

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2010 and 2011

Nature of Suit	2010	2011					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	282,895	289,252	10,797	36,072	141,013	101,366	4
Contract Actions, Total	31,109	32,306	4,648	378	4,775	22,505	0
Franchise	357	423	0	0	70	353	0
Insurance	9,380	9,493	9	41	960	8,483	0
Marine	1,344	1,117	2	7	1,017	91	0
Miller Act	276	388	98	3	287	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	956	876	27	6	116	727	0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	3,426	5,047	4,370	160	154	363	0
Defaulted Student Loans	2,741	4,332	4,312	20	0	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	16	8	4	4	0	0	0
Other	669	707	54	136	154	363	0
Other Contract Actions	15,370	14,962	142	161	2,171	12,488	0
Real Property Actions, Total	7,432	10,688	945	469	3,772	5,502	0
Condemnation of Land	173	183	75	15	84	9	0
Foreclosure	4,267	7,224	805	261	2,439	3,719	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	254	333	10	6	172	145	0
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	661	577	12	29	99	437	0
Other Real Property Actions	2,077	2,371	43	158	978	1,192	0
Tort Actions, Total	83,055	78,175	81	2,460	5,231	70,401	2
Personal Injury, Total	78,350	73,749	14	2,260	3,802	67,671	2
Personal Injury/ Product Liability, Total	63,203	59,761	0	593	724	58,443	1
Airplane	184	101	0	1	8	92	0
Marine	37	14	0	0	6	8	0
Motor Vehicle	507	305	0	0	35	270	0
Asbestos ¹	41,133	37,744	0	3	297	37,444	0
Other	21,342	21,597	0	589	378	20,629	1
Other Personal Injury, Total	15,147	13,988	14	1,667	3,078	9,228	1
Airplane	300	269	0	29	86	154	0
Marine	1,393	1,390	3	30	1,015	342	0
Motor Vehicle	3,546	3,549	4	424	207	2,914	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	559	590	0	40	169	381	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	480	413	0	53	360	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,115	1,105	0	581	0	524	0
Other	7,754	6,672	7	510	1,241	4,913	1

Table C-2. (September 30, 2011—Continued)

Nature of Suit	2010	2011					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Personal Property Damage, Total	4,705	4,426	67	200	1,429	2,730	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,902	2,683	53	39	1,100	1,491	0
Other Personal Property Damage	1,803	1,743	14	161	329	1,239	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	161,297	168,076	5,123	32,765	127,231	2,955	2
Antitrust	544	475	21	2	452	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,696	2,829	7	16	2,806	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,177	2,227	4	10	2,213	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	519	602	3	6	593	0	0
Banks and Banking	647	622	20	95	507	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	34,872	37,020	395	1,511	32,791	2,323	0
Voting	102	168	5	28	133	2	0
Employment	14,543	15,141	245	678	12,527	1,691	0
Housing and Accommodations	687	783	31	14	717	21	0
Welfare	58	52	0	6	45	1	0
ADA—Employment	1,522	1,768	52	47	1,589	80	0
ADA—Other	2,309	2,713	10	31	2,647	25	0
Other Civil Rights	15,651	16,395	52	707	15,133	503	0
Environmental Matters	942	726	155	221	350	0	0
Deportation	61	53	0	30	23	0	0
Prisoner Petitions, Total	52,583	53,611	0	11,967	41,639	5	0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	5,858	6,260	0	6,260	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	19,825	19,624	0	3,029	16,595	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	208	195	0	1	194	0	0
Mandamus and Other	952	1,011	0	409	602	0	0
Civil Rights	16,951	17,047	0	1,078	15,969	0	0
Prison Condition	8,107	8,609	0	325	8,279	5	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	682	865	0	865	0	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	2,268	2,369	2,222	147	0	0	0
Agricultural Acts	32	35	11	24	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	35	51	36	15	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,273	1,235	1,207	28	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	5	6	6	0	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	15	28	26	2	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	908	1,014	936	78	0	0	0

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Nature of Suit	2010	2011					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Labor Laws, Total	18,624	17,966	373	76	17,517	0	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	6,825	6,335	139	16	6,180	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	1,094	1,173	42	8	1,123	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	70	42	3	3	36	0	0
Railway Labor Act	66	74	0	1	73	0	0
ERISA ²	9,216	8,860	148	15	8,697	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,353	1,482	41	33	1,408	0	0
Immigration, Total³	1,183	1,083	0	1,083	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	402	298	0	298	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	781	785	0	785	0	0	0
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	8,966	9,940	20	28	9,892	0	0
Copyright	2,013	2,297	0	0	2,297	0	0
Patent	3,301	4,015	10	28	3,977	0	0
Trademark	3,652	3,628	10	0	3,618	0	0
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,397	1,402	348	23	1,031	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	14,016	15,705	26	15,679	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	6,141	6,779	25	6,754	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	7,088	8,176	0	8,176	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	715	682	0	682	0	0	0
Other	72	68	1	67	0	0	0
RICO⁴	993	666	3	0	558	105	0
State Reapportionment Suits	6	14	0	0	14	0	0
Tax Suits	1,190	1,194	711	481	0	0	2
Customer Challenge	9	9	0	9	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	8,453	9,822	13	7	9,319	483	0
Cable/Satellite TV	1,014	1,518	0	0	1,509	9	0
Freedom of Information Act	298	388	0	318	70	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	329	333	9	4	290	30	0
Other Statutory Actions	10,206	10,331	800	1,068	8,463	0	0
Other Actions, Total	2	7	0	0	4	3	0

¹ Includes case filed in previous years as consolidated cases that thereafter were severed into individual cases.

² ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

³ Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

⁴ RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.