

**Table C-2A.**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,**  
**During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2004 Through 2008**

NATURE OF SUIT	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Percent Change 2008/2007
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>281,338</b>	<b>253,273</b>	<b>259,541</b>	<b>257,507</b>	<b>267,257</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>29,404</b>	<b>28,020</b>	<b>30,044</b>	<b>33,939</b>	<b>34,172</b>	<b>0.7</b>
FRANCHISE	-	171	267	384	391	1.8
INSURANCE	8,460	7,804	9,792	13,287	12,697	-4.5
MARINE	1,676	1,435	1,700	1,969	2,349	19.3
MILLER ACT	386	387	359	302	225	-25.5
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	440	447	336	377	504	33.7
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	2,830	3,309	2,872	3,204	3,447	8.4
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,438	2,883	2,395	2,673	2,910	8.9
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	18	8	13	20	9	-55.0
OTHER	374	418	464	511	528	3.3
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	15,612	14,467	14,718	14,416	14,559	1.0
<b>REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>5,845</b>	<b>4,561</b>	<b>4,414</b>	<b>5,180</b>	<b>5,072</b>	<b>-2.1</b>
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	197	251	316	321	944	194.1
FORECLOSURE	4,306	3,012	2,644	2,960	2,144	-27.6
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	169	154	142	135	172	27.4
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	385	380	467	842	510	-39.4
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	788	764	845	922	1,302	41.2
<b>TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>55,023</b>	<b>51,335</b>	<b>68,804</b>	<b>61,359</b>	<b>72,011</b>	<b>17.4</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>50,594</b>	<b>47,364</b>	<b>64,743</b>	<b>57,244</b>	<b>68,121</b>	<b>19.0</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL</b>	<b>34,100</b>	<b>29,537</b>	<b>48,739</b>	<b>36,469</b>	<b>52,110</b>	<b>42.9</b>
AIRPLANE	100	79	74	114	101	-11.4
MARINE	32	46	37	44	33	-25.0
MOTOR VEHICLE	618	531	561	447	390	-12.8
ASBESTOS	1,471	1,243	16,547	12,404	33,780	172.3
OTHER	31,879	27,638	31,520	23,460	17,806	-24.1
<b>OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>16,494</b>	<b>17,827</b>	<b>16,004</b>	<b>20,775</b>	<b>16,011</b>	<b>-22.9</b>
AIRPLANE	483	351	294	478	386	-19.3
MARINE	1,841	1,667	1,584	1,597	1,393	-12.8
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,229	4,091	3,938	3,764	3,636	-3.4
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	668	647	587	533	557	4.5
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	782	748	700	585	511	-12.7
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,313	1,221	1,221	1,164	1,255	7.8
OTHER	7,178	9,102	7,680	12,654	8,273	-34.6

**Table C-2A. (September 30, 2008—Continued)**

NATURE OF SUIT	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Percent Change 2008/2007
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL</b>	<b>4,429</b>	<b>3,971</b>	<b>4,061</b>	<b>4,115</b>	<b>3,890</b>	<b>-5.5</b>
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,909	2,465	2,313	2,129	2,245	5.4
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,520	1,506	1,748	1,986	1,645	-17.2
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL</b>	<b>191,017</b>	<b>169,265</b>	<b>156,177</b>	<b>156,916</b>	<b>155,939</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
<b>ANTITRUST</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>1,038</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>27.0</b>
<b>BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL</b>	<b>4,145</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,389</b>	<b>3,164</b>	<b>2,383</b>	<b>-24.7</b>
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,822	2,435	2,475	2,290	1,954	-14.7
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	1,323	565	914	874	429	-50.9
<b>BANKS AND BANKING</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>10.3</b>
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>40,239</b>	<b>36,096</b>	<b>32,865</b>	<b>31,756</b>	<b>32,132</b>	<b>1.2</b>
VOTING	173	166	150	118	145	22.9
EMPLOYMENT	19,746	16,930	14,353	13,375	13,219	-1.2
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,222	885	643	665	644	-3.2
WELFARE	61	54	56	27	48	77.8
ADA—EMPLOYMENT	-	586	987	1,041	1,095	5.2
ADA—OTHER	-	1,016	1,381	1,277	1,583	24.0
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	19,037	16,459	15,295	15,253	15,398	1.0
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>19.9</b>
<b>DEPORTATION</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>13.0</b>
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>55,330</b>	<b>61,238</b>	<b>54,955</b>	<b>53,945</b>	<b>54,786</b>	<b>1.6</b>
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	7,137	10,361	6,515	5,896	6,352	7.7
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	23,344	24,633	22,745	22,192	21,298	-4.0
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	225	240	239	246	192	-22.0
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,175	1,390	1,217	1,586	1,265	-20.2
CIVIL RIGHTS	15,478	16,005	16,428	16,716	18,069	8.1
PRISON CONDITION	7,971	8,609	7,811	7,309	7,610	4.1
<b>FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,146</b>	<b>2,298</b>	<b>2,224</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>2,331</b>	<b>2.6</b>
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	43	27	18	29	26	-10.4
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	42	49	42	55	47	-14.6
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,292	1,359	1,328	1,355	1,399	3.2
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	6	6	2	5	4	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	7	5	8	7	8	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	756	852	826	821	847	3.2

**Table C-2A. (September 30, 2008—Continued)**

NATURE OF SUIT	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Percent Change 2008/2007
<b>LABOR LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>18,330</b>	<b>18,322</b>	<b>16,659</b>	<b>18,674</b>	<b>16,788</b>	<b>-10.1</b>
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	3,617	4,039	4,207	7,310	5,393	-26.2
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,641	1,674	1,239	1,079	1,051	-2.6
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	81	88	63	82	66	-19.5
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	111	104	108	92	83	-9.8
ERISA *	11,421	11,171	9,748	8,986	8,983	0.0
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,459	1,246	1,294	1,125	1,212	7.7
<b>IMMIGRATION, TOTAL **</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,641</b>	<b>-</b>
NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS	-	-	-	-	586	-
HABEAS CORPUS—ALIEN DETAINEES	-	-	-	-	485	-
OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	-	-	-	-	570	-
<b>PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>9,590</b>	<b>12,184</b>	<b>11,514</b>	<b>10,783</b>	<b>9,592</b>	<b>-11.1</b>
COPYRIGHT	3,007	5,796	4,944	4,400	3,234	-26.5
PATENT	3,075	2,720	2,830	2,896	2,909	0.4
TRADEMARK	3,508	3,668	3,740	3,487	3,449	-1.1
<b>SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES</b>	<b>3,094</b>	<b>2,038</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>17.4</b>
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>15,873</b>	<b>15,487</b>	<b>13,847</b>	<b>12,974</b>	<b>13,138</b>	<b>1.3</b>
DISABILITY INSURANCE	7,061	7,024	6,480	6,187	6,080	-1.7
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	7,916	7,675	6,649	6,135	6,373	3.9
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	831	710	658	594	603	1.5
OTHER	65	78	60	58	82	41.4
<b>RICO ***</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<b>STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TAX SUITS</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>1,385</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>1,522</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>-4.7</b>
<b>CUSTOMER CHALLENGE</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-33.3</b>
<b>CONSUMER CREDIT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>3,222</b>	<b>4,239</b>	<b>31.6</b>
<b>CABLE/SAT. TV</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>42.0</b>
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>-16.4</b>
<b>CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>-8.3</b>
<b>OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS</b>	<b>37,114</b>	<b>11,800</b>	<b>11,214</b>	<b>13,323</b>	<b>11,326</b>	<b>-15.0</b>
<b>OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>-44.3</b>

NOTE: PERCENT CHANGE NOT COMPUTED WHEN FEWER THAN 10 CASES REPORTED FOR THE PREVIOUS PERIOD.

\* ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

\*\* DATA COLLECTION FOR THESE CATEGORIES BEGAN IN DECEMBER 2007.

\*\*\* RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.