

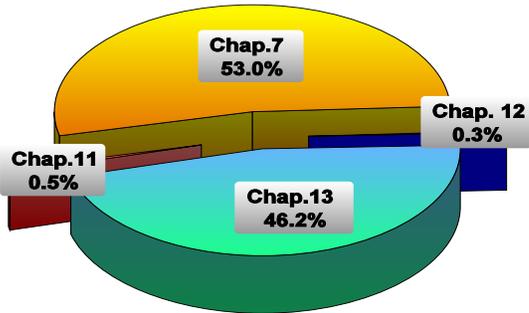


# U.S. Bankruptcy Court

## Eastern District of Missouri

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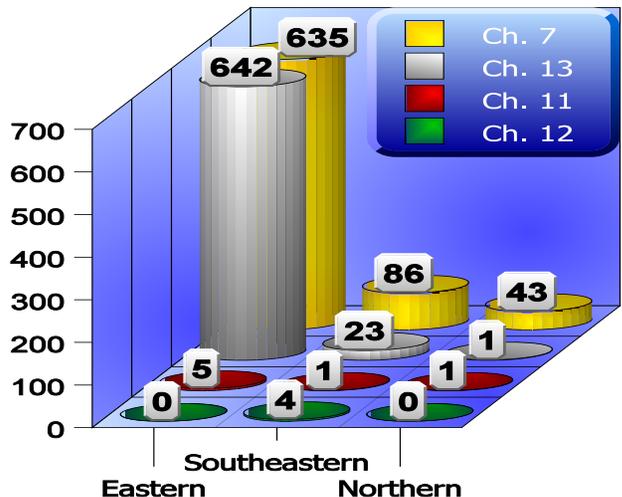
*January through March 2006 Quarterly Case Processing Statistics*



### New Cases

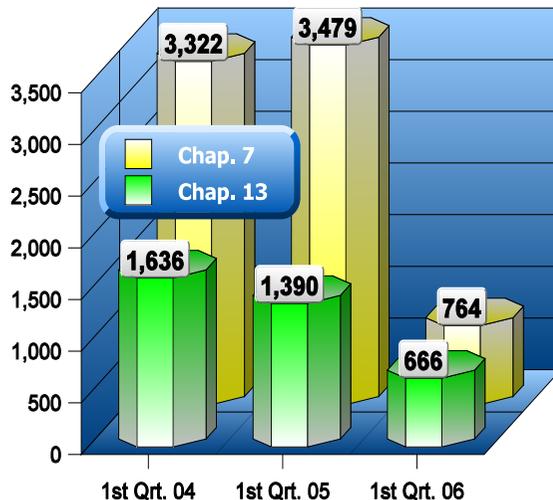
During the first quarter of the calendar year 2006, the Court opened a total of 1,441 new cases. There were 1,282 cases filed in the Eastern division, 114 cases in the Southeastern division and 45 cases filed in the Northern division. The court

reopened 81 additional cases. The new cases consisted of 764 Chapter 7 filings, 7 Chapter 11 filings, 4 Chapter 12 filings and 666 cases filed under Chapter 13. There were no new cases filed under Chapter 9. The chart above indicates the percentage of new cases filed under each chapter. Additionally there were 143 new Adversary Proceedings, 1,284 motions to lift the automatic stay and 113 motions to avoid liens. The chart at right indicates the number of new cases filed during the first quarter in each division broken down by chapter.



## Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Filings

During the first quarter, 764 Chapter 7 petitions and 666 Chapter 13 petitions were filed with the Court. These figures constitute 53% and 46%, respectively, of the total number of new cases filed this quarter. For comparison purposes, in the first quarter of 2005, the Court received 3,479 new Chapter 7 petitions (71%) and 1,390 new Chapter 13 petitions (28%). The chart at right indicates the filing figures for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases for the first quarter of 2006 and the past two calendar years.



## Case Closings

The Court closed 11,119 cases during the quarter. Case terminations by division included 9,194 for the Eastern division, 1,594 for the Southeastern division and 331 cases for the Northern division. The number of cases closed this quarter is greater than the number closed during the first quarter of 2005 when the Court closed 4,682 cases. The Court also closed 160 adversary proceedings during the quarter.

## Pending Caseload

The pending caseload at the end of the quarter was 14,109 cases, a decrease of 9,600 cases from the 4th quarter. These 9,600 cases reflect a 40.5% decrease in pending caseload from last quarter when there were 23,709 cases pending at the end of the quarter. The chart below depicts the change in pending caseload over the previous four quarters. During that time, the number of pending cases increased by 44.4% (7,292 cases), or an average of 1,823 cases each quarter. The number of adversary proceedings pending increased by 28 cases in the quarter leaving 305 cases pending.

