

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL *for the Eighth Circuit*

STATISTICAL REPORT

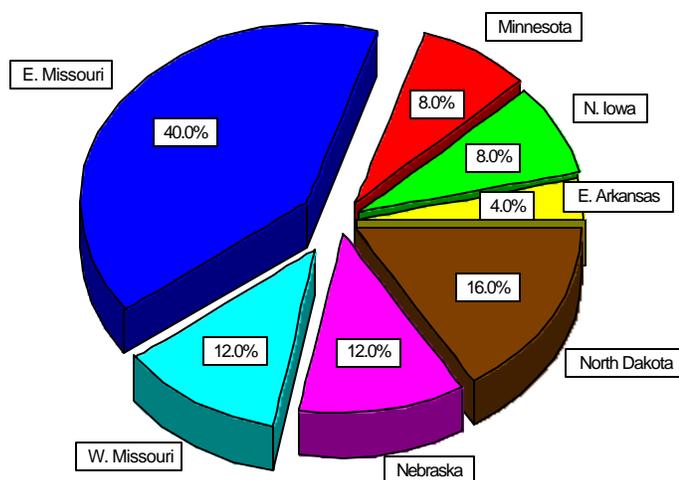
JANUARY 1, 2000 thru JUNE 30, 2000

New Case Filings

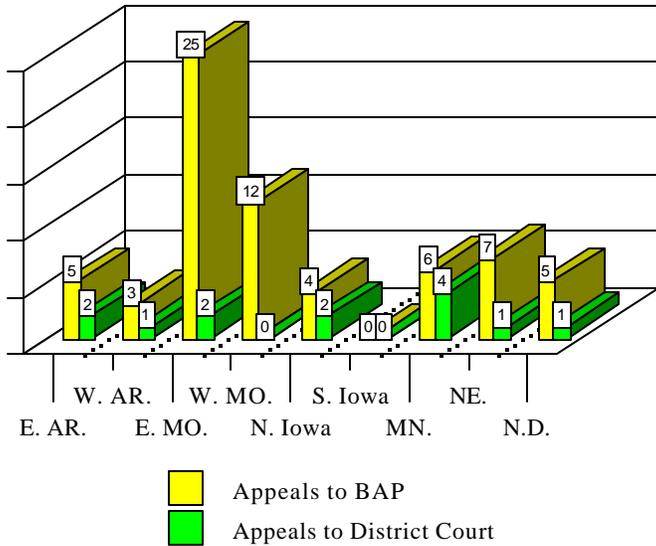
Sixty-nine cases were docketed in the first six months of 2000. Twenty-three of these cases (33%) were filed by pro se litigants. Of the cases filed, forty-eight were appeals from contested matters and twenty-one were appeals from adversary proceedings. Four applications to take an interlocutory appeal were filed. The graphics below illustrate the breakdown of case origin by district.

New Cases

Eastern Arkansas	5
Western Arkansas	3
Northern Iowa	5
Southern Iowa	0
Minnesota	6
Eastern Missouri	25
Western Missouri	12
Nebraska	8
North Dakota	5
TOTAL	69



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 two quarters of 2000, eighty appeals were taken from the Bankruptcy Courts. Sixty-seven of those cases (84%) were appealed to and remained with the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel; thirteen of the cases (16%) were appealed directly to or were transferred to the District Courts.

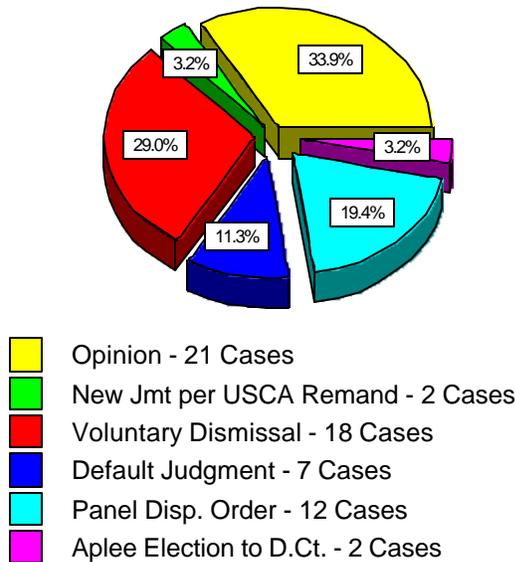
Case Processing Time

Listed in the table below are average processing times calculated for cases submitted on the merits which were subsequently closed between January 1, 2000 and June 30, 2000.

Interval:	1	2	3	Total
From:	Docketing	Aplee's Brief	Submission	Processing Time
To:	Aplee's Brief	Submission	Disposition	
Hearing Panel Matters	66 days 2.2 months	67 days 2.2 months	42 days 1.3 months	175 days 5.7 months
Screening Panel Matters	69 days 2.3 months	11 days .4 months	34 days 1.1 months	114 days 3.8 months
All Cases	66 days 2.2 months	57 days 1.9 months	40 days 1.3 months	163 days 5.4 months

Panel Referrals

In the first two quarters of 2000, thirteen matters were referred to Administrative Panels. In addition, six matters were referred back to previous panels, resulting in a total of nineteen Administrative Panel referrals. Three cases were submitted to Screening Panels and nineteen cases were submitted to Hearing Panels. Hearings were held in St. Paul, Omaha, Des Moines, Kansas City, Fargo and St. Louis. The Panel also held one hearing via video-conference with Little Rock.

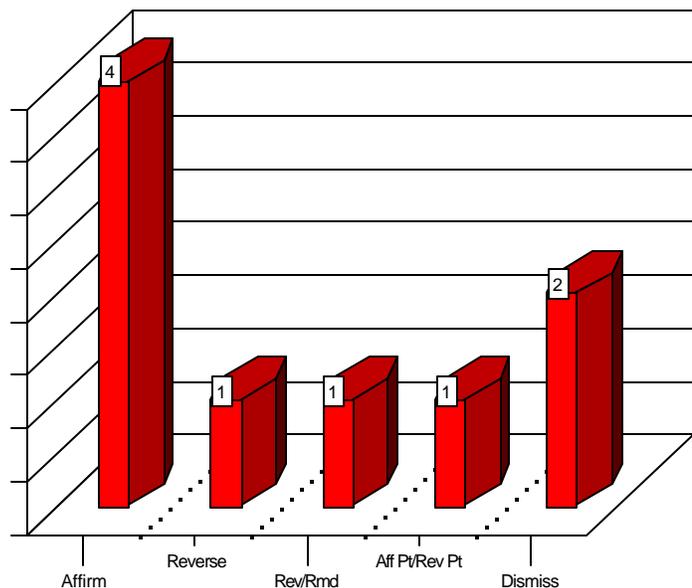


Case Dispositions

Sixty cases were closed in the first six months of 2000. 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 eighteen opinions which disposed of twenty-one 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, 72.2% 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 two quarters of 2000. In addition, fourteen 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 six months, leaving a total of sixteen pending cases. Following is a breakdown of the method by which BAP cases appealed to the Court of Appeals were closed:

Affirmed	3
Voluntarily Dismissed	1