

Table C-2.

U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2005 and 2006

Nature of Suit	2005	2006					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
TOTAL CASES	245,575	270,171	9,461	35,480	141,515	83,715	-
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	27,593	33,098	2,889	417	6,967	22,825	-
INSURANCE	7,786	12,479	15	156	2,533	9,775	-
MARINE	1,438	1,780	4	8	1,657	111	-
MILLER ACT	394	345	90	7	248	-	-
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	422	362	15	3	46	298	-
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	2,988	3,121	2,619	107	226	169	-
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	2,565	2,617	2,587	30	-	-	-
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	10	11	7	4	-	-	-
OTHER	413	493	25	73	226	169	-
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	14,565	15,011	146	136	2,257	12,472	-
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	4,468	4,195	1,463	255	816	1,661	-
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	256	323	117	7	183	16	-
FORECLOSURE	2,860	2,351	1,292	90	214	755	-
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	158	136	13	7	38	78	-
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	407	502	8	45	135	314	-
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	787	883	33	106	246	498	-
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	48,764	74,234	56	1,990	13,332	58,856	-
PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	44,731	70,220	19	1,805	11,807	56,589	-
PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL	27,058	50,381	-	22	2,948	47,411	-
AIRPLANE	78	64	-	2	16	46	-
MARINE	40	44	-	1	28	15	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	604	467	-	2	32	433	-
ASBESTOS	1,716	17,982	-	2	246	17,734	-
OTHER	24,620	31,824	-	15	2,626	29,183	-
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL	17,673	19,839	19	1,783	8,859	9,178	-
AIRPLANE	294	317	-	26	132	159	-
MARINE	1,605	1,607	4	36	1,319	248	-
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,092	3,866	-	410	252	3,204	-
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	635	564	-	36	172	356	-
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	736	661	-	72	589	-	-
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,188	1,217	-	636	-	581	-
OTHER	9,123	11,607	15	567	6,395	4,630	-

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Nature of Suit	2005	2006					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	4,033	4,014	37	185	1,525	2,267	-
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,464	2,202	31	20	1,059	1,092	-
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,569	1,812	6	165	466	1,175	-
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL	164,645	158,531	5,042	32,812	120,334	343	-
ANTITRUST	820	1,078	11	5	1,062	-	-
BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL	2,881	3,563	12	23	3,528	-	-
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,353	2,512	10	20	2,482	-	-
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	528	1,051	2	3	1,046	-	-
BANKS AND BANKING	220	200	4	12	184	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL	34,998	32,736	489	2,031	30,092	124	-
VOTING	124	153	18	10	125	-	-
EMPLOYMENT	16,015	14,027	366	903	12,719	39	-
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	759	641	26	15	600	-	-
WELFARE	57	47	-	7	40	-	-
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	18,043	17,868	79	1,096	16,608	85	-
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	865	781	136	222	423	-	-
DEPORTATION	169	144	-	118	26	-	-
PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL	60,045	54,056	-	11,590	42,465	1	-
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	9,907	6,181	-	6,181	-	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	23,737	22,735	-	3,577	19,158	-	-
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	233	240	-	5	235	-	-
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,306	1,359	-	715	644	-	-
CIVIL RIGHTS	16,070	16,426	-	900	15,526	-	-
PRISON CONDITION	8,792	7,115	-	212	6,902	1	-
FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL	2,326	2,249	2,143	106	-	-	-
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	21	20	10	10	-	-	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	43	44	41	3	-	-	-
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,374	1,349	1,313	36	-	-	-
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	4	3	3	-	-	-	-
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	4	12	10	2	-	-	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	880	821	766	55	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	2005	2006					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
LABOR LAWS, TOTAL	17,926	18,925	394	91	18,440	-	-
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	4,129	6,754	141	15	6,598	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,622	1,189	38	7	1,144	-	-
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	79	72	14	5	53	-	-
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	124	96	-	3	93	-	-
ERISA ¹	10,691	9,598	177	13	9,408	-	-
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,281	1,216	24	48	1,144	-	-
PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL	12,009	11,499	8	25	11,466	-	-
COPYRIGHT	5,570	4,879	-	-	4,879	-	-
PATENT	2,745	2,846	3	25	2,818	-	-
TRADEMARK	3,694	3,774	5	-	3,769	-	-
SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES	1,867	1,604	231	6	1,367	-	-
SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL	14,563	13,729	49	13,680	-	-	-
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,784	6,351	48	6,303	-	-	-
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	7,047	6,667	-	6,667	-	-	-
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	652	662	-	662	-	-	-
OTHER	80	49	1	48	-	-	-
RICO²	694	683	2	-	607	74	-
STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS	7	6	-	-	6	-	-
TAX SUITS	1,361	1,547	785	762	-	-	-
CUSTOMER CHALLENGE	16	19	-	19	-	-	-
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	292	313	-	255	58	-	-
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	325	290	7	19	243	21	-
OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	13,261	15,109	771	3,848	10,367	123	-
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	105	113	11	6	66	30	-

¹ ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

² RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.