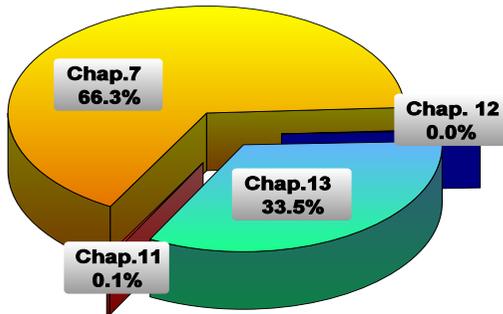




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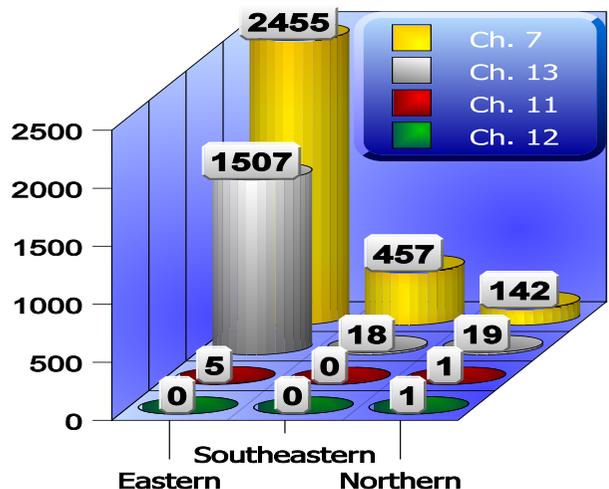
*October through December 2004 Quarterly Case Processing
Statistics*



New Cases

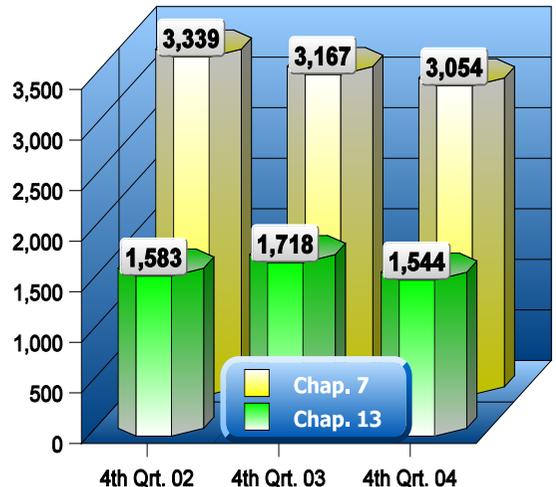
During the fourth quarter of the calendar year 2004, the Court opened a total of 4,605 new cases. There were 3,967 cases filed in the Eastern division, 475 cases in the Southeastern division and 163 cases filed in the Northern division. The court

reopened 30 additional cases. The new cases consisted of 3,054 Chapter 7 filings, 6 Chapter 11 filings, 1 Chapter 12 filing and 1,544 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 92 new Adversary Proceedings, 1,714 motions to lift the automatic stay and 94 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, 3,054 Chapter 7 petitions and 1,544 Chapter 13 petitions were filed with the Court. These figures constitute 66% and 34%, respectively, of the total number of new cases filed this quarter. For comparison purposes, in the fourth quarter of 2003, the Court received 3,167 new Chapter 7 petitions (65%) and 1,718 new Chapter 13 petitions (35%). The chart at right indicates the filing figures for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases for the fourth quarter of 2004 and the past two calendar years.



Case Closings

The Court closed 4,777 cases during the quarter. Case terminations by division included 4,098 for the Eastern division, 522 for the Southeastern division and 157 cases for the Northern division. The number of cases closed this quarter is greater than the number closed during the fourth quarter of 2003 when the Court closed 4,442 cases. The Court also closed 119 adversary proceedings during the quarter.

Pending Caseload

The pending caseload at the end of the quarter was 16,173 cases, a decrease of 146 cases from the 3rd quarter. These 146 cases reflect a 0.9% decrease in pending caseload from last quarter when there were 16,319 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 4.0% (669 cases), or an average of 167 cases each quarter. The number of adversary proceedings pending decreased by 28 cases in the quarter leaving 219 cases pending.

