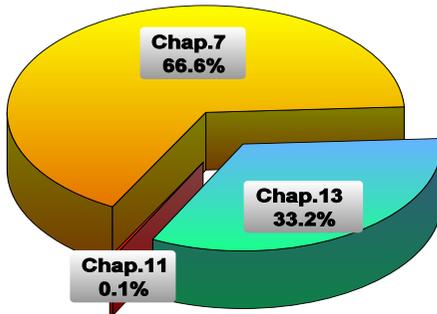




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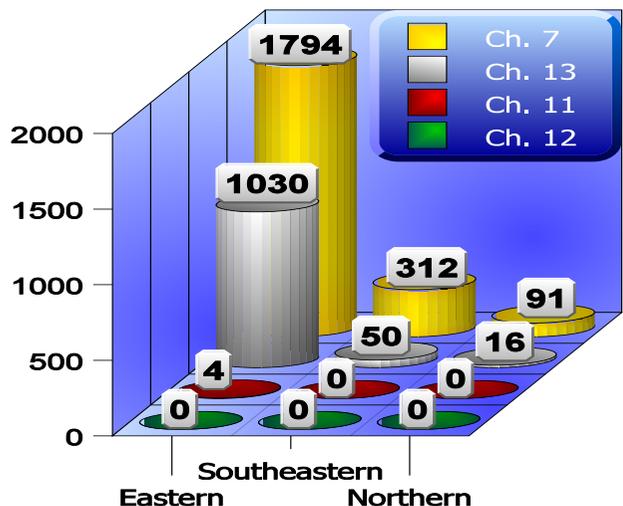
*October through December 2008 Quarterly Case Processing
Statistics*



New Cases

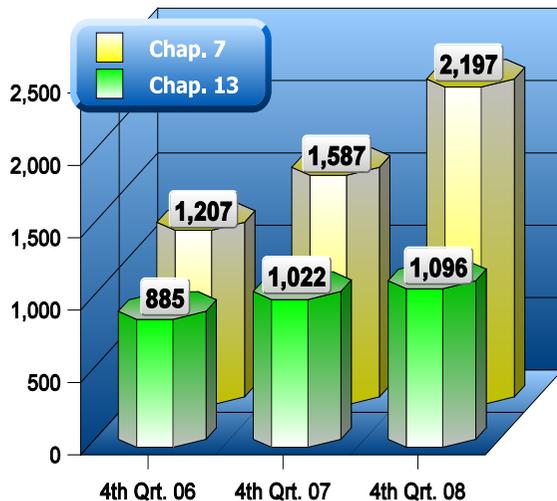
During the fourth quarter of the calendar year 2008, the Court opened a total of 3,297 new cases. There were 2,828 cases filed in the Eastern division, 362 cases in the Southeastern division and 107 cases filed in the Northern division. The court

reopened 77 additional cases. The new cases consisted of 2,197 Chapter 7 filings, 4 Chapter 11 filings, and 1,096 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 80 new Adversary Proceedings, 1,491 motions to lift the automatic stay and 133 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, 2,197 Chapter 7 petitions and 1,096 Chapter 13 petitions were filed with the Court. These figures constitute 67% and 33%, respectively, of the total number of new cases filed this quarter. For comparison purposes, in the fourth quarter of 2007, the Court received 1,587 new Chapter 7 petitions (61%) and 1,022 new Chapter 13 petitions (39%). The chart at right indicates the filing figures for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases for the fourth quarter of 2008 and the past two calendar years.



Case Closings

The Court closed 3,308 cases during the quarter. Case terminations by division included 2,856 for the Eastern division, 320 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 2007 when the Court closed 3,093 cases. The Court also closed 85 adversary proceedings during the quarter.

Pending Caseload

The pending caseload at the end of the quarter was 13,068 cases, an increase of 66 cases from the 3rd quarter. These 66 cases reflect a 0.5% increase in pending caseload from last quarter when there were 13,002 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 increased by 8.3% (1,004 cases), or an average of 251 cases each quarter. The number of adversary proceedings pending decreased by 3 cases in the quarter leaving 133 cases pending.

