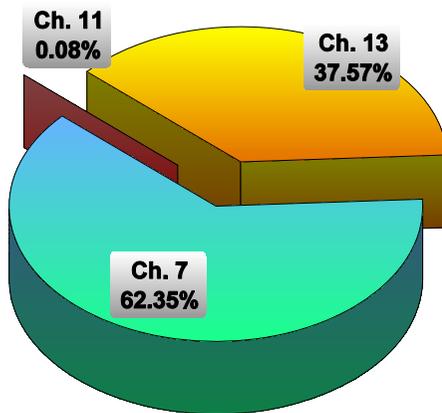




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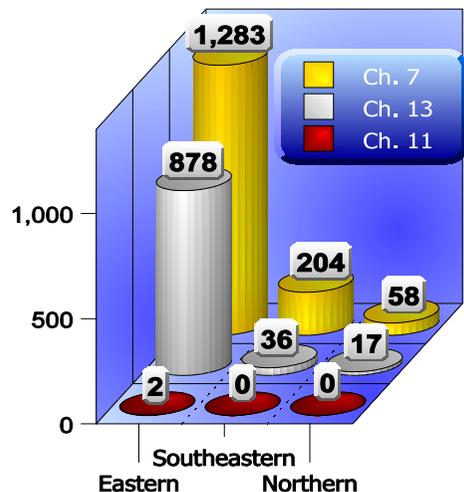
*October through December 2015, Quarterly Case Processing
Statistics*



New Cases

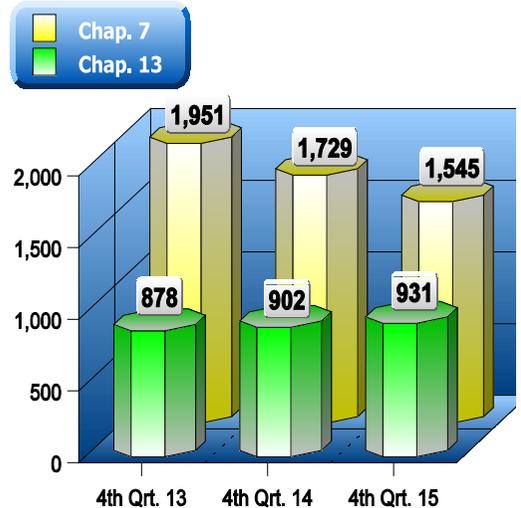
During the fourth quarter of the calendar year 2015, the Court opened a total of 2,478 new cases. There were 2,163 cases filed in the Eastern division, 240 cases in the

Southeastern division and 75 cases filed in the Northern division. The court reopened 112 additional cases. The new cases consisted of 1,545 Chapter 7 filings, 2 Chapter 11 filing and 931 cases filed under Chapter 13. There were no new cases filed under Chapters 9, 12 or 15. The chart above indicates the percentage of new cases filed under each chapter. Additionally, there were 79 new Adversary Proceedings, 925 motions to lift the automatic stay, and 113 motions to avoid liens. The chart to the 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, 2015, there were 1,545 Chapter 7 petitions and 931 Chapter 13 petitions were filed with the Court. These figures constitute 62.35% and 37.57%, respectively, of the total number of new cases filed this quarter. For comparison purposes, in the fourth quarter of 2014, the Court received 1,951 new Chapter 7 petitions (68.79%) and 878 new Chapter 13 petitions (30.96%). The chart to the right indicates the filing figures for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases for the fourth quarters of 2015 and the past two calendar years.



Case Closings

The Court closed 3,096 cases during the fourth quarter, 2015. Case terminations by division included 2,715 for the Eastern division, 293 for the Southeastern division, and 88 cases for the Northern division. The number of cases closed this quarter is less than the number closed during the third quarter of 2015, when the Court closed 3,489 cases. The Court also closed 76 adversary proceedings during the fourth quarter, 2015.

Pending Caseload

The pending caseload at the end of the fourth quarter, 2015, was 13,972 cases, a decrease of 506 cases from the third quarter, 2015. These 506 cases reflect a 3.49% decrease in the pending caseload from last quarter when there were 14,478 cases pending. The chart below depicts the change in pending caseload over the previous four quarters. During that time, the number of pending cases decreased by 6.90% (1,036 cases), or an average of 259 cases each quarter. The number of adversary proceedings pending increased by 3 cases in the fourth quarter, 2015, leaving 120 cases pending.

