

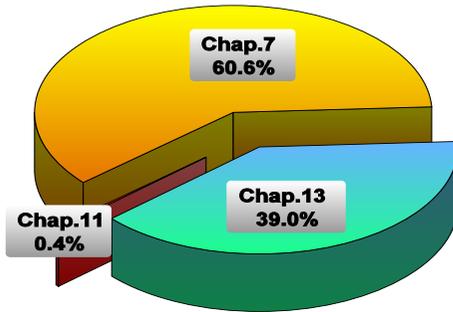


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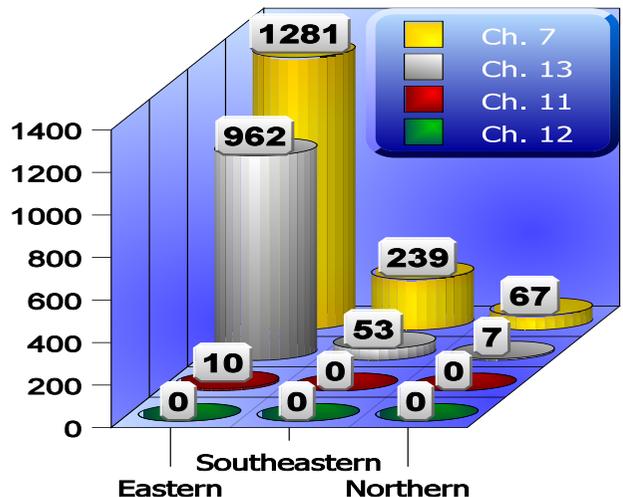
October through December 2007 Quarterly Case Processing Statistics



New Cases

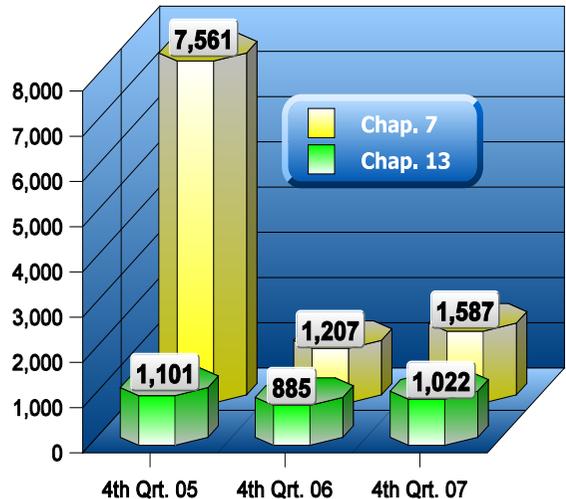
During the fourth quarter of the calendar year 2007, the Court opened a total of 2,619 new cases. There were 2,253 cases filed in the Eastern division, 292 cases in the Southeastern division and 74 cases filed in the Northern division. The court

reopened 98 additional cases. The new cases consisted of 1,587 Chapter 7 filings, 10 Chapter 11 filings, and 1,022 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 68 new Adversary Proceedings, 1,398 motions to lift the automatic stay and 73 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, 1,587 Chapter 7 petitions and 1,022 Chapter 13 petitions were filed with the Court. These figures constitute 61% and 39%, respectively, of the total number of new cases filed this quarter. For comparison purposes, in the fourth quarter of 2006, the Court received 1,207 new Chapter 7 petitions (58%) and 885 new Chapter 13 petitions (42%). The chart at right indicates the filing figures for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases for the fourth quarter of 2007 and the past two calendar years.



Case Closings

The Court closed 3,093 cases during the quarter. Case terminations by division included 2,668 for the Eastern division, 293 for the Southeastern division and 132 cases for the Northern division. The number of cases closed this quarter is greater than the number closed during the fourth quarter of 2006 when the Court closed 2,679 cases. The Court also closed 135 adversary proceedings during the quarter.

Pending Caseload

The pending caseload at the end of the quarter was 11,926 cases, a decrease of 375 cases from the 3rd quarter. These 375 cases reflect a 3.0% decrease in pending caseload from last quarter when there were 12,301 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 3.8% (467 cases), or an average of 117 cases each quarter. The number of adversary proceedings pending decreased by 67 cases in the quarter leaving 172 cases pending.

