

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, 2011 and 2012

Nature of Suit	2011	2012					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	289,252	278,442	8,858	38,834	145,007	85,742	1
Contract Actions, Total	32,306	28,713	3,087	280	4,653	20,693	0
Franchise	423	367	1	0	66	300	0
Insurance	9,493	8,679	9	61	986	7,623	0
Marine	1,117	1,032	4	6	950	72	0
Miller Act	388	574	130	0	444	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	876	819	35	6	134	644	0
Recovery of Overpayments and							
Enforcement of Judgments	5,047	3,279	2,713	83	124	359	0
Defaulted Student Loans	4,332	2,657	2,646	11	0	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	8	6	1	5	0	0	0
Other	707	616	66	67	124	359	0
Other Contract Actions	14,962	13,963	195	124	1,949	11,695	0
Real Property Actions, Total	10,688	12,960	774	443	3,945	7,798	0
Condemnation of Land	183	123	22	13	74	14	0
Foreclosure	7,224	8,130	690	181	2,262	4,997	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	333	662	10	8	504	140	0
Torts to Land, Including Product							
Liability	577	1,054	8	41	128	877	0
Other Real Property Actions	2,371	2,991	44	200	977	1,770	0
Tort Actions, Total	78,176	61,306	70	2,020	4,930	54,286	0
Personal Injury, Total	73,750	57,151	13	1,799	3,625	51,714	0
Personal Injury/Product							
Liability, Total	59,761	43,083	0	38	765	42,280	0
Airplane	101	66	0	0	7	59	0
Marine	14	24	0	0	17	7	0
Motor Vehicle	305	287	0	3	25	259	0
Asbestos ¹	37,744	15,167	0	6	278	14,883	0
Health Care/Pharma.	-	6,791	0	7	46	6,738	0
Other	21,597	20,748	0	22	392	20,334	0

Table C-2. (September 30, 2012—Continued)

Nature of Suit	2011	2012					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Other Personal Injury, Total	13,989	14,068	13	1,761	2,860	9,434	0
Airplane	269	194	0	8	89	97	0
Marine	1,390	1,258	1	26	886	345	0
Motor Vehicle	3,549	3,501	1	455	189	2,856	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	590	579	0	43	180	356	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	413	412	0	56	356	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,105	1,044	0	540	0	504	0
Other	6,673	7,080	11	633	1,160	5,276	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	4,426	4,155	57	221	1,305	2,572	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,683	2,340	47	63	907	1,323	0
Other Personal Property Damage	1,743	1,815	10	158	398	1,249	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	168,078	175,463	4,927	36,091	131,479	2,965	1
Antitrust	475	702	20	5	677	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,829	3,928	15	18	3,895	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,227	2,168	7	16	2,145	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	602	1,760	8	2	1,750	0	0
Banks and Banking	622	605	28	33	544	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	37,020	37,705	270	1,422	33,744	2,269	0
Voting	168	204	11	29	163	1	0
Employment	15,141	15,018	136	595	12,545	1,742	0
Housing and Accommodations	783	741	26	13	685	17	0
Welfare	52	28	0	2	25	1	0
ADA—Employment	1,768	1,958	28	43	1,814	73	0
ADA—Other	2,713	3,133	13	25	3,068	27	0
Education	-	126	0	1	122	3	0
Other Civil Rights	16,395	16,497	56	714	15,322	405	0
Environmental Matters	726	696	116	204	376	0	0
Deportation	53	20	0	5	15	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Prisoner Petitions, Total	53,611	54,300	0	13,737	40,562	1	0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	6,260	8,499	0	8,499	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	19,624	18,851	0	2,922	15,929	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	195	189	0	3	186	0	0
Mandamus and Other	1,011	907	0	355	552	0	0
Civil Rights	17,047	16,970	0	875	16,095	0	0
Prison Condition	8,609	8,066	0	336	7,729	1	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	865	744	0	744	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	-	74	0	3	71	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	2,369	2,298	2,212	86	0	0	0
Agricultural Acts	35	18	7	11	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	51	16	11	5	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,235	1,289	1,272	17	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	28	13	10	3	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	1,014	962	912	50	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	17,967	19,440	384	75	18,981	0	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	6,336	8,152	193	17	7,942	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	1,173	1,167	33	12	1,122	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	42	15	1	2	12	0	0
Railway Labor Act	74	44	0	0	44	0	0
ERISA ²	8,860	8,404	116	11	8,277	0	0
FMLA ³	-	291	0	4	287	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,482	1,367	41	29	1,297	0	0
Immigration, Total ⁴	1,083	1,058	7	1,051	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	298	301	0	301	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	785	757	7	750	0	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	9,940	11,666	7	22	11,637	0	0
Copyright	2,297	3,074	0	0	3,074	0	0
Patent	4,015	5,189	4	22	5,163	0	0
Trademark	3,628	3,403	3	0	3,400	0	0
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,402	1,432	351	3	1,078	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	15,705	17,645	25	17,620	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	6,779	7,487	25	7,462	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	8,176	9,248	0	9,248	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	682	772	0	772	0	0	0
Other	68	138	0	138	0	0	0
RICO ⁵	666	772	3	0	690	79	0
State Reapportionment Suits	14	14	0	0	14	0	0
Tax Suits	1,194	1,202	707	494	0	0	1
Customer Challenge	9	9	0	9	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	9,822	9,320	14	10	8,774	522	0
Cable/Satellite TV	1,518	1,514	0	0	1,504	10	0
Freedom of Information Act	388	344	0	280	64	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	333	328	4	14	275	35	0
Other Statutory Actions	10,332	10,340	764	1,003	8,524	49	0
Other Actions, Total	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Data collection for the categories of health care/pharmaceuticals education, civil detainee—conditions of confinement, and Family and Medical Leave Act began on October 1, 2011.

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 FMLA = Family and Medical Leave Act.

⁴ Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

⁵ RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.