

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2015 and 2016

Nature of Suit	2015	2016					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	279,036	291,851	4,793	55,343	149,876	81,826	13
Contract Actions, Total	26,068	24,486	1,154	225	3,824	19,283	0
Franchise	382	342	0	0	42	300	0
Insurance	9,711	8,872	10	37	939	7,886	0
Marine	907	805	2	2	739	62	0
Miller Act	398	331	83	0	248	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	505	481	5	0	64	412	0
Recovery of Overpayments and							
Enforcement of Judgments	2,186	1,582	944	83	213	342	0
Defaulted Student Loans	1,546	950	877	6	67	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	7	4	1	3	0	0	0
Other	633	628	66	74	146	342	0
Other Contract Actions	11,979	12,073	110	103	1,579	10,281	0
Real Property Actions, Total	9,195	9,247	594	238	3,357	5,058	0
Condemnation of Land	339	568	42	7	516	3	0
Foreclosure	4,256	4,809	519	73	1,075	3,142	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	688	970	2	8	888	72	0
Torts to Land, Including Product							
Liability	1,554	762	11	29	151	571	0
Other Real Property Actions	2,358	2,138	20	121	727	1,270	0
Tort Actions, Total	68,879	61,495	56	1,719	5,872	53,848	0
Personal Injury, Total	61,093	55,283	23	1,569	4,392	49,299	0
Personal Injury/Product							
Liability, Total	41,764	39,879	0	27	966	38,886	0
Airplane	63	90	0	0	70	20	0
Marine	9	34	0	0	26	8	0
Motor Vehicle	404	415	0	3	51	361	0
Asbestos	1,982	446	0	6	357	83	0
Health Care/Pharma	15,712	21,517	0	10	260	21,247	0
Other	23,594	17,377	0	8	202	17,167	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Other Personal Injury, Total	19,329	15,404	23	1,542	3,426	10,413	0
Airplane	191	185	0	12	84	89	0
Marine	1,125	1,515	7	18	1,205	285	0
Motor Vehicle	3,743	4,039	9	465	236	3,329	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	591	559	0	35	154	370	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	296	316	0	42	274	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,135	1,347	0	508	201	638	0
Other	12,248	7,443	7	462	1,272	5,702	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	7,786	6,212	33	150	1,480	4,549	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,396	3,416	19	28	992	2,377	0
Other Personal Property Damage	5,390	2,796	14	122	488	2,172	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	174,894	196,623	2,989	53,161	136,823	3,637	13
Antitrust	769	853	23	3	827	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,814	2,304	8	6	2,290	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,272	1,952	3	3	1,946	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	542	352	5	3	344	0	0
Banks and Banking	237	262	9	15	238	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	37,384	38,002	187	1,207	34,337	2,271	0
Voting	86	144	1	3	138	2	0
Employment	12,205	11,878	92	407	9,580	1,799	0
Housing and Accommodations	775	900	24	18	844	14	0
Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADA—Employment	2,076	2,231	22	65	2,079	65	0
ADA—Other	5,156	7,096	13	24	7,035	24	0
Education	525	548	0	9	526	13	0
Other Civil Rights	16,561	15,205	35	681	14,135	354	0
Environmental Matters	845	1,755	105	155	1,495	0	0
Deportation	20	10	0	7	3	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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Prisoner Petitions, Total	52,531	73,725	0	29,546	44,179	0	0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	5,520	24,837	0	24,837	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	18,448	17,356	0	2,221	15,135	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	194	202	0	9	193	0	0
Mandamus and Other	837	892	0	332	560	0	0
Civil Rights	17,829	20,622	0	770	19,852	0	0
Prison Condition	8,690	8,307	0	235	8,072	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	670	1,134	0	1,134	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	343	375	0	8	367	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	1,471	1,068	1,013	55	0	0	0
Agricultural Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	688	499	485	14	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	783	569	528	41	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	19,322	18,929	236	77	17,901	715	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	8,781	8,686	109	15	8,562	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	690	675	24	11	640	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Railway Labor Act	45	60	0	0	60	0	0
ERISA ¹	7,228	6,831	72	12	6,747	0	0
FMLA ²	1,139	1,255	5	14	1,236	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,439	1,422	26	25	656	715	0
Immigration, Total ³	1,321	1,637	29	1,608	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	260	307	0	307	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	1,061	1,330	29	1,301	0	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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Intellectual Property Rights, Total	13,751	12,111	2	8	12,101	0	0
Copyright	5,035	3,936	0	0	3,936	0	0
Patent	5,564	5,080	2	8	5,070	0	0
Trademark	3,152	3,095	0	0	3,095	0	0
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,013	1,119	233	6	880	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	18,538	18,716	49	18,667	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	8,578	8,616	49	8,567	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	9,210	9,151	0	9,151	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	656	851	0	851	0	0	0
Other	94	98	0	98	0	0	0
RICO ⁴	678	771	1	0	662	108	0
State Reapportionment Suits	3	6	0	0	6	0	0
Tax Suits	989	938	583	342	0	0	13
Customer Challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	9,801	9,745	10	4	9,538	193	0
Cable/Satellite TV	1,162	691	0	0	682	9	0
Freedom of Information Act	514	490	0	420	70	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	383	358	1	12	300	45	0
Other Statutory Actions	11,348	13,133	500	1,023	11,314	296	0
Other Actions, Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Data collection for the categories of health care/pharmaceuticals, education, civil detainee—conditions of confinement, and Family and Medical Leave Act began on October 1, 2011.

¹ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

²FMLA = Family and Medical Leave Act.

³Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

⁴RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.