

Table C-2A.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,
During the Twelve-Month Periods Ending September 30, 1997 Through 2001

| NATURE OF SUIT | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | Percent Change 2001/2000 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| TOTAL CASES | 272,027 | 256,787 | 260,271 | 259,517 | 250,907 | -3.3 |
| CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL | 40,836 | 42,292 | 50,676 | 53,625 | 43,148 | -19.5 |
| INSURANCE | 8,045 | 7,270 | 7,327 | 7,517 | 7,874 | 4.7 |
| MARINE | 2,587 | 2,593 | 2,529 | 2,446 | 2,505 | 2.4 |
| MILLER ACT | 834 | 862 | 780 | 769 | 560 | -27.2 |
| NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS | 1,056 | 673 | 577 | 495 | 605 | 22.2 |
| RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS, TOTAL | 9,677 | 14,577 | 22,403 | 24,838 | 13,409 | -46.0 |
| DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS | 9,098 | 14,080 | 21,915 | 24,404 | 12,952 | -46.9 |
| VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT | 115 | 79 | 60 | 43 | 118 | 174.4 |
| OTHER | 464 | 418 | 428 | 391 | 339 | -13.3 |
| OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS | 18,637 | 16,317 | 17,060 | 17,560 | 18,195 | 3.6 |
| REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL | 5,473 | 5,663 | 5,972 | 6,711 | 7,290 | 8.6 |
| CONDEMNATION OF LAND | 334 | 475 | 414 | 1,243 | 1,506 | 21.2 |
| FORECLOSURE | 3,764 | 3,790 | 4,302 | 4,209 | 4,458 | 5.9 |
| RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT | 239 | 225 | 197 | 175 | 196 | 12.0 |
| TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY | 390 | 397 | 401 | 377 | 388 | 2.9 |
| OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS | 746 | 776 | 658 | 707 | 742 | 5.0 |
| TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL | 58,289 | 50,362 | 44,426 | 36,586 | 33,663 | -8.0 |
| PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL | 53,940 | 46,496 | 40,497 | 32,621 | 29,789 | -8.7 |
| PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL | 32,856 | 26,886 | 18,781 | 14,428 | 12,307 | -14.7 |
| AIRPLANE | 161 | 177 | 163 | 164 | 118 | -28.1 |
| MARINE | 43 | 68 | 48 | 54 | 39 | -27.8 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE | 537 | 438 | 433 | 421 | 654 | 55.3 |
| ASBESTOS | 7,143 | 9,111 | 8,948 | 7,187 | 5,041 | -29.9 |
| OTHER | 24,972 | 17,092 | 9,189 | 6,602 | 6,455 | -2.2 |
| OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL | 21,084 | 19,610 | 21,716 | 18,193 | 17,482 | -3.9 |
| AIRPLANE | 740 | 733 | 678 | 747 | 714 | -4.4 |
| MARINE | 2,298 | 2,110 | 4,995 | 2,006 | 2,164 | 7.9 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE | 5,126 | 4,933 | 4,901 | 4,690 | 4,535 | -3.3 |
| ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER | 859 | 767 | 825 | 801 | 623 | -22.2 |
| FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT | 1,943 | 1,635 | 1,264 | 1,108 | 1,067 | -3.7 |
| MEDICAL MALPRACTICE | 1,368 | 1,322 | 1,447 | 1,526 | 1,429 | -6.4 |
| OTHER | 8,750 | 8,110 | 7,606 | 7,315 | 6,950 | -5.0 |

Table C-2A. (September 30, 2001—Continued)

| NATURE OF SUIT | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | Percent Change 2001/2000 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL | 4,349 | 3,866 | 3,929 | 3,965 | 3,874 | -2.3 |
| FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING | 2,693 | 2,170 | 2,244 | 2,265 | 2,224 | -1.8 |
| OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE | 1,656 | 1,696 | 1,685 | 1,700 | 1,650 | -3.0 |
| ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL | 167,414 | 158,459 | 159,185 | 162,583 | 166,792 | 2.6 |
| ANTITRUST | 598 | 580 | 645 | 858 | 723 | -15.7 |
| BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL | 4,139 | 3,833 | 3,725 | 3,361 | 2,950 | -12.2 |
| APPEAL (28 U.S.C.158) | 3,475 | 3,313 | 2,956 | 2,785 | 2,519 | -9.6 |
| WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C.157) | 664 | 520 | 769 | 576 | 431 | -25.2 |
| BANKS AND BANKING | 280 | 236 | 220 | 205 | 214 | 4.4 |
| CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL | 43,278 | 42,354 | 41,304 | 40,908 | 40,910 | 0.0 |
| VOTING | 141 | 108 | 102 | 167 | 195 | 16.8 |
| EMPLOYMENT | 23,796 | 23,735 | 22,490 | 21,032 | 21,157 | 0.6 |
| HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS | 854 | 838 | 1,136 | 1,284 | 1,249 | -2.7 |
| WELFARE | 91 | 66 | 63 | 80 | 61 | -23.8 |
| OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS | 18,396 | 17,607 | 17,513 | 18,345 | 18,248 | -0.5 |
| COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.) | 502 | 593 | 672 | 891 | 584 | -34.5 |
| ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS | 958 | 997 | 895 | 886 | 1,807 | 104.0 |
| DEPORTATION | 149 | 155 | 191 | 213 | 217 | 1.9 |
| PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL | 62,966 | 54,715 | 56,603 | 58,257 | 58,805 | 0.9 |
| MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE | 11,675 | 6,287 | 5,752 | 6,341 | 8,644 | 36.3 |
| HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL | 21,621 | 20,897 | 23,821 | 24,945 | 24,684 | -1.1 |
| HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY | 237 | 262 | 268 | 274 | 202 | -26.3 |
| MANDAMUS AND OTHER | 798 | 807 | 1,068 | 1,192 | 1,157 | -2.9 |
| CIVIL RIGHTS* | 19,081 | 13,756 | 14,083 | 14,151 | 13,435 | -5.1 |
| PRISON CONDITION* | 9,554 | 12,706 | 11,611 | 11,354 | 10,683 | -5.9 |
| FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL | 2,384 | 2,331 | 2,258 | 2,320 | 1,938 | -16.5 |
| AGRICULTURAL ACTS | 146 | 132 | 65 | 57 | 46 | -19.3 |
| FOOD AND DRUG ACT | 149 | 124 | 102 | 110 | 58 | -47.3 |
| DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY | 1,131 | 1,106 | 1,104 | 1,117 | 953 | -14.7 |
| AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS | 24 | 12 | 23 | 7 | 4 | - |
| OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT | 20 | 5 | 10 | 4 | 1 | - |
| OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS | 914 | 952 | 954 | 1,025 | 876 | -14.5 |

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| NATURE OF SUIT | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | Percent Change 2001/2000 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| LABOR LAWS, TOTAL | 15,508 | 14,650 | 14,372 | 14,142 | 15,195 | 7.4 |
| FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT | 1,633 | 1,562 | 1,717 | 1,935 | 1,960 | 1.3 |
| LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT | 1,927 | 1,744 | 1,782 | 1,542 | 1,445 | -6.3 |
| LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT | 182 | 132 | 123 | 101 | 129 | 27.7 |
| RAILWAY LABOR ACT | 168 | 133 | 146 | 137 | 115 | -16.1 |
| ERISA** | 10,045 | 9,609 | 9,298 | 9,124 | 10,292 | 12.8 |
| OTHER LABOR LITIGATION | 1,553 | 1,470 | 1,306 | 1,303 | 1,254 | -3.8 |
| PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL | 7,559 | 7,748 | 8,242 | 8,738 | 8,314 | -4.9 |
| COPYRIGHT | 2,258 | 2,082 | 2,093 | 2,050 | 2,446 | 19.3 |
| PATENT | 2,112 | 2,218 | 2,318 | 2,484 | 2,520 | 1.4 |
| TRADEMARK | 3,189 | 3,448 | 3,831 | 4,204 | 3,348 | -20.4 |
| SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES | 1,669 | 2,358 | 2,563 | 2,678 | 3,538 | 32.1 |
| SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL | 13,605 | 14,552 | 13,920 | 15,829 | 17,074 | 7.9 |
| HEALTH INSURANCE | 98 | 107 | 98 | 70 | 70 | 0.0 |
| BLACK LUNG CASES | 17 | 9 | 13 | 20 | 16 | -20.0 |
| DISABILITY INSURANCE | 7,583 | 7,770 | 7,334 | 8,122 | 8,623 | 6.2 |
| SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME | 5,204 | 5,887 | 5,689 | 6,762 | 7,361 | 8.9 |
| RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS | 703 | 779 | 786 | 855 | 1,004 | 17.4 |
| OTHER | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| RICO*** | 840 | 785 | 763 | 829 | 724 | -12.7 |
| STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS | 11 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 13 | - |
| TAX SUITS | 2,272 | 1,524 | 1,179 | 907 | 1,020 | 12.5 |
| CUSTOMER CHALLENGE | 15 | 15 | 26 | 12 | 16 | 33.3 |
| FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT | 371 | 397 | 352 | 341 | 325 | -4.7 |
| CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES | 333 | 291 | 304 | 288 | 254 | -11.8 |
| OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS | 9,977 | 10,342 | 10,944 | 10,918 | 12,171 | 11.5 |
| OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL | 15 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 14 | 16.7 |
| DOMESTIC RELATIONS | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| INSANITY. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| PROBATE | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| OTHER | 15 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 14 | 16.7 |

NOTE: PERCENT CHANGE NOT COMPUTED WHERE BASE IS LESS THAN 10.

* COLLECTION OF DATA ON PRISON CONDITION CASES BEGAN ON JANUARY 1, 1997; THEREFORE, NINE MONTHS OF DATA ARE REPORTED FOR THIS CATEGORY FOR 1997. THE TOTAL FOR PRISONER PETITION CIVIL RIGHT CASES FOR 1997 INCLUDES SOME PRISON CONDITION CASES.

** ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

*** RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.