

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL *for the Eighth Circuit*

STATISTICAL REPORT

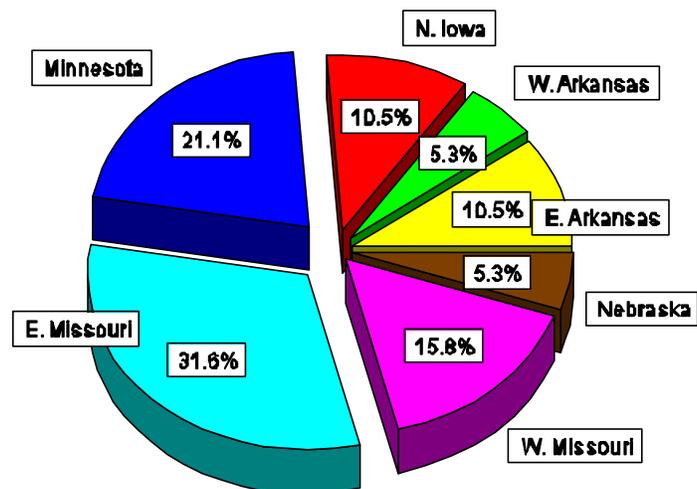
JANUARY 1, 2002 thru March 31, 2002

New Case Filings

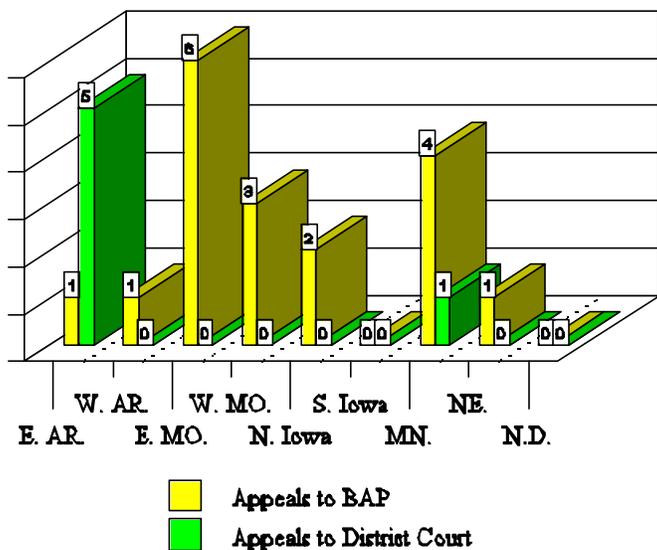
Twenty cases were docketed in the first three months of 2002. Seven of these cases (35%) were filed by pro se litigants. Of the cases filed, ten were appeals from contested matters and ten were appeals from adversary proceedings. The graphics below illustrate the breakdown of case origin by district.

New Cases

Eastern Arkansas	2
Western Arkansas	1
Northern Iowa	2
Southern Iowa	0
Minnesota	4
Eastern Missouri	6
Western Missouri	3
Nebraska	1
North Dakota	0
TOTAL	19



District Court Elections



The chart to the left compares the number of appeals taken to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel with those taken to the District Courts. In the first quarter of 2002, twenty-four appeals were taken from the Bankruptcy Courts. Eighteen of those cases (75%) were appealed to and remained with the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel; six of the cases (25%) were appealed directly to or were transferred to the District Courts.¹

Case Processing Time

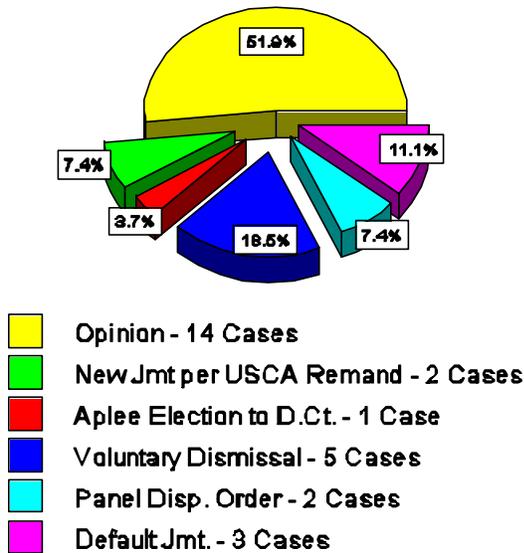
Listed in the table below are average processing times calculated for cases submitted on the merits which were subsequently closed between January 1, 2002 and March 31, 2002.

Interval:	1	2	3	Total Processing Time
From:	Docketing	Aplee's Brief	Submission	
To:	Aplee's Brief	Submission	Disposition	
Cases Submitted w/Arg.	75 days 2.5 months	79 days 2.6 months	32 days 1.06 months	186 days 6.16 months
Cases Submitted w/o Arg.	67 days 2.2 months	33 days 1.1 months	17 days .5 months	117 days 3.8 months
All Cases	72 days 2.3 months	59 days 1.9 months	26 days .8 months	157 days 5 months

¹These figures do not include appeals taken to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Arkansas.

Panel Referrals

In the first quarter of 2002, four matters were referred to Administrative Panels. Three cases were submitted on the merits without oral argument and four cases were submitted on the merits after oral argument. Hearings were held in St. Paul and Kansas City.

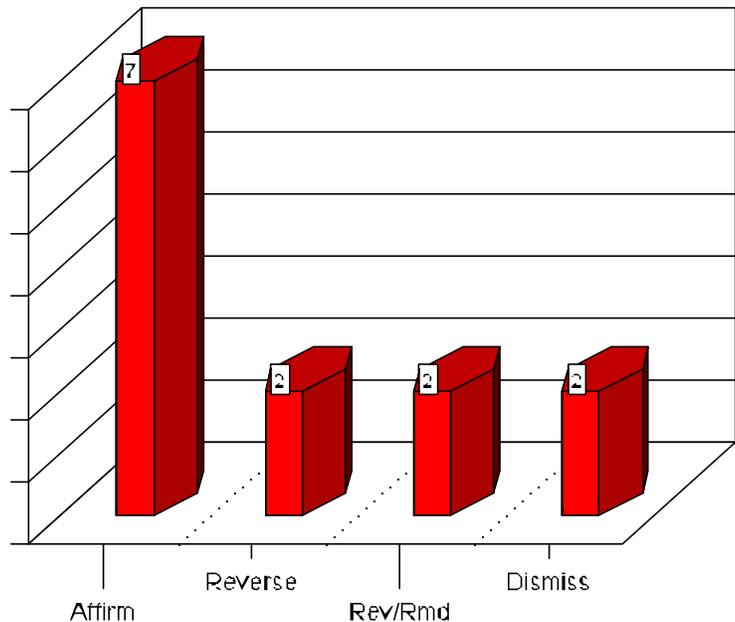


Case Dispositions

Twenty-five cases were closed in the first three months of 2002. In addition, two previously-closed cases were re-opened and dispositive orders were entered pursuant to remand orders from the 8th Circuit Court. The Panel wrote a total of thirteen opinions which disposed of fourteen cases. To the left is a breakdown of the method by which each case was closed.

Opinion Breakdown

The chart to the right breaks down each dispositive opinion by its outcome. As shown in the chart, 69% of the opinions either affirmed the Bankruptcy Court decision or dismissed the appeal.



Appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals

Six notices of appeal were taken to the Court of Appeals from the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in the first quarter of 2002. In addition, seventeen cases were pending before the Court of Appeals at the beginning of the year. Four cases were closed by the Court of Appeals during the last three months, leaving a total of nineteen pending cases. Following is a breakdown of the method by which BAP cases appealed to the Court of Appeals were closed:

Affirmed	2
Voluntarily Dismissed	2