

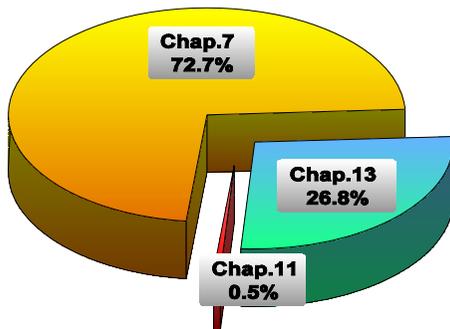


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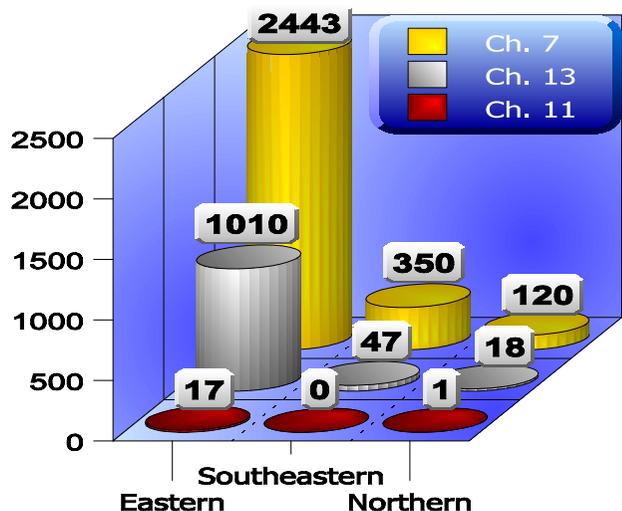
October through December 2009 Quarterly Case Processing Statistics



New Cases

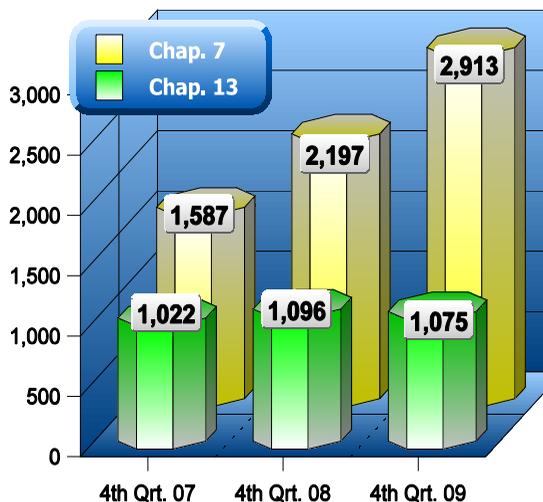
During the fourth quarter of the calendar year 2009, the Court opened a total of 4,006 new cases. There were 3,470 cases filed in the Eastern division, 397 cases in the Southeastern division and 139 cases filed in the Northern division. The court reopened 83

additional cases. The new cases consisted of 2,913 Chapter 7 filings, 18 Chapter 11 filings, and 1,075 cases filed under Chapter 13. There were no new cases filed under Chapter 9 or 12. The chart above indicates the percentage of new cases filed under each chapter. Additionally there were 92 new Adversary Proceedings, 1,724 motions to lift the automatic stay and 147 motions to avoid liens. The chart at right indicates the number of new cases filed during the fourth quarter in each division, broken down by chapter.



Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Filings

During the fourth quarter, 2,913 Chapter 7 petitions and 1,075 Chapter 13 petitions were filed with the Court. These figures constitute 72.71% and 26.83%, respectively, of the total number of new cases filed this quarter. For comparison purposes, in the fourth quarter of 2008, the Court received 2,197 new Chapter 7 petitions (66.63%) and 1,096 new Chapter 13 petitions (33.24%). The chart at right indicates the filing figures for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases for the fourth quarter of 2009 and the past two calendar years.



Case Closings

The Court closed 3,891 cases during the fourth quarter. Case terminations by division included 3,340 for the Eastern division, 408 for the Southeastern division, and 143 cases for the Northern division. The number of cases closed this quarter is greater than the number closed during the fourth quarter of 2008 when the Court closed 3,308 cases. The Court also closed 95 adversary proceedings during the fourth quarter.

Pending Caseload

The pending caseload at the end of the fourth quarter was 14,705 cases, an increase of 200 cases from the third quarter. These 200 cases reflect a 1.37% increase in the pending caseload from last quarter when there were 14,505 cases pending at the end of the third 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 11.67% (1,537 cases), or an average of 384 cases each quarter. The number of adversary proceedings pending increased by 4 cases in the fourth quarter leaving 159 cases pending.

