

**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, 2002**

Nature of Suit	Total	No Court Action	Court Action						
			Total	Before Pretrial	During or After Pretrial	During or After Trial			Percent Reaching Trial
						Total	Nonjury	Jury	
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>258,748</b>	<b>41,827</b>	<b>216,921</b>	<b>191,508</b>	<b>20,916</b>	<b>4,497</b>	<b>1,547</b>	<b>2,950</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>UNITED STATES CASES</b>	<b>55,054</b>	<b>7,420</b>	<b>47,634</b>	<b>45,700</b>	<b>1,507</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS</b>									
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	75	16	59	56	3	-	-	-	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	7,558	2,152	5,406	5,353	47	6	6	-	0.1
OTHER CONTRACTS	760	163	597	510	76	11	8	3	1.4
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>3,170</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>2,808</b>	<b>2,758</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>TORT ACTIONS</b>									
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	60	7	53	33	9	11	8	3	18.3
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	669	182	487	332	121	34	30	4	5.1
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	1,616	308	1,308	1,039	202	67	63	4	4.1
OTHER TORTS	257	47	210	177	25	8	6	2	3.1
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES</b>									
ANTITRUST	15	2	13	13	-	-	-	-	-
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>									
EMPLOYMENT	1,742	257	1,485	1,112	283	90	25	65	5.2
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	1,269	146	1,123	1,020	78	25	11	14	2.0
DEPORTATION	262	45	217	210	7	-	-	-	-
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b>									
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	6,896	389	6,507	6,475	18	14	14	-	0.2
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	4,485	416	4,069	4,044	22	3	3	-	0.1
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	8	-	8	8	-	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	607	48	559	549	10	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	765	62	703	683	12	8	3	5	1.0
PRISON CONDITION	298	23	275	268	4	3	2	1	1.0
LIQUOR FORFEITURES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	1,993	261	1,732	1,606	102	24	22	2	1.2
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	170	34	136	120	12	4	3	1	2.4
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	332	60	272	234	34	4	2	2	1.2
SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES (CONTINUED)</b>									
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS									
HEALTH INSURANCE	80	6	74	74	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG	20	2	18	18	-	-	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	8,501	816	7,685	7,595	77	13	12	1	0.2
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	7,653	680	6,973	6,925	36	12	12	-	0.2
RETIREMENT AND SERVICES BENEFITS	1,036	70	966	956	7	3	2	1	0.3
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,103	179	924	803	97	24	17	7	2.2
<b>ALL OTHER U.S. ACTIONS</b>	<b>3,654</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>2,967</b>	<b>2,729</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>FEDERAL QUESTION</b>	<b>149,212</b>	<b>22,859</b>	<b>126,353</b>	<b>111,486</b>	<b>12,126</b>	<b>2,741</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>1,841</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS</b>									
MARINE	2,152	466	1,686	1,390	249	47	42	5	2.2
MILLER ACT	385	112	273	228	33	12	9	3	3.1
OTHER CONTRACTS	3,791	826	2,965	2,497	425	43	27	16	1.1
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>TORT ACTIONS</b>									
EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	914	217	697	432	221	44	7	37	4.8
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	1,754	403	1,351	838	406	107	66	41	6.1
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	15,742	1,328	14,414	14,064	297	53	14	39	0.3
OTHER TORTS	1,427	348	1,079	836	210	33	17	16	2.3
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES</b>									
BANKRUPTCY SUITS	3,569	296	3,273	3,176	82	15	11	4	0.4
ANTITRUST	768	119	649	600	35	14	5	9	1.8
CIVIL RIGHTS									
EMPLOYMENT	18,443	3,118	15,325	11,098	3,501	726	108	618	3.9
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	18,104	3,020	15,084	12,194	2,238	652	132	520	3.6
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b>									
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	18,978	1,266	17,712	17,615	81	16	12	4	0.1
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	198	6	192	185	7	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	600	32	568	563	5	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS									
PRISON CONDITION	13,414	1,012	12,402	11,909	261	232	65	167	1.7
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	9,667	957	8,710	8,311	209	190	86	104	2.0
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	2,695	853	1,842	1,532	276	34	15	19	1.3
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,521	361	1,160	1,007	134	19	10	9	1.2
COPYRIGHT	11,829	2,895	8,934	7,606	1,210	118	82	36	1.0
PATENT	2,009	512	1,497	1,228	229	40	13	27	2.0
TRADEMARK	2,499	670	1,829	1,402	345	82	28	54	3.3
CONSTITUTIONALITY	3,308	896	2,412	1,987	360	65	30	35	2.0
OF STATE STATUTES	231	29	202	177	18	7	7	-	3.0

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<b>ALL OTHER FEDERAL QUESTION</b>	<b>14,556</b>	<b>3,014</b>	<b>11,542</b>	<b>10,105</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>DIVERSITY OF CITIZENSHIP</b>	<b>54,373</b>	<b>11,513</b>	<b>42,860</b>	<b>34,248</b>	<b>7,283</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS</b>									
INSURANCE	6,670	1,400	5,270	4,174	951	145	47	98	2.2
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	425	75	350	301	44	5	3	2	1.2
OTHER CONTRACTS	14,997	3,244	11,753	9,141	2,194	418	193	225	2.8
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>3,025</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>2,682</b>	<b>2,562</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>TORT ACTIONS</b>									
MARINE PERSONAL INJURY	228	55	173	125	35	13	2	11	5.7
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	4,180	793	3,387	2,234	965	188	24	164	4.5
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	21,453	4,942	16,511	13,562	2,517	432	48	384	2.0
OTHER TORTS	2,150	429	1,721	1,324	322	75	21	54	3.5
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>									
EMPLOYMENT	912	185	727	568	136	23	4	19	2.5
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	256	36	220	199	18	3	1	2	1.2
<b>PRISON CONDITION</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>ALL OTHER DIVERSITY</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>LOCAL JURISDICTION</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TORT ACTIONS</b>									
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	23	3	20	20	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER TORTS	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b>									
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>DOMESTIC RELATIONS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>INSANITY</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>ALL OTHER LOCAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

NOTE: LAND CONDEMNATION CASES OMITTED.