

Table 4.9
U.S. District Courts. Diversity Of Citizenship Cases Filed by Nature of Suit

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year							
	1990	1995	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
TOTAL	57,435	51,448	48,626	56,824	61,156	67,624	62,191	80,370
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	22,859	20,992	21,581	23,279	21,592	20,276	19,266	20,970
Insurance	5,983	6,528	6,259	7,518	7,277	7,166	6,591	7,870
Marine	202	157	149	114	106	116	93	111
Negotiable Instruments	1,162	771	401	447	393	332	338	276
Recovery of Overpayments & Enforcement of Judgments, Total	107	106	96	77	87	93	105	144
Other Contract Actions	15,405	13,430	14,676	15,123	13,729	12,569	12,139	12,569
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	2,192	1,531	2,085	3,079	3,575	2,773	1,622	1,798
Condemnation of Land	15	11	20	24	9	14	17	13
Foreclosure	1,310	798	1,430	2,399	2,510	2,061	928	945
Rent, Lease, Ejectment	148	137	86	103	85	92	87	86
Torts to Land, Including Prod. Liability	348	240	258	227	680	273	226	304
Other Real Property Actions	371	345	291	326	291	333	364	450
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	32,251	28,806	23,594	29,176	34,782	43,919	40,866	57,240
Personal Injury, Total	30,343	26,756	21,291	26,909	31,272	41,769	38,588	54,888
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	17,691	12,059	10,176	15,959	20,595	31,842	27,212	45,485
Airplane	168	99	133	89	75	68	57	60
Marine	234	28	33	25	18	22	19	14
Motor Vehicle	555	541	388	515	571	573	491	523
Asbestos (1)	12,909	2,098	3,501	2,526	1,300	981	1,029	16,030
Other (2)	3,825	9,293	6,121	12,804	18,631	30,198	25,616	28,858
Other Personal Injury, Total	12,652	14,697	11,115	10,950	10,677	9,927	11,376	9,403
Airplane	571	432	367	389	293	244	219	157
Marine	442	356	208	214	169	218	226	255
Motor Vehicle	5,018	4,305	3,821	3,686	3,641	3,495	3,356	3,271
Assault, Libel & Slander	441	568	535	449	507	398	416	378
Medical Malpractice	769	800	857	790	844	668	631	588
Other (3)	5,411	8,236	5,327	5,422	5,223	4,904	6,528	4,754
Personal Property Damage, Total	1,908	2,050	2,303	2,267	3,510	2,150	2,278	2,352
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	915	1,091	1,149	1,229	2,418	1,136	1,292	1,229
Other Personal Property Damage	993	959	1,154	1,038	1,092	1,014	986	1,123
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL (4)	133	119	1,366	1,290	1,207	656	437	362

(1) The increase in 2006 was primarily the result of over 14,000 filings in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

(2) Other personal injury product liability filings continued to increase in 2003 due to a large number of plaintiffs seeking relief due to the injurious side effects of the anti-cholesterol drug Baycol. In 2004, total diversity of citizenship filings rose significantly due to a 55 percent increase in personal injury product liability filings. Most of the growth resulted from the transfer of several thousand cases to the Northern District of Ohio as part of multidistrict litigation involving welding products that contained manganese. In addition, a number of district courts experienced an influx of cases related to multidistrict litigation involving either Baycol or Phentermine\Fenfluramine\Dexfenfluramine (Fen-phen).

(3) The significant increase in other personal injury cases in 1995 was mostly attributable to a large number cases related to an oil refinery explosion in Louisiana.

(4) The increase in 2000 and the subsequent decrease between 2003 and 2004 were the result of declining employment civil rights filings.