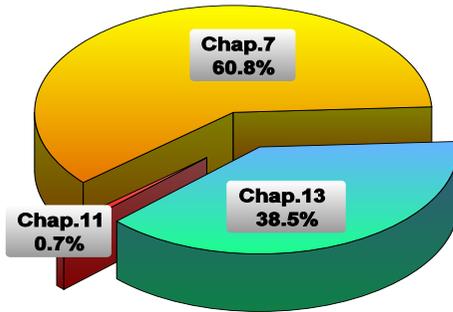




# U.S. Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of Missouri

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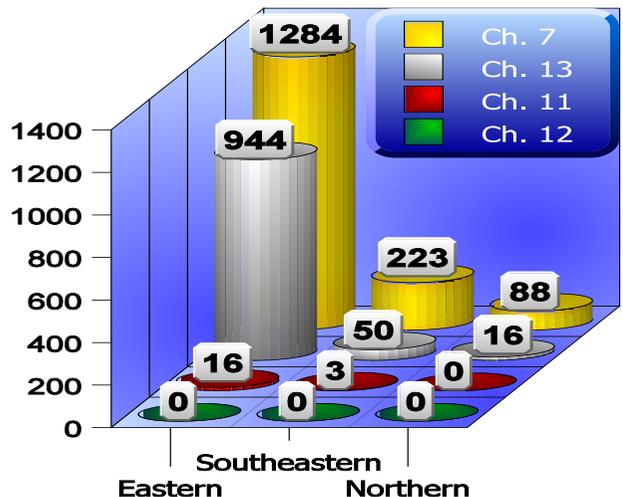
*January through March 2008 Quarterly Case Processing Statistics*



## New Cases

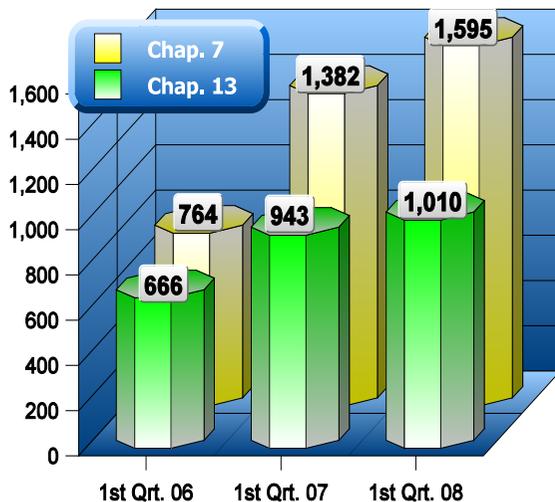
During the first quarter of the calendar year 2008, the Court opened a total of 2,624 new cases. There were 2,244 cases filed in the Eastern division, 276 cases in the Southeastern division and 104 cases filed in the Northern division. The court

reopened 120 additional cases. The new cases consisted of 1,595 Chapter 7 filings, 19 Chapter 11 filings, and 1,010 cases filed under Chapter 13. There were no new cases filed under Chapter 9 or Chapter 12. The chart above indicates the percentage of new cases filed under each chapter. Additionally there were 87 new Adversary Proceedings, 1,321 motions to lift the automatic stay and 129 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, 1,595 Chapter 7 petitions and 1,010 Chapter 13 petitions were filed with the Court. These figures constitute 61% and 38%, respectively, of the total number of new cases filed this quarter. For comparison purposes, in the first quarter of 2007, the Court received 1,382 new Chapter 7 petitions (59%) and 943 new Chapter 13 petitions (41%). The chart at right indicates the filing figures for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases for the first quarter of 2008 and the past two calendar years.



## Case Closings

The Court closed 2,606 cases during the quarter. Case terminations by division included 2,197 for the Eastern division, 325 for the Southeastern division and 84 cases for the Northern division. The number of cases closed this quarter is greater than the number closed during the first quarter of 2007 when the Court closed 2,440 cases. The Court also closed 76 adversary proceedings during the quarter.

## Pending Caseload

The pending caseload at the end of the quarter was 12,064 cases, an increase of 138 cases from the 4th quarter. These 138 cases reflect a 1.2% increase in pending caseload from last quarter when there were 11,926 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 decreased by 2.2% (271 cases), or an average of 68 cases each quarter. The number of adversary proceedings pending increased by 12 cases in the quarter leaving 184 cases pending.

