

**Table C-2A.**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,**  
**During the Twelve-Month Periods Ended September 30, 1994 Through 1998**

NATURE OF SUIT	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	Percent Change 1998/1997
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>236,391</b>	<b>248,335</b>	<b>269,132</b>	<b>272,027</b>	<b>256,787</b>	<b>-5.6</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>31,254</b>	<b>31,182</b>	<b>35,688</b>	<b>40,836</b>	<b>42,292</b>	<b>3.6</b>
INSURANCE	7,385	7,540	7,914	8,045	7,270	-9.6
MARINE	2,708	2,622	2,797	2,587	2,593	0.2
MILLER ACT	886	775	912	834	862	3.4
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	1,499	1,536	1,194	1,056	673	-36.3
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND						
ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS, TOTAL	2,330	1,822	5,139	9,677	14,577	50.6
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	1,313	1,142	4,508	9,098	14,080	54.8
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	653	253	152	115	79	-31.3
OTHER	364	427	479	464	418	-9.9
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	16,446	16,887	17,732	18,637	16,317	-12.5
<b>REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>7,585</b>	<b>6,869</b>	<b>6,254</b>	<b>5,473</b>	<b>5,663</b>	<b>3.5</b>
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	435	334	367	334	475	42.2
FORECLOSURE	5,572	4,972	4,406	3,764	3,790	0.7
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT	303	310	295	239	225	-5.9
TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING						
PRODUCT LIABILITY	412	401	363	390	397	1.8
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	863	852	823	746	776	4.0
<b>TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>47,664</b>	<b>53,986</b>	<b>59,661</b>	<b>58,289</b>	<b>50,362</b>	<b>-13.6</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>44,306</b>	<b>50,565</b>	<b>55,647</b>	<b>53,940</b>	<b>46,496</b>	<b>-13.8</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY/</b>						
<b>PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL</b>	<b>22,288</b>	<b>27,547</b>	<b>27,584</b>	<b>32,856</b>	<b>26,886</b>	<b>-18.2</b>
AIRPLANE	115	155	135	161	177	9.9
MARINE	42	53	55	43	68	58.1
MOTOR VEHICLE	534	566	550	537	438	-18.4
ASBESTOS	6,518	6,916	7,289	7,143	9,111	27.6
OTHER	15,079	19,857	19,555	24,972	17,092	-31.6
<b>OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>22,018</b>	<b>23,018</b>	<b>28,063</b>	<b>21,084</b>	<b>19,610</b>	<b>-7.0</b>
AIRPLANE	557	683	809	740	733	-1.0
MARINE	2,330	2,277	2,172	2,298	2,110	-8.2
MOTOR VEHICLE	5,087	5,374	5,330	5,126	4,933	-3.8
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	783	826	848	859	767	-10.7
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT	2,092	1,903	2,225	1,943	1,635	-15.9
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,332	1,328	1,330	1,368	1,322	-3.4
OTHER	9,837	10,627	15,349	8,750	8,110	-7.3

**Table C-2A. (September 30, 1998—Continued)**

NATURE OF SUIT	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	Percent Change 1998/1997
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL</b>	<b>3,358</b>	<b>3,421</b>	<b>4,014</b>	<b>4,349</b>	<b>3,866</b>	<b>-11.1</b>
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	1,708	1,881	2,299	2,693	2,170	-19.4
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,650	1,540	1,715	1,656	1,696	2.4
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL</b>	<b>149,788</b>	<b>156,209</b>	<b>167,520</b>	<b>167,414</b>	<b>158,459</b>	<b>-5.4</b>
<b>ANTITRUST</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>-3.0</b>
<b>BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL</b>	<b>5,497</b>	<b>5,046</b>	<b>4,565</b>	<b>4,139</b>	<b>3,833</b>	<b>-7.4</b>
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	4,558	4,312	3,872	3,475	3,313	-4.7
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	939	734	693	664	520	-21.7
<b>BANKS AND BANKING</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>-15.7</b>
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>32,622</b>	<b>36,600</b>	<b>42,007</b>	<b>43,278</b>	<b>42,354</b>	<b>-2.1</b>
VOTING	224	208	229	141	108	-23.4
EMPLOYMENT	15,965	19,059	23,152	23,796	23,735	-0.3
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	730	735	932	854	838	-1.9
WELFARE	122	116	83	91	66	-27.5
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	15,581	16,482	17,611	18,396	17,607	-4.3
<b>COMMERCE (ICC RATES, ETC.)</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>1,624</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>18.1</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>DEPORTATION</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>57,940</b>	<b>63,550</b>	<b>68,235</b>	<b>62,966</b>	<b>54,715</b>	<b>-13.1</b>
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	4,628	5,988	9,729	11,675	6,287	-46.2
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	13,212	14,799	16,194	21,621	20,897	-3.4
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	147	176	235	237	262	10.5
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	888	908	862	798	807	1.1
CIVIL RIGHTS*	39,065	41,679	41,215	19,081	13,756	N/A
PRISON CONDITION*	-	-	-	9,554	12,706	N/A
<b>FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL</b>	<b>3,285</b>	<b>2,517</b>	<b>2,235</b>	<b>2,384</b>	<b>2,331</b>	<b>-2.2</b>
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	156	155	162	146	132	-9.6
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	263	197	140	149	124	-16.8
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,326	1,042	947	1,131	1,106	-2.2
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	29	11	14	24	12	-50.0
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	49	33	27	20	5	-75.0
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	1,462	1,079	945	914	952	4.2

**Table C-2A. (September 30, 1998—Continued)**

NATURE OF SUIT	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	Percent Change 1998/1997
<b>LABOR LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>15,662</b>	<b>14,954</b>	<b>15,073</b>	<b>15,508</b>	<b>14,650</b>	<b>-5.5</b>
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	1,545	1,580	1,558	1,633	1,562	-4.4
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	2,142	1,984	1,902	1,927	1,744	-9.5
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	153	161	185	182	132	-27.5
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	163	172	176	168	133	-20.8
ERISA**	10,216	9,517	9,655	10,045	9,609	-4.4
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,443	1,540	1,597	1,553	1,470	-5.4
<b>PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>6,902</b>	<b>6,866</b>	<b>7,028</b>	<b>7,559</b>	<b>7,748</b>	<b>2.5</b>
COPYRIGHT	2,828	2,417	2,263	2,258	2,082	-7.8
PATENT	1,617	1,723	1,840	2,112	2,218	5.0
TRADEMARK	2,457	2,726	2,925	3,189	3,448	8.1
<b>SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>1,906</b>	<b>1,704</b>	<b>1,669</b>	<b>2,358</b>	<b>41.3</b>
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>10,927</b>	<b>9,354</b>	<b>9,347</b>	<b>13,605</b>	<b>14,552</b>	<b>7.0</b>
HEALTH INSURANCE	108	81	71	98	107	9.2
BLACK LUNG CASES	17	11	12	17	9	-47.1
DISABILITY INSURANCE	6,641	5,501	5,166	7,583	7,770	2.5
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	3,682	3,347	3,656	5,204	5,887	13.1
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	479	414	442	703	779	10.8
<b>RICO***</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>-6.6</b>
<b>STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-72.7</b>
<b>TAX SUITS</b>	<b>2,187</b>	<b>2,202</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>-32.9</b>
<b>CUSTOMER CHALLENGE</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>-12.6</b>
<b>OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS</b>	<b>7,730</b>	<b>8,518</b>	<b>9,555</b>	<b>9,977</b>	<b>10,342</b>	<b>3.7</b>
<b>OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-26.7</b>
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSANITY	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROBATE	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	100	89	9	15	11	-26.7

NOTE: PERCENT CHANGE NOT COMPUTED WHERE BASE IS LESS THAN 10.

\* COLLECTION OF DATA ON PRISON CONDITION CASES BEGAN ON JANUARY 1, 1997; THEREFORE, NINE MONTHS OF DATA ARE REPORTED FOR THIS CATEGORY FOR 1997. THE TOTAL FOR PRISONER PETITION CIVIL RIGHT CASES FOR 1997 INCLUDES SOME PRISON CONDITION CASES. PERCENT CHANGES NOT DISPLAYED FOR THESE TWO CATEGORIES.

\*\* ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

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