

**Table C-4.**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Terminated, by Nature of Suit and Action Taken,**  
**During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 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>258,992</b>	<b>41,585</b>	<b>217,407</b>	<b>192,030</b>	<b>20,808</b>	<b>4,569</b>	<b>1,563</b>	<b>3,006</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>UNITED STATES CASES</b>	<b>56,279</b>	<b>7,726</b>	<b>48,553</b>	<b>46,620</b>	<b>1,508</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS</b>									
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	75	20	55	54	1	-	-	-	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	8,651	2,402	6,249	6,180	59	10	10	-	0.1
OTHER CONTRACTS	772	175	597	521	71	5	3	2	0.6
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>3,065</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>2,708</b>	<b>2,651</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>TORT ACTIONS</b>									
MARINE, PERSONAL INJURY	62	7	55	35	11	9	7	2	14.5
MOTOR VEHICLE, PERSONAL INJURY	674	182	492	336	123	33	30	3	4.9
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	1,640	305	1,335	1,059	208	68	64	4	4.1
OTHER TORTS	265	56	209	175	26	8	6	2	3.0
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES</b>									
ANTITRUST	17	2	15	14	1	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS									
EMPLOYMENT	1,738	241	1,497	1,139	275	83	25	58	4.8
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	1,251	152	1,099	995	74	30	15	15	2.4
DEPORTATION	227	37	190	186	4	-	-	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS									
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	7,105	391	6,714	6,681	19	14	14	-	0.2
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	4,542	440	4,102	4,074	25	3	3	-	0.1
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	11	1	10	10	-	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	574	55	519	506	13	-	-	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	714	55	659	641	10	8	4	4	1.1
PRISON CONDITION	292	21	271	266	2	3	2	1	1.0
LIQUOR FORFEITURES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	1,987	272	1,715	1,585	105	25	23	2	1.3
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	175	34	141	123	14	4	3	1	2.3
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	358	62	296	261	31	4	2	2	1.1
SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	Total	No Court Action	Court Action						
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<b>SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS</b>									
HEALTH INSURANCE	72	5	67	67	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK LUNG	19	2	17	17	-	-	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	8,547	830	7,717	7,622	82	13	12	1	0.2
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	7,657	691	6,966	6,917	37	12	12	-	0.2
RETIREMENT AND SERVICES BENEFITS	1,027	69	958	948	8	2	2	-	0.2
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,054	166	888	776	86	26	17	9	2.5
<b>ALL OTHER U.S. ACTIONS</b>	<b>3,707</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>3,011</b>	<b>2,780</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>FEDERAL QUESTION</b>	<b>148,716</b>	<b>21,936</b>	<b>126,780</b>	<b>112,021</b>	<b>11,984</b>	<b>2,775</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>1,865</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS</b>									
MARINE	2,214	462	1,752	1,441	269	42	38	4	1.9
MILLER ACT	418	121	297	249	36	12	9	3	2.9
OTHER CONTRACTS	3,670	792	2,878	2,459	372	47	27	20	1.3
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>TORT ACTIONS</b>									
EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	925	223	702	439	217	46	8	38	5.0
MARINE, PERSONAL INJURY	1,757	439	1,318	818	400	100	62	38	5.7
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	15,308	1,219	14,089	13,710	328	51	14	37	0.3
OTHER TORTS	1,394	331	1,063	816	215	32	13	19	2.3
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES</b>									
BANKRUPTCY SUITS	3,488	295	3,193	3,113	70	10	6	4	0.3
ANTITRUST	822	129	693	633	33	27	15	12	3.3
CIVIL RIGHTS									
EMPLOYMENT	18,489	3,124	15,365	11,190	3,455	720	107	613	3.9
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	18,242	2,950	15,292	12,395	2,233	664	138	526	3.6
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b>									
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	19,389	1,292	18,097	17,983	93	21	16	5	0.1
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	194	8	186	176	10	-	-	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	633	37	596	590	5	1	-	1	0.2
CIVIL RIGHTS	13,447	939	12,508	11,981	271	256	74	182	1.9
PRISON CONDITION	9,791	910	8,881	8,479	217	185	86	99	1.9
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	1,983	385	1,598	1,298	262	38	16	22	1.9
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,497	362	1,135	987	130	18	9	9	1.2
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	11,851	2,897	8,954	7,661	1,167	126	91	35	1.1
COPYRIGHT	1,984	515	1,469	1,205	222	42	15	27	2.1
PATENT	2,488	657	1,831	1,407	338	86	25	61	3.5
TRADEMARK	3,400	879	2,521	2,103	361	57	25	32	1.7
CONSTITUTIONALITY									
OF STATE STATUTES	244	32	212	186	21	5	5	-	2.0

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<b>ALL OTHER FEDERAL QUESTION</b>	<b>14,433</b>	<b>2,846</b>	<b>11,587</b>	<b>10,196</b>	<b>1,211</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>DIVERSITY OF CITIZENSHIP</b>	<b>53,881</b>	<b>11,888</b>	<b>41,993</b>	<b>33,308</b>	<b>7,316</b>	<b>1,369</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS</b>									
INSURANCE	6,628	1,398	5,230	4,167	900	163	54	109	2.5
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	425	87	338	292	41	5	3	2	1.2
OTHER CONTRACTS	15,232	3,295	11,937	9,324	2,188	425	194	231	2.8
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>2,792</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>2,475</b>	<b>2,356</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>TORT ACTIONS</b>									
MARINE, PERSONAL INJURY	258	55	203	143	47	13	3	10	5.0
MOTOR VEHICLE, PERSONAL INJURY	4,191	807	3,384	2,239	947	198	22	176	4.7
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	21,016	5,257	15,759	12,679	2,631	449	44	405	2.1
OTHER TORTS	2,098	431	1,667	1,292	311	64	16	48	3.1
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>									
EMPLOYMENT	920	198	722	566	132	24	4	20	2.6
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	241	35	206	187	16	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>79</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>LOCAL JURISDICTION</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TORT ACTIONS</b>									
MOTOR VEHICLE, PERSONAL INJURY	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	28	4	24	24	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER TORTS	3	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
<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>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

NOTE: LAND CONDEMNATION CASES OMITTED.