

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2006 and 2007

| Nature of Suit | 2006 | 2007 | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | | Total | U.S. Cases | | Private Cases | | |
| | | | Plaintiff | Defendant | Federal Question | Diversity of Citizenship | Local Jurisdiction |
| TOTAL CASES | 259,541 | 257,507 | 9,564 | 35,900 | 139,424 | 72,619 | - |
| CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL | 30,044 | 33,939 | 2,970 | 442 | 7,229 | 23,298 | - |
| INSURANCE | 9,792 | 13,287 | 10 | 199 | 2,648 | 10,430 | - |
| MARINE | 1,700 | 1,969 | 2 | 7 | 1,850 | 110 | - |
| MILLER ACT | 359 | 302 | 69 | 2 | 231 | - | - |
| NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS | 336 | 377 | 21 | 2 | 45 | 309 | - |
| RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND | | | | | | | |
| ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS | 2,872 | 3,204 | 2,703 | 117 | 195 | 189 | - |
| DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS | 2,395 | 2,673 | 2,634 | 39 | - | - | - |
| VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT | 13 | 20 | 18 | 2 | - | - | - |
| OTHER | 464 | 511 | 51 | 76 | 195 | 189 | - |
| OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS | 14,985 | 14,800 | 165 | 115 | 2,260 | 12,260 | - |
| REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL | 4,414 | 5,180 | 1,309 | 433 | 911 | 2,527 | - |
| CONDEMNATION OF LAND | 316 | 321 | 155 | 9 | 128 | 29 | - |
| FORECLOSURE | 2,644 | 2,960 | 1,100 | 83 | 256 | 1,521 | - |
| RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT | 142 | 135 | 13 | 4 | 43 | 75 | - |
| TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING | | | | | | | |
| PRODUCT LIABILITY | 467 | 842 | 7 | 214 | 220 | 401 | - |
| OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS | 845 | 922 | 34 | 123 | 264 | 501 | - |
| TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL | 68,804 | 61,359 | 76 | 1,970 | 12,876 | 46,437 | - |
| PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL | 64,743 | 57,244 | 25 | 1,770 | 11,474 | 43,975 | - |
| PERSONAL INJURY/ | | | | | | | |
| PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL | 48,739 | 36,469 | - | 23 | 1,472 | 34,974 | - |
| AIRPLANE | 74 | 114 | - | 1 | 49 | 64 | - |
| MARINE | 37 | 44 | - | 2 | 24 | 18 | - |
| MOTOR VEHICLE | 561 | 447 | - | 4 | 38 | 405 | - |
| ASBESTOS | 16,547 | 12,404 | - | 3 | 147 | 12,254 | - |
| OTHER | 31,520 | 23,460 | - | 13 | 1,214 | 22,233 | - |
| OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL | 16,004 | 20,775 | 25 | 1,747 | 10,002 | 9,001 | - |
| AIRPLANE | 294 | 478 | - | 47 | 171 | 260 | - |
| MARINE | 1,584 | 1,597 | 1 | 33 | 1,311 | 252 | - |
| MOTOR VEHICLE | 3,938 | 3,764 | - | 421 | 230 | 3,113 | - |
| ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER | 587 | 533 | - | 48 | 158 | 327 | - |
| FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT | 700 | 585 | - | 54 | 531 | - | - |
| MEDICAL MALPRACTICE | 1,221 | 1,164 | - | 597 | - | 567 | - |
| OTHER | 7,680 | 12,654 | 24 | 547 | 7,601 | 4,482 | - |

Table C-2. (September 30, 2007—Continued)

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| | | Total | U.S. Cases | | Private Cases | | |
| | | | Plaintiff | Defendant | Federal Question | Diversity of Citizenship | Local Jurisdiction |
| PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL | 4,061 | 4,115 | 51 | 200 | 1,402 | 2,462 | - |
| FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING | 2,313 | 2,129 | 36 | 21 | 1,048 | 1,024 | - |
| OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE | 1,748 | 1,986 | 15 | 179 | 354 | 1,438 | - |
| ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL | 156,177 | 156,916 | 5,192 | 33,048 | 118,352 | 324 | - |
| ANTITRUST | 986 | 1,038 | 13 | 7 | 1,018 | - | - |
| BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL | 3,389 | 3,164 | 18 | 34 | 3,112 | - | - |
| APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158) | 2,475 | 2,290 | 10 | 31 | 2,249 | - | - |
| WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157) | 914 | 874 | 8 | 3 | 863 | - | - |
| BANKS AND BANKING | 201 | 234 | 3 | 6 | 225 | - | - |
| CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL | 32,865 | 31,756 | 474 | 2,124 | 29,067 | 91 | - |
| VOTING | 150 | 118 | 12 | 11 | 95 | - | - |
| EMPLOYMENT | 14,353 | 13,375 | 369 | 838 | 12,164 | 4 | - |
| HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS | 643 | 665 | 30 | 27 | 608 | - | - |
| WELFARE | 56 | 27 | - | 2 | 25 | - | - |
| OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS | 17,663 | 17,571 | 63 | 1,246 | 16,175 | 87 | - |
| ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS | 871 | 767 | 152 | 203 | 412 | - | - |
| DEPORTATION | 130 | 115 | - | 96 | 19 | - | - |
| PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL | 54,955 | 53,945 | - | 11,296 | 42,649 | - | - |
| MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE | 6,515 | 5,896 | - | 5,896 | - | - | - |
| HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL | 22,745 | 22,192 | - | 3,285 | 18,907 | - | - |
| HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY | 239 | 246 | - | 14 | 232 | - | - |
| MANDAMUS AND OTHER | 1,217 | 1,586 | - | 855 | 731 | - | - |
| CIVIL RIGHTS | 16,428 | 16,716 | - | 1,001 | 15,715 | - | - |
| PRISON CONDITION | 7,811 | 7,309 | - | 245 | 7,064 | - | - |
| FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL | 2,224 | 2,272 | 2,157 | 115 | - | - | - |
| AGRICULTURAL ACTS | 18 | 29 | 15 | 14 | - | - | - |
| FOOD AND DRUG ACT | 42 | 55 | 50 | 5 | - | - | - |
| DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY | 1,328 | 1,355 | 1,310 | 45 | - | - | - |
| AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 | - | - | - |
| OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT | 8 | 7 | 6 | 1 | - | - | - |
| OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS | 826 | 821 | 772 | 49 | - | - | - |

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| LABOR LAWS, TOTAL | 16,659 | 18,674 | 341 | 100 | 18,233 | - | - |
| FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT | 4,207 | 7,310 | 151 | 18 | 7,141 | - | - |
| LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT | 1,239 | 1,079 | 26 | 13 | 1,040 | - | - |
| LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT | 63 | 82 | 9 | 5 | 68 | - | - |
| RAILWAY LABOR ACT | 108 | 92 | 2 | 3 | 87 | - | - |
| ERISA ¹ | 9,748 | 8,986 | 126 | 13 | 8,847 | - | - |
| OTHER LABOR LITIGATION | 1,294 | 1,125 | 27 | 48 | 1,050 | - | - |
| PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL | 11,514 | 10,783 | 7 | 15 | 10,761 | - | - |
| COPYRIGHT | 4,944 | 4,400 | - | - | 4,400 | - | - |
| PATENT | 2,830 | 2,896 | 3 | 15 | 2,878 | - | - |
| TRADEMARK | 3,740 | 3,487 | 4 | - | 3,483 | - | - |
| SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES | 1,621 | 1,394 | 304 | 7 | 1,083 | - | - |
| SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL | 13,847 | 12,974 | 56 | 12,918 | - | - | - |
| DISABILITY INSURANCE | 6,480 | 6,187 | 56 | 6,131 | - | - | - |
| SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME | 6,649 | 6,135 | - | 6,135 | - | - | - |
| RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS | 658 | 594 | - | 594 | - | - | - |
| OTHER | 60 | 58 | - | 58 | - | - | - |
| RICO ² | 687 | 653 | 4 | - | 563 | 86 | - |
| STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS | 6 | 6 | - | - | 6 | - | - |
| TAX SUITS | 1,490 | 1,522 | 866 | 656 | - | - | - |
| CUSTOMER CHALLENGE | 17 | 12 | - | 12 | - | - | - |
| FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT | 312 | 335 | - | 284 | 51 | - | - |
| CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES | 304 | 277 | 7 | 22 | 206 | 42 | - |
| OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS | 14,099 | 16,995 | 790 | 5,153 | 10,947 | 105 | - |
| OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL | 102 | 113 | 17 | 7 | 56 | 33 | - |

¹ ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

² RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.