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Contract

Code	Title	Description
110	Insurance	Action alleging breach of insurance contract, tort claim, or other cause related to an insurance contract, except for maritime insurance.
120	Marine	Action (Admiralty or Maritime) based on service, employment, insurance, or other contracts relating to maritime vessels and other maritime contractual matters.
130	Miller Act	Action based on performance and payment bonds agreed to by contractors on federal construction projects as required under the Miller Act, 40 U.S.C. § 3131-3134.
140	Negotiable Instrument	Action relating to an agreement to pay a specific amount of money, including promissory notes, loan agreements and checks.
150	Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement Judgment	Action to recover debt owed to the United States, including enforcement of judgments, based on overpayments and restitution agreements involving matters other than Medicare benefits, student loans and veterans' benefits.
151	Medicare Act	Action relating to Medicare payments, including actions for payments of benefits, to recover overpayments, and for judicial review of administrative decisions.
152	Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans)	Action to recover debt owed to the United States from defaulted student loan.
153	Recovery of Overpayment of Veterans' Benefits	Action relating to payments of veterans' benefits, primarily including actions to recover overpayments.
160	Stockholders' Suits	Action brought by stockholder(s) of a corporation (including both stockholder derivative suits and direct actions based on plaintiff's rights as a stockholder), usually alleging claims based on contract and/or tort law and/or fiduciary obligations.
190	Other Contract	Action primarily based on rights and obligations under a contract not classifiable elsewhere under the specific natures of suit under "Contract."
195	Contract Product Liability Actions primarily alleging personal injury or property damage caused by a defective product should be classified under the appropriate nature of suit code under "TORTS."	Action concerning damages caused by a defective product, not primarily involving personal injury or property damage, and based primarily on breach of contract, breach of warranty, misrepresentation, and/or violation of consumer protection laws.
196	Franchise	Action arising from a dispute over a franchise agreement, typically alleging breach of contract, misrepresentation, or unfair trade practices.

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Real Property

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210	Land Condemnation	Action by a governmental entity to take privately-owned real property (land or buildings) for public use of compensation.
220	Foreclosure	Action to enjoin foreclosure on real property by mortgage lender.
230	Rent Lease & Ejectment	Action for rental or lease payments owed on real property and/or to eject a party occupying real property illegally.
240	Torts to Land	Action alleging trespass to land, nuisance, contamination, or other unlawful entry on or interference with real property possessed by another.
245	Tort Product Liability	Action alleging harm by an unsafe product based on negligence, breach or warranty, misrepresentation, and strict tort liability.
290	All Other Real Property	Action primarily based on unlawful conduct relating to real property that cannot be classified under any other nature of suit.

Torts/Personal Injury

Code	Title	Description
310	Airplane (Excludes airplane product liability claims)	Action alleging personal injury or wrongful death from an air crash or other occurrence involving an airplane.
315	Airplane Product Liability	Action alleging personal injury or death from an air crash or other occurrence involving an airplane and caused by a defective product.
320	Assault, Libel & Slander (Excludes a government employee)	Action alleging intentional acts of assault, libel, trade libel or slander by a private party.
330	Federal Employers' Liability	Action for personal injury or wrongful death brought by a railroad employee or his survivors under the Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA), 45 U.S.C. § 51, et. seq.
340	Marine (Excludes marine product liability claims)	Action (Admiralty and Maritime) alleging personal injury or death from an accident involving a water vessel or harbor/dock facilities, including suits brought under the Jones Act and the Limitation of Liability Act.
345	Marine Product Liability	Action (Admiralty and Maritime) alleging personal injury or wrongful death from an accident involving a water vessel or harbor/dock facilities and caused by a defective product.
350	Motor Vehicle	Action alleging personal injury or wrongful death from negligence involving a motor vehicle but not caused by a defective product.

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Torts/Personal Injury (continued)

Code	Title	Description
355	Motor Vehicle Product Liability	Action alleging personal injury or wrongful death involving a motor vehicle and caused by a defective product.
360	Other Personal Injury	Action primarily based on personal injury or death caused by negligence or intentional misconduct, including suits brought against the United States under the Federal Tort Claims Act, and which cannot be classified under any other nature of suit.
362	Personal Injury – Medical Malpractice	Action alleging personal injury or wrongful death caused by negligence in medical care provided by a doctor or other health care professional.
365	Personal Injury – Product Liability (Excludes a marine or airplane product)	Action alleging personal injury or death resulting from a defective product.
367	Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability	Action alleging personal injury or death caused by a defective medical or pharmaceutical product.
368	Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability	Action alleging personal injury or death caused by exposure to asbestos products.

Personal Property

Code	Title	Description
370	Other Fraud (Includes any property that is not real property)	Action primarily based on fraud relating to personal property that cannot be classified under any other nature of suit.
371	Truth in Lending Actions relating to fraud or misrepresentation in the transfer of real property should be classified under nature of suit 290, "All other Real Property," or, if foreclosure is involved, under nature of suit 220, "Foreclosure."	Action alleging violation of the federal Truth in Lending Act arising from consumer loan transactions involving personal property including automobile loans and revolving credit accounts.
380	Other Personal Property Damage	Action primarily based on damage to personal property caused by harmful conduct such as negligence, misrepresentation, interference with business relationships or unfair trade practices.
385	Property Damage Product Liability	Action alleging damage to personal property caused by a defective product.

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Civil Rights

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440	Other Civil Rights (Excludes claims against corrections officials)	Action alleging a civil rights violation other than the specific civil rights categories listed below or a violation related to prison. Example: Action alleging excessive force by police incident to an arrest.
441	Voting	Action filed under Civil Rights Act, 52 U.S.C. § 10101, and Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C. § 10301.
442	Employment	Action filed under Age Discrimination in Employment Act 29:621:634, Equal Employment Opportunity Act (Title VII) 42:2000E, Performance Rating Act of 1950 5:4303.
443	Housing/Accommodations	Action filed under the Fair Housing Act (Title VII), 42 U.S.C. § 3601 & 3602.
445	Americans With Disabilities – Employment	Action of discrimination against an employee with disabilities of any type in the workplace, filed under 42 U.S.C. § 12117.
446	Americans With Disabilities – Other	Action of discrimination against an individual with disabilities in areas other than employment, filed under 42 U.S.C. § 12133 (exclusion or discrimination in provision of services, programs, or activities of a public entity) or 42 U.S.C. § 12188 (public accommodations).
448	Education	Action filed under the individuals with Disabilities Educations Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1401 and Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et. seq.

Prisoner Petitions/Habeas Corpus

Code	Title	Description
463	Alien Detainee	Immigration habeas petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. All cases filed with this nature of suit code are restricted to case participants and public terminals. Petition is filed by an alien detainee.
510	Motions to Vacate Sentence	Action by a prisoner to vacate or modify a sentence imposed in federal court, other than a death sentence, under 28 U.S.C. § 2255.
530	General	Action by a federal or state prisoner currently in custody challenging the legality of confinement or other punishment. This includes claims alleging illegalities that occurred in trial (for example, ineffective assistance of counsel), sentencing (including fines and restitution orders), or disciplinary proceedings in prison (for example, loss of good time credits). Habeas petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254, or prisoner habeas under 28 U.S.C. § 2241.
535	Death Penalty	Action by a federal or state prisoner challenging a death sentence.

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Prisoner Petitions/Other

Code	Title	Description
540	Mandamus & Other	Action by prisoner currently in custody for a writ of mandamus to compel action by a judge or government official relating to the prisoner's confinement, including conditions of confinement. This category also includes any actions other than mandamus brought by a prisoner currently in custody, whether or not it relates to his confinement if it is not classifiable under any other nature of suit category under Prisoner Petitions (for example, action by prisoner to recover property taken by the government in a criminal case).
550	Civil Rights	Action by current or former prisoner alleging a civil rights violation by corrections officials that is not related to a condition of prison life.
555	Prison Condition	Action by current prisoner, or former prisoner or their families alleging a civil rights, Federal Tort Claims Act, or state law claim with respect to a condition of prison life, whether general circumstances or particular episodes. Examples: inadequate medical care or excessive force by prison guards. Includes non-habeas actions by alien detainees alleging unlawful prison conditions.
560	Civil Detainee – Conditions of Confinement (Excludes actions by alien detainees)	Action by former prisoner who was involuntarily committed to a non-criminal facility after expiration of his or her prison term alleging unlawful conditions of confinement while in the non-criminal facility. This category includes, for example, an action by a former prisoner classified as a Sexually Dangerous person or Sexually Violent Predator alleging civil rights violations during his detention in a medical facility.

Forfeiture/Penalty

Code	Title	Description
625	Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 U.S.C. § 881	Action (Forfeiture) by which property itself is accused of wrongdoing and is forfeited to the government as a result.
690	Other	Action primarily based on Acts or Bills that cannot be classified under any other nature of suit, such as: Endangered Species Act, Federal Hazardous Substance Act 15:1261, Game & Wildlife Act 15:256C et. seq. (Penalty), Federal Trade Commission Act 15:41-51 (Penalty), Federal Coal Mine Health & Safety Act 30:801 et. seq. (Penalty), Load Line Act 46:85-85G, McGuire Bill (Federal Fair Trade) 15:45L Penalty, Marihuana Tax Act 50 Stat. 551, Motorboat Act 46:526-526T, National Traffic & Motor Vehicle Safety Act penalty 46:1655, Veterans' Benefit Act, Title 38 Penalty.

Labor

Code	Title	Description
710	Fair Labor Standards Act (Non-Union)	Action relating to non-union workplace related disputes filed under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201 including but not limited to wage discrimination, paid leave, minimum wage and overtime pay.

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Labor (continued)

Code	Title	Description
720	Labor/Management Relations (Union)	Action relating to disputes between labor unions and employers as well as all petitions regarding actions of the Nation Labor Relations Board (NLRB).
740	Railway Labor Act	Action relating to disputes filed under the Railway Labor Act, 45 U.S.C. § 151 including labor disputes, individual claims, and response to sanctions.
751	Family and Medical Leave Act	Action filed under the Family Medical Leave Act, 29 U.S.C. § 2601.
790	Other Labor Litigation	Action primarily based on labor disputes not addressed by other NOS codes (includes Labor/Management Reporting and Disclosure Act).
791	Employee Retirement Income Security Act	Action filed under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. § 1132 by individuals and labor organizations.

Immigration

Code	Title	Description
462	Naturalization Application	Action seeking review of denial of an application for naturalization [8 U.S.C. § 1447(b)] or alleging failure to make a determination regarding an application for naturalization [8 U.S.C. § 1421(c)].
465	Other Immigration Actions	Action (Immigration-related) that do not involve Naturalization Applications or petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus, such as complaints alleging failure to adjudicate an application to adjust immigration status to permanent resident.

Bankruptcy

Code	Title	Description
422	Appeal 28 U.S.C. § 158	All appeals of previous bankruptcy decisions filed under 28 U.S.C. § 158.
423	Withdrawal of Reference 28 U.S.C. § 157	Action held in bankruptcy court requesting withdrawal under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 157.

Intellectual Property Rights

Code	Title	Description
820	Copyright	Action filed in support or to dispute a copyright claim.
830	Patent	Action filed in support or to dispute a patent claim.

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Intellectual Property Rights (continued)

Code	Title	Description
835	Patent – Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA)	Action filed in support or to dispute a patent claim involving an Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA). These case are also known as “Hatch-Waxman” cases.
840	Trademark	Action filed in support or to dispute a trademark claim.
880	Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 (DTSA)	Action filed in support or to dispute a trade secret misappropriation.

Social Security

Code	Title	Description
861	HIA (1395ff)	Action filed with regard to social security benefits associated with Health Insurance Part A Medicare.
862	Black Lung (923)	Action filed with regard to social security benefits provided for those who contracted Black Lung or their beneficiaries.
863	DIWC/DIWW (405(g))	Action filed with regard to social security benefits provided to disabled individuals: worker or child, or widow.
864	SSID Title XVI	Action filed with regard to social security benefits provided to Supplemental Security Income Disability under Title XVI.
865	RSI (405(g))	Action filed with regard to social security benefits provided for Retirement, Survivor Insurance under 42 U.S.C. § 405.

Federal Tax Suits

Code	Title	Description
870	Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)	Action filed under the Internal Revenue Code (General).
871	IRS-Third Party 26 U.S.C. 7609	Action filed under the Internal Revenue Code – Tax Reform Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-455) Third Party.

Other Statutes

Code	Title	Description
375	False Claims Act	Action filed by U.S. Government, or private individuals alleging fraud against the U.S. Government under 31 U.S.C. § 3729.
376	Qui Tam (31 U.S.C. § 3729(a))	Action brought under the False Claims Act by private persons (also known as “whistleblowers”) on their own behalf and on behalf of the United States to recover damages against another person or entity that acted fraudulently in receiving payments or property from, or avoiding debts owed to, the United States Government, 31 U.S.C. § 3730.

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Other Statutes (continued)

Code	Title	Description
400	State Reapportionment	Action filed under the Reapportionment Act of 1929 Ch. 28, 46 Stat. 21, 2 U.S.C. § 2a.
410	Antitrust	Action brought under the Clayton Act 15 U.S.C. § 12 – 27 alleging undue restriction of trade and commerce by designated methods that limit free competition in the marketplace amongst consumers such as anti-competitive price discrimination, corporate mergers, interlocking directorates or tying and exclusive dealing contracts.
430	Banks and Banking	Action filed under the Federal Home Loan Bank Act 12:1421-1449, Home Owners Loan Act 12:1461 or Federal Reserve Acts 12:142 et. seq.
450	Commerce	Action filed under the Interstate Commerce Acts 49:1 et. seq., 49:301.
460	Deportation	Action filed under the Immigration Acts (Habeas Corpus & Review) 8:1101/18:1546.
470	Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations	Racketeer influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, RICO 18:1961-1968.
480	Consumer Credit (15 U.S.C. 1681 or 1692)	Action filed under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. 1681n or 15 U.S.C. 1681o, and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692k.
485	Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA)	Action filed under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act 47 U.S.C. § 227.
490	Cable/Satellite TV	Action filed involving unauthorized reception of cable/satellite TV service under 47 U.S.C. § 553 (unauthorized reception of cable/satellite TV), or 47 U.S.C. § 605 (e)(3) (unauthorized use or publication of a communication).
850	Securities/Commodities/Exchange	Action filed under Small Business Investment Act 15:681, Securities Exchange Act 15:78, Securities Act 15:77, Investment Advisers Act 15:80B(1-21).
890	Other Statutory Actions	Action primarily based on Statutes that cannot be classified under any other nature of suit, such as: Foreign Agents Registration Act 22:611-621, Klamath Termination Act 25:564-564W-L, Federal Aid Highway Act 23:101-142, Federal Corrupt Practices Act 2:241-256, Federal Election Campaign Act, Highway Safety Act 23:401, Immigration & Nationality Act 8:1503, Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act 49:1671-1700, Naturalization Acts 8:1421/18:911, 1015, 1421, et. seq., 3282 or Federal Aviation Act 49:1301 et. seq.
891	Agricultural Acts	Action filed under the Federal Crop Insurance Act 7:1501-1550, Commodity Credit Corporation Act 15:713A-L & 4.

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Other Statutes (continued)

Code	Title	Description
893	Environmental Matters	Action filed under Air Pollution Control Act 42:1857-57L, Clean Air Act 42:1857:57L, Federal Environment Pesticide Control Act, Federal Insecticide, Fungicide & Rodenticide Act 7:135, Federal Water Pollution Control Act 33:1151 et. seq., Land & Water Conservation Fund Act 16:4602, 460 1-4, Motor Vehicle Air Pollution Control Act 42:1857F-1-8, National Environmental Policy Act 42:4321, 4331-35G, 4341-47, River & Harbor Act penalty 3:401-437, 1251.
895	Freedom of Information Act	Action filed under the Freedom of Information Act 5:552.
896	Arbitration	Action involving actions to confirm or modify arbitration awards filed under Title 9 of the U.S. Code.
899	Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision	Action filed under the Administrative Procedures Act, 5 U.S.C. § 701, or civil actions to review or appeal a federal agency decision.
950	Constitutionality of State Statutes	Action drawing into question the constitutionality of a federal or state statute filed under (Rule 5.1). Rule 5.1 implements 28 U.S.C. § 2403.

Note: The statutes listed above are not all-inclusive, and other statutes might be applicable to each nature of suit. Statutes that are included in the descriptions should be viewed as examples.