	2,126	12,447	-
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	4,701	4,765	1,824	272	805	1,864	-
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	178	359	184	7	153	15	-
FORECLOSURE	3,278	3,017	1,583	113	265	1,056	-
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	137	154	12	8	44	90	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	343	411	9	35	88	279	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	765	824	36	109	255	424	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	52,489	50,216	66	1,953	7,931	40,266	-
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	48,642	46,077	18	1,762	6,596	37,701	-
PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	31,962	28,797	-	34	2,468	26,295	-
AIRPLANE	93	84	-	2	17	65	-
MARINE	36	35	-	2	22	11	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	562	591	-	2	38	551	-
ASBESTOS	1,567	1,786	-	7	478	1,301	-
OTHER	29,704	26,301	-	21	1,913	24,367	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	16,680	17,280	18	1,728	4,128	11,406	-
AIRPLANE	354	299	-	15	114	170	-
MARINE	1,729	1,648	6	39	1,358	245	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,155	4,083	-	454	271	3,358	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	698	603	-	48	168	387	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	778	677	-	83	594	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,290	1,170	-	588	-	582	-
OTHER	7,676	8,800	12	501	1,623	6,664	-

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Nature of Suit	2005	2006					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	3,847	4,139	48	191	1,335	2,565	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,364	2,517	37	34	945	1,501	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,483	1,622	11	157	390	1,064	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	192,754	161,035	5,093	34,960	120,586	396	-
ANTITRUST	792	889	19	5	865	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	3,908	2,957	12	17	2,928	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,676	2,381	8	11	2,362	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	1,232	576	4	6	566	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	332	207	1	9	197	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	38,689	34,043	538	2,065	31,241	199	-
VOTING	192	138	13	10	115	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	18,689	15,408	409	1,048	13,833	118	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,081	723	42	24	656	1	-
WELFARE	51	55	-	10	45	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	18,676	17,719	74	973	16,592	80	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	951	837	153	228	456	-	-
DEPORTATION	265	147	-	126	21	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	60,734	58,097	-	14,846	43,250	1	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	9,898	8,480	-	8,480	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	25,221	23,316	-	4,561	18,755	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	235	237	-	7	230	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,285	1,263	-	643	620	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	15,886	16,027	-	910	15,117	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	8,209	8,774	-	245	8,528	1	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,164	2,299	2,182	117	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	32	17	5	12	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	47	41	38	3	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,307	1,367	1,328	39	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	5	4	4	-	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	5	6	6	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	768	864	801	63	-	-	-

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	18,150	17,602	371	98	17,133	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	3,464	4,389	145	19	4,225	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,815	1,327	23	10	1,294	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	82	77	14	7	56	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	84	119	-	2	117	-	-
ERISA ¹	11,391	10,417	155	22	10,240	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,314	1,273	34	38	1,201	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	10,932	12,038	11	12	12,015	-	-
COPYRIGHT	4,595	5,488	-	-	5,488	-	-
PATENT	2,829	2,812	3	12	2,797	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,508	3,738	8	-	3,730	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	2,707	1,716	274	8	1,434	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	16,255	14,404	64	14,340	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	7,199	6,775	63	6,712	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	8,217	6,888	-	6,888	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	765	663	-	663	-	-	-
OTHER	74	78	1	77	-	-	-
RICO ²	840	678	2	-	605	71	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	6	5	-	-	5	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,349	1,436	703	733	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	21	16	-	16	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	424	306	-	259	47	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	309	317	4	23	254	36	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	33,926	13,041	759	2,058	10,135	89	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	84	95	20	7	46	22	-

¹ ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

² RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.