

**Table C-2**  
**U. S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction**  
**and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2002**

Nature of Suit	2001	2002					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>250,907</b>	<b>274,841</b>	<b>14,479</b>	<b>39,518</b>	<b>163,890</b>	<b>56,824</b>	<b>130</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>43,148</b>	<b>35,843</b>	<b>5,843</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>6,338</b>	<b>23,279</b>	<b>15</b>
INSURANCE	7,874	8,793	22	45	1,203	7,518	5
MARINE	2,505	2,122	16	13	1,976	114	3
MILLER ACT	560	528	165	6	357	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	605	595	63	5	80	447	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	13,409	5,651	5,322	107	145	77	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	12,952	5,212	5,192	20	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	118	98	98	-	-	-	-
OTHER	339	341	32	87	145	77	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	18,195	18,154	255	192	2,577	15,123	7
<b>REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>7,290</b>	<b>8,059</b>	<b>3,554</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>3,079</b>	<b>61</b>
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	1,506	938	677	17	220	24	-
FORECLOSURE	4,458	5,592	2,796	153	183	2,399	61
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	196	216	22	3	88	103	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	388	353	11	23	92	227	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	742	960	48	119	467	326	-
<b>TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>33,663</b>	<b>62,919</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>31,058</b>	<b>29,176</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>29,789</b>	<b>58,997</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2,377</b>	<b>29,636</b>	<b>26,909</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL</b>	<b>12,307</b>	<b>41,135</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>25,063</b>	<b>15,959</b>	<b>1</b>
AIRPLANE	118	120	-	-	31	89	-
MARINE	39	42	-	1	16	25	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	654	564	-	6	43	515	-
ASBESTOS	5,041	26,818	-	68	24,224	2,526	-
OTHER	6,455	13,591	-	37	749	12,804	1
<b>OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>17,482</b>	<b>17,862</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2,265</b>	<b>4,573</b>	<b>10,950</b>	<b>47</b>
AIRPLANE	714	846	-	17	440	389	-
MARINE	2,164	1,978	8	48	1,707	214	1
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,535	4,525	-	651	186	3,686	2
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	623	693	-	55	189	449	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	1,067	944	-	97	847	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,429	1,463	-	673	-	790	-
OTHER	6,950	7,413	19	724	1,204	5,422	44

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL</b>	<b>3,874</b>	<b>3,922</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>1,422</b>	<b>2,267</b>	<b>1</b>
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,224	2,359	35	26	1,068	1,229	1
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,650	1,563	13	158	354	1,038	-
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL</b>	<b>166,792</b>	<b>168,010</b>	<b>5,007</b>	<b>36,274</b>	<b>125,434</b>	<b>1,290</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>ANTITRUST</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,950</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>4,032</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,519	2,636	27	32	2,577	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	431	1,464	3	6	1,455	-	-
<b>BANKS AND BANKING</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>40,910</b>	<b>40,420</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>2,380</b>	<b>36,184</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>-</b>
VOTING	195	234	8	17	208	1	-
EMPLOYMENT	21,157	20,955	464	1,266	18,292	933	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,249	1,313	55	27	1,223	8	-
WELFARE	61	71	1	9	60	1	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	18,248	17,847	121	1,061	16,401	264	-
<b>COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS</b>	<b>1,807</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>DEPORTATION</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>58,805</b>	<b>55,295</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,190</b>	<b>43,102</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	8,644	6,107	-	6,107	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	24,684	23,863	-	4,472	19,390	-	1
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	202	236	-	11	225	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,157	1,125	-	554	569	-	2
CIVIL RIGHTS	13,435	14,039	-	771	13,268	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	10,683	9,925	-	275	9,650	-	-
<b>FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL</b>	<b>1,938</b>	<b>2,119</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	46	47	22	25	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	58	69	64	5	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	953	1,200	1,149	51	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	4	6	5	1	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	1	5	2	3	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	876	792	737	55	-	-	-

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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<b>LABOR LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>15,195</b>	<b>18,285</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>17,767</b>	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	1,960	3,904	144	25	3,735	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,445	1,529	19	19	1,491	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	129	84	8	2	74	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	115	126	2	2	122	-	-
ERISA <sup>1</sup>	10,292	11,232	166	30	11,036	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,254	1,410	29	72	1,309	-	-
<b>PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>8,314</b>	<b>8,254</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8,222</b>	-	-
COPYRIGHT	2,446	2,084	-	-	2,084	-	-
PATENT	2,520	2,700	11	9	2,680	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,348	3,470	12	-	3,458	-	-
<b>SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES</b>	<b>3,538</b>	<b>3,465</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3,107</b>	-	-
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>17,074</b>	<b>18,322</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>18,206</b>	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	70	86	-	86	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG CASES	16	20	1	19	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	8,623	8,739	115	8,624	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	7,361	8,313	-	8,313	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	1,004	1,164	-	1,164	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>RICO<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>724</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>9</b>	-	<b>678</b>	<b>73</b>	-
<b>STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	-	-	<b>24</b>	-	-
<b>TAX SUITS</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>832</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>CUSTOMER CHALLENGE</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	-	<b>7</b>	-	-	-
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>271</b>	-	<b>244</b>	<b>27</b>	-	-
<b>CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS</b>	<b>12,171</b>	<b>12,494</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>10,051</b>	-	-
<b>OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	-	-	<b>10</b>	-	-
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	14	10	-	-	10	-	-

<sup>1</sup> ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.  
<sup>2</sup> RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.