

Table C-4.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Terminated, by Nature of Suit and Action Taken,
During the 12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2010

Nature of Suit	Total	No Court Action	Court Action						
			Total	Before Pretrial	During or After Pretrial	During or After			Percent Reaching Trial
						Total	Nonjury	Jury	
TOTAL CASES	314,233	52,700	261,533	229,448	28,874	3,211	1,009	2,202	1.0
UNITED STATES CASES	40,705	8,870	31,835	30,131	1,422	282	200	82	0.7
CONTRACT ACTIONS									
FRANCHISE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	67	16	51	48	3	-	-	-	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	2,766	1,429	1,337	1,300	36	1	1	-	0.0
OTHER CONTRACTS	401	123	278	240	36	2	1	1	0.5
REAL PROPERTY	1,004	225	779	721	54	4	3	1	0.4
TORT ACTIONS									
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	28	4	24	14	7	3	3	-	10.7
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	408	92	316	198	89	29	28	1	7.1
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	1,482	334	1,148	924	168	56	50	6	3.8
OTHER TORTS	232	55	177	147	26	4	4	-	1.7
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES									
CONSUMER CREDIT	17	7	10	9	1	-	-	-	-
CABLE/SATELLITE TV	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
ANTITRUST	22	7	15	13	1	1	1	-	4.5
CIVIL RIGHTS									
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	68	14	54	35	18	1	1	-	1.5
ADA—OTHER	38	5	33	29	3	1	-	1	2.6
EMPLOYMENT	1,001	184	817	607	165	45	15	30	4.5
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	862	169	693	596	79	18	9	9	2.1
DEPORTATION	40	9	31	30	-	1	1	-	2.5
PRISONER PETITIONS									
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	5,550	779	4,771	4,752	14	5	3	2	0.1
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	2,773	652	2,121	2,105	15	1	-	1	0.0
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	5	2	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	436	74	362	359	2	1	1	-	0.2
CIVIL RIGHTS	914	158	756	738	16	2	2	-	0.2
PRISON CONDITION	378	71	307	303	2	2	2	-	0.5

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ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES (CONTINUED)									
LIQUOR FORFEITURES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	2,242	550	1,692	1,509	165	18	13	5	0.8
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	150	39	111	91	15	5	3	2	3.3
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	229	69	160	138	21	1	1	-	0.4
SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS									
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,021	993	5,028	4,966	60	2	1	1	0.0
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,448	972	5,476	5,432	41	3	2	1	0.0
RETIREMENT AND SERVICES BENEFITS	655	117	538	534	3	1	1	-	0.2
OTHER	88	19	69	67	1	1	1	-	1.1
TAX SUITS	1,282	292	990	827	129	34	25	9	2.7
IMMIGRATION									
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	395	123	272	248	23	1	1	-	0.3
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	692	140	552	544	8	-	-	-	-
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	766	268	498	477	19	2	2	-	0.3
ALL OTHER U.S. ACTIONS	3,244	879	2,365	2,126	202	37	25	12	1.1
FEDERAL QUESTION	137,314	30,672	106,642	90,470	14,229	1,943	523	1,420	1.4
CONTRACT ACTIONS									
FRANCHISE	73	18	55	44	11	-	-	-	-
MARINE	1,357	290	1,067	898	147	22	21	1	1.6
MILLER ACT	182	69	113	86	24	3	1	2	1.6
OTHER CONTRACTS	3,884	809	3,075	2,531	498	46	16	30	1.2
REAL PROPERTY	3,000	693	2,307	2,130	173	4	3	1	0.1
TORT ACTIONS									
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	425	83	342	194	124	24	1	23	5.6
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	1,099	160	939	571	336	32	19	13	2.9
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	2,638	523	2,115	1,695	380	40	7	33	1.5
OTHER TORTS	2,018	422	1,596	1,319	257	20	15	5	1.0
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES									
CONSUMER CREDIT	7,960	3,349	4,611	3,857	738	16	4	12	0.2
CABLE/SATELLITE TV	831	309	522	460	57	5	4	1	0.6
BANKRUPTCY SUITS	2,624	582	2,042	1,965	58	19	13	6	0.7
ANTITRUST	729	144	585	552	30	3	3	-	0.4

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ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES (CONTINUED)									
CIVIL RIGHTS									
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	1,186	208	978	676	280	22	2	20	1.9
ADA—OTHER	1,976	668	1,308	1,080	205	23	13	10	1.2
EMPLOYMENT	11,893	2,155	9,738	6,646	2,760	332	26	306	2.8
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	15,050	2,634	12,416	9,193	2,664	559	69	490	3.7
PRISONER PETITIONS									
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	17,566	3,609	13,957	13,847	106	4	2	2	0.0
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	222	55	167	161	4	2	1	1	0.9
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	539	76	463	458	5	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	16,200	3,100	13,100	12,440	448	212	34	178	1.3
PRISON CONDITION	7,481	968	6,513	6,203	227	83	42	41	1.1
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	6,866	939	5,927	4,903	945	79	34	45	1.2
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,044	308	736	579	149	8	5	3	0.8
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	10,666	3,014	7,652	6,230	1,350	72	50	22	0.7
COPYRIGHT	1,954	601	1,353	1,087	231	35	8	27	1.8
PATENT	2,882	770	2,112	1,585	420	107	44	63	3.7
TRADEMARK	3,424	1,071	2,353	1,911	393	49	24	25	1.4
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES									
	251	49	202	181	18	3	3	-	1.2
ALL OTHER FEDERAL QUESTION	11,294	2,996	8,298	6,988	1,191	119	59	60	1.1
DIVERSITY OF CITIZENSHIP	136,212	13,156	123,056	108,847	13,223	986	286	700	0.7
CONTRACT ACTIONS									
FRANCHISE	310	83	227	179	43	5	3	2	1.6
INSURANCE	8,404	1,863	6,541	5,071	1,320	150	44	106	1.8
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	669	143	526	441	75	10	6	4	1.5
OTHER CONTRACTS	13,634	3,139	10,495	7,939	2,225	331	159	172	2.4
REAL PROPERTY	2,478	643	1,835	1,564	251	20	11	9	0.8
TORT ACTIONS									
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	332	48	284	241	36	7	3	4	2.1
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	3,225	700	2,525	1,626	772	127	15	112	3.9
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY ¹	102,456	5,376	97,080	89,184	7,638	258	24	234	0.3
OTHER TORTS	2,549	611	1,938	1,416	463	59	18	41	2.3

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ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES									
CONSUMER CREDIT	265	69	196	165	30	1	-	1	0.4
CABLE/SATELLITE TV	13	6	7	6	1	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS									
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	51	13	38	27	10	1	-	1	2.0
ADA—OTHER	23	7	16	11	4	1	-	1	4.3
EMPLOYMENT	1,359	366	993	693	291	9	3	6	0.7
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	341	74	267	218	44	5	-	5	1.5
PRISON CONDITION	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALL OTHER DIVERSITY	102	14	88	66	20	2	-	2	2.0
LOCAL JURISDICTION	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONTRACT ACTIONS									
REAL PROPERTY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TORT ACTIONS									
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER TORTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS									
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALL OTHER LOCAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

NOTE: Land condemnation cases omitted.

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