

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Periods Ending March 31, 2011 and 2012

Nature of Suit	2011	2012					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	294,336	285,260	10,317	36,297	143,042	95,604	0
Contract Actions, Total	31,894	30,603	4,321	328	4,751	21,203	0
Franchise	408	396	1	0	68	327	0
Insurance	9,953	8,420	11	52	909	7,448	0
Marine	1,132	1,141	3	8	1,046	84	0
Miller Act	315	518	119	1	398	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	906	873	30	4	122	717	0
Recovery of Overpayments and							
Enforcement of Judgments	4,065	4,639	3,995	130	135	379	0
Defaulted Student Loans	3,356	3,939	3,918	21	0	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	9	9	4	5	0	0	0
Other	700	691	73	104	135	379	0
Other Contract Actions	15,115	14,616	162	133	2,073	12,248	0
Real Property Actions, Total	9,318	11,793	893	437	3,815	6,648	0
Condemnation of Land	209	111	51	20	35	5	0
Foreclosure	5,869	7,860	785	214	2,372	4,489	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	295	479	9	6	328	136	0
Torts to Land, Including							
Product Liability	645	661	11	37	133	480	0
Other Real Property Actions	2,300	2,682	37	160	947	1,538	0
Tort Actions, Total	86,759	71,841	75	1,964	5,053	64,749	0
Personal Injury, Total	82,155	67,581	12	1,764	3,682	62,123	0
Personal Injury/							
Product Liability, Total	67,806	53,592	0	29	746	52,817	0
Airplane	140	60	0	1	8	51	0
Marine	22	20	0	0	11	9	0
Motor Vehicle	421	289	0	1	32	256	0
Asbestos ¹	44,832	32,533	0	3	286	32,244	0
Health Care/Pharma.	0	2,144	0	2	10	2,132	0
Other	22,391	18,546	0	22	399	18,125	0

Table C-2. (March 31, 2012—Continued)

Nature of Suit	2011	2012					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Other Personal Injury, Total	14,349	13,989	12	1,735	2,936	9,306	0
Airplane	287	229	0	20	88	121	0
Marine	1,430	1,341	1	33	964	343	0
Motor Vehicle	3,471	3,552	4	446	193	2,909	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	573	599	0	38	183	378	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	420	447	0	55	392	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,096	1,063	0	548	0	515	0
Other	7,072	6,758	7	595	1,116	5,040	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	4,604	4,260	63	200	1,371	2,626	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,743	2,506	50	46	961	1,449	0
Other Personal Property Damage	1,861	1,754	13	154	410	1,177	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	166,365	171,023	5,028	33,568	129,423	3,004	0
Antitrust	555	552	27	5	520	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,616	3,604	13	20	3,571	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,143	2,261	8	18	2,235	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	473	1,343	5	2	1,336	0	0
Banks and Banking	702	683	29	54	600	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	36,489	37,574	403	1,499	33,427	2,245	0
Voting	144	178	6	40	130	2	0
Employment	15,206	15,275	241	647	12,709	1,678	0
Housing and Accomodations	784	792	31	8	740	13	0
Welfare	47	54	0	4	48	2	0
ADA—Employment	1,673	1,861	58	48	1,682	73	0
ADA—Other	2,707	2,990	11	26	2,930	23	0
Education	0	32	0	0	32	0	0
Other Civil Rights	15,928	16,392	56	726	15,156	454	0
Environmental Matters	941	717	143	200	374	0	0
Deportation	63	24	0	10	14	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Prisoner Petitions, Total	53,323	53,540	0	12,533	41,006	1	0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	6,178	6,838	0	6,838	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	19,843	19,235	0	3,098	16,137	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	240	151	0	1	150	0	0
Mandamus and Other	989	994	0	398	596	0	0
Civil Rights	16,962	17,057	0	1,105	15,952	0	0
Prison Condition	8,314	8,458	0	299	8,158	1	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	797	792	0	792	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	0	15	0	2	13	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	2,326	2,284	2,180	104	0	0	0
Agricultural Acts	38	28	10	18	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	42	38	27	11	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,279	1,191	1,176	15	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	5	6	6	0	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	26	22	22	0	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	936	999	939	60	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	18,740	18,670	391	73	18,206	0	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	7,008	7,064	173	22	6,869	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	1,101	1,274	39	7	1,228	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	54	33	1	4	28	0	0
Railway Labor Act	67	62	0	0	62	0	0
ERISA ²	9,086	8,697	130	11	8,556	0	0
FMLA ³	0	69	0	0	69	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,424	1,471	48	29	1,394	0	0
Immigration, Total⁴	1,116	1,037	3	1,034	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	328	307	0	307	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	788	730	3	727	0	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	9,789	10,361	10	21	10,330	0	0
Copyright	2,225	2,399	0	0	2,399	0	0
Patent	3,872	4,446	4	21	4,421	0	0
Trademark	3,692	3,516	6	0	3,510	0	0
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,344	1,371	308	8	1,055	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	15,208	16,166	26	16,140	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	6,701	6,800	26	6,774	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	7,718	8,592	0	8,592	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	718	670	0	670	0	0	0
Other	71	104	0	104	0	0	0
RICO ⁵	917	739	6	0	636	97	0
State Reapportionment Suits	3	24	0	0	24	0	0
Tax Suits	1,174	1,218	711	507	0	0	0
Customer Challenge	6	13	0	13	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	8,683	9,902	15	8	9,273	606	0
Cable/Satellite TV	1,402	1,535	0	0	1,527	8	0
Freedom of Information Act	332	370	0	287	83	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	361	344	9	9	286	40	0
Other Statutory Actions	10,275	10,275	754	1,043	8,471	7	0
Other Actions, Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

¹ Includes case filed in previous years as consolidated cases that thereafter were severed into individual cases.

² ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

³ FMLA = Family and Medical Leave Act.

⁴ Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

⁵ RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.