

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**

Nature of Suit	2004	2005					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	255,851	278,712	10,252	42,811	162,264	63,383	2
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	30,512	28,652	3,233	319	5,409	19,691	-
INSURANCE	8,673	8,045	13	44	1,150	6,838	-
MARINE	1,934	1,494	11	16	1,358	109	-
MILLER ACT	371	398	103	7	288	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	482	452	40	5	65	342	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	3,037	3,222	2,860	112	163	87	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,588	2,806	2,776	30	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	43	19	15	4	-	-	-
OTHER	406	397	69	78	163	87	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	16,015	15,041	206	135	2,385	12,315	-
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	6,785	4,701	1,895	360	676	1,769	1
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	280	178	89	11	62	16	-
FORECLOSURE	4,999	3,278	1,733	161	254	1,130	-
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	186	137	10	6	39	82	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	594	343	22	44	77	200	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	726	765	41	138	244	341	1
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	45,891	52,489	81	2,090	8,923	41,395	-
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	39,983	48,642	32	1,931	7,369	39,310	-
PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	22,609	31,962	-	28	2,410	29,524	-
AIRPLANE	103	93	-	-	26	67	-
MARINE	32	36	-	1	12	23	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	639	562	-	3	34	525	-
ASBESTOS	1,305	1,567	-	4	406	1,157	-
OTHER	20,530	29,704	-	20	1,932	27,752	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	17,374	16,680	32	1,903	4,959	9,786	-
AIRPLANE	706	354	-	23	134	197	-
MARINE	1,870	1,729	3	41	1,457	228	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,405	4,155	-	488	228	3,439	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	702	698	-	60	204	434	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	912	778	-	71	707	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,470	1,290	-	628	-	662	-
OTHER	7,309	7,676	29	592	2,229	4,826	-

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	5,908	3,847	49	159	1,554	2,085	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	4,296	2,364	34	24	1,204	1,102	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,612	1,483	15	135	350	983	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	172,633	191,555	5,034	40,006	146,045	469	1
ANTITRUST	715	792	14	4	774	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	3,623	3,908	11	20	3,877	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,838	2,676	8	17	2,651	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	785	1,232	3	3	1,226	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	288	332	4	9	319	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	40,566	38,161	587	2,210	35,037	327	-
VOTING	154	192	13	13	166	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	19,912	18,689	452	1,259	16,724	254	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,280	1,081	44	22	1,011	4	-
WELFARE	61	51	1	3	46	1	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	19,159	18,148	77	913	17,090	68	-
COMMERCE	550	459	4	4	451	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	998	951	147	281	523	-	-
DEPORTATION	289	265	-	228	37	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	53,138	60,734	-	17,876	42,852	5	1
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,793	9,898	-	9,898	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	22,531	25,221	-	6,078	19,142	-	1
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	238	235	-	8	227	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,143	1,285	-	542	743	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	14,917	15,886	-	1,085	14,801	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	8,516	8,209	-	265	7,939	5	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,103	2,164	2,011	153	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	53	32	9	23	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	55	47	45	2	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,265	1,307	1,257	50	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	14	5	2	3	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	7	5	4	1	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	709	768	694	74	-	-	-

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			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	18,330	18,150	379	136	17,635	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	3,426	3,464	115	22	3,327	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,645	1,815	24	19	1,772	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	97	82	12	4	66	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	128	84	1	3	80	-	-
ERISA ¹	11,499	11,391	192	22	11,177	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,535	1,314	35	66	1,213	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	9,337	10,932	18	9	10,905	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,653	4,595	-	-	4,595	-	-
PATENT	2,978	2,829	8	9	2,812	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,706	3,508	10	-	3,498	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	3,100	2,707	327	5	2,375	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	16,242	16,255	70	16,185	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	7,454	7,199	70	7,129	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	7,606	8,217	-	8,217	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	1,112	765	-	765	-	-	-
OTHER	70	74	-	74	-	-	-
RICO²	695	840	8	-	738	94	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	3	6	-	-	6	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,228	1,349	585	764	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	11	21	-	21	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	288	424	-	295	129	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	281	309	3	13	250	43	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	20,848	32,796	866	1,793	30,137	-	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	30	1,315	9	36	1,211	59	-

¹ ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

² RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.