

**Table C-12.**

**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Pending Three Years or More, by Basis of Jurisdiction and Nature of Suit, on September 30, 2014 and 2015**

Nature of Suit	Cases Pending Three Years or More		U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
	2014	2015	Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>30,054</b>	<b>34,244</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>12,209</b>	<b>18,984</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Contract Actions, Total</b>	<b>2,263</b>	<b>2,420</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>2</b>
Franchise	14	12	-	-	3	9	-
Insurance	497	554	4	4	73	473	-
Marine	169	202	-	1	190	11	-
Miller Act	25	30	8	-	22	-	-
Negotiable Instruments	42	37	5	-	12	20	-
Recovery of Overpayments and							
Enforcement of Judgments	250	245	190	11	26	18	-
Defaulted Student Loans	81	76	74	1	1	-	-
Veterans' Overpayment	79	78	78	-	-	-	-
Other	90	91	38	10	25	18	-
Other Contract Actions	1,266	1,340	25	14	306	993	2
<b>Real Property Actions, Total</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>1</b>
Foreclosure	112	120	21	5	25	68	1
Rent, Lease and Ejectment	6	7	1	-	4	2	-
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	144	155	3	12	34	106	-
Other Real Property Actions	122	142	5	38	38	61	-
<b>Tort Actions, Total</b>	<b>15,145</b>	<b>18,470</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>1,199</b>	<b>17,117</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>14,528</b>	<b>17,852</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>16,686</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Personal Injury</b>							
<b>Product Liability, Total</b>	<b>13,064</b>	<b>16,389</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>16,061</b>	<b>-</b>
Airplane	4	5	-	-	2	3	-
Marine	9	13	-	-	10	3	-
Motor Vehicle	75	54	-	-	12	42	-
Asbestos <sup>1</sup>	1,767	972	-	-	28	944	-
Health Care/Pharma.	19	2,638	-	-	7	2,631	-
Other	11,190	12,707	-	2	267	12,438	-
<b>Other Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>1,463</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>1</b>
Airplane	23	21	-	3	13	5	-
Marine	111	119	1	-	116	2	-

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	2014	2015	Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>Personal Injury (Continued)</b>							
Motor Vehicle	174	191	-	12	41	138	-
Assault, Libel, and Slander	45	49	-	2	19	28	-
Federal Employers Liability Act	28	33	-	-	33	-	-
Medical Malpractice	142	97	-	50	1	46	-
Other	941	953	2	54	490	406	1
<b>Personal Property Damage, Total</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>-</b>
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	297	277	18	2	70	187	-
Other Personal Property Damage	320	341	2	5	90	244	-
<b>Actions Under Statutes, Total</b>	<b>12,262</b>	<b>12,930</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>10,277</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Antitrust</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Bankruptcy, Total</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	91	92	-	-	92	-	-
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	95	89	1	-	88	-	-
<b>Banks and Banking</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Civil Rights, Total</b>	<b>2,594</b>	<b>2,629</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>2,338</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>-</b>
Voting	13	16	2	-	14	-	-
Employment	918	890	24	78	746	42	-
Housing and Accommodations	34	35	7	1	25	2	-
Welfare	2	2	-	-	2	-	-
ADA—Employment	57	65	6	1	55	3	-
ADA—Other	96	80	3	-	74	3	-
Education	0	3	-	-	3	-	-
Other Civil Rights	1,474	1,538	18	75	1,419	26	-
<b>Environmental Matters</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Deportation</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Prisoner Petitions, Total</b>	<b>4,029</b>	<b>4,229</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>3,323</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Motions to Vacate Sentence	536	642	-	642	-	-	-
Habeas Corpus—General	1,159	1,173	-	118	1,055	-	-

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	2014	2015	Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>Prisoner Petitions (Continued)</b>							
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	450	434	-	24	410	-	-
Mandamus and Other	38	43	-	25	18	-	-
Civil Rights	1,343	1,410	-	66	1,344	-	-
Prison Condition	480	456	-	18	438	-	-
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	7	10	-	10	-	-	-
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	16	61	-	3	58	-	-
<b>Forfeiture and Penalty, Total</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>3</b>	-	-	-
Agricultural Acts	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
Food and Drug Act	2	3	3	-	-	-	-
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	60	70	70	-	-	-	-
Air Traffic Regulations	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	102	105	102	3	-	-	-
<b>Labor Laws, Total</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>929</b>	-	-
Fair Labor Standards Act	341	353	6	1	346	-	-
Labor Management Relations Act	93	124	7	-	117	-	-
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	2	1	-	-	1	-	-
Railway Labor Act	4	3	-	-	3	-	-
ERISA <sup>2</sup>	349	362	8	1	353	-	-
FMLA <sup>3</sup>	0	5	-	1	4	-	-
Other Labor Litigation	123	118	12	1	105	-	-
<b>Immigration, Total<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	-	<b>9</b>	-	-	-
Naturalization Applications	7	5	-	5	-	-	-
Other Immigration Actions	4	4	-	4	-	-	-
<b>Intellectual Property Rights, Total</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>2</b>	-	<b>792</b>	-	-
Copyright	78	99	-	-	99	-	-
Patent	479	523	1	-	522	-	-
Trademark	160	172	1	-	171	-	-
<b>Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>286</b>	-	-

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	2014	2015	Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>Social Security Laws, Total</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>489</b>	-	-	-
Disability Insurance	263	286	3	283	-	-	-
Supplemental Security Income	129	176	-	176	-	-	-
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	12	14	-	14	-	-	-
Other	15	16	-	16	-	-	-
<b>RICO <sup>5</sup></b>	<b>147</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>State Reapportionment Suits</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Tax Suits</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Customer Challenge</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Consumer Credit</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cable/Satellite TV</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Freedom of Information Act</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Constitutionality of State Statutes</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other Statutory Actions</b>	<b>1,298</b>	<b>1,408</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>

NOTE: Land condemnation cases are omitted.

<sup>1</sup> Includes cases filed in previous years as consolidated cases that thereafter were severed into individual cases.

<sup>2</sup> ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

<sup>3</sup> FMLA = Family and Medical Leave Act.

<sup>4</sup> Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

<sup>5</sup> RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.