

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL *for the Eighth Circuit*

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## STATISTICAL REPORT

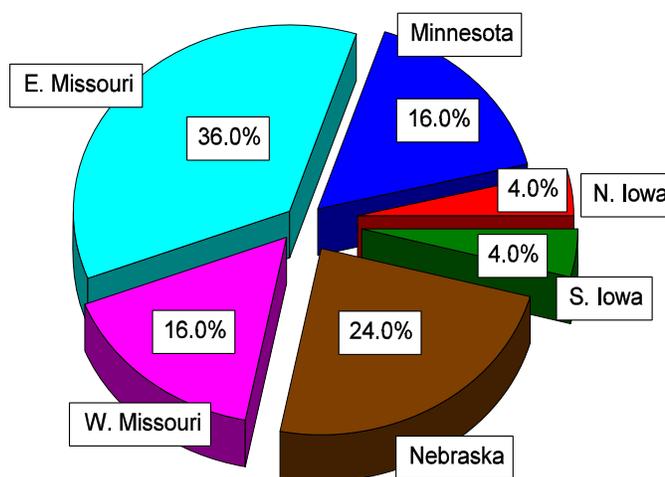
JANUARY 1, 2006 thru March 31, 2006

### New Case Filings

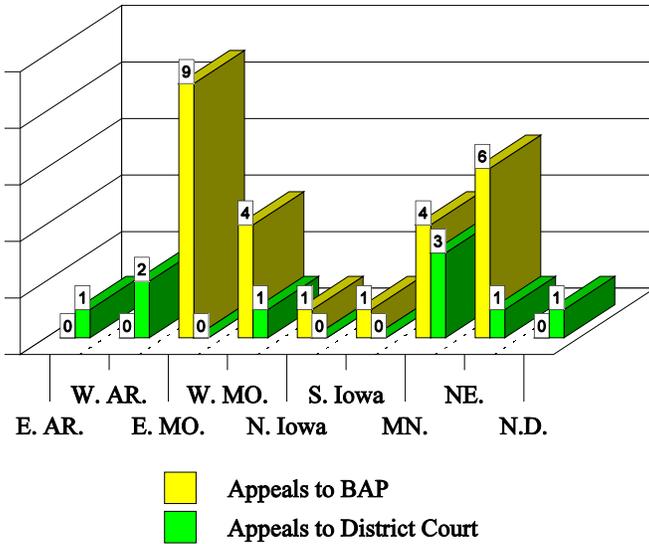
Twenty-five cases were docketed in the first three months of 2006. Six of those cases (24%) were filed by pro se litigants. Of the cases filed, thirteen were appeals from contested matters and twelve were appeals from adversary proceedings. The graphics below illustrate the breakdown of case origin by district.

#### New Cases

Eastern Arkansas	0
Western Arkansas	0
Northern Iowa	1
Southern Iowa	1
Minnesota	4
Eastern Missouri	9
Western Missouri	4
Nebraska	6
North Dakota	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>



## 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 2006, thirty-four appeals were taken from the Bankruptcy Courts. Twenty-six of those cases (76%) were appealed to and remained with the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel; eight of the cases (24%) were appealed directly to or were transferred to the District Courts.

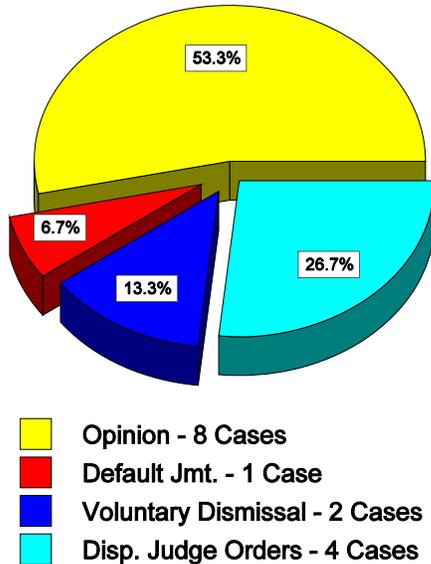
## Case Processing Time

Listed in the table below are average processing times calculated for cases submitted on the merits which were subsequently closed between January 1, 2006 and March 31, 2006.

Interval:	1	2	3	Total Processing Time
From:	Docketing	Aplee's Brief	Submission	
To:	Aplee's Brief	Submission	Disposition	
Cases Submitted w/Arg.	92 days 3 months	81 days 2.6 months	30 days 1 month	203 days 6.6 months
Cases Submitted w/o Arg.	80 days 2.6 months	10 days .3 months	14 days .5 months	104 days 3.4 months
All Cases	87 days 2.8 months	51 days 1.7 months	23 days .7 months	161 days 5.2 months

## Panel Referrals

In the first quarter of 2006, four matters were referred to Administrative Panels. In addition, two matters were referred back to a previous panel, resulting in a total of six Administrative Panel referrals. Three cases were submitted on the merits without oral argument and eight cases were submitted on the merits after oral argument. Hearings were held in Fargo and St. Louis.

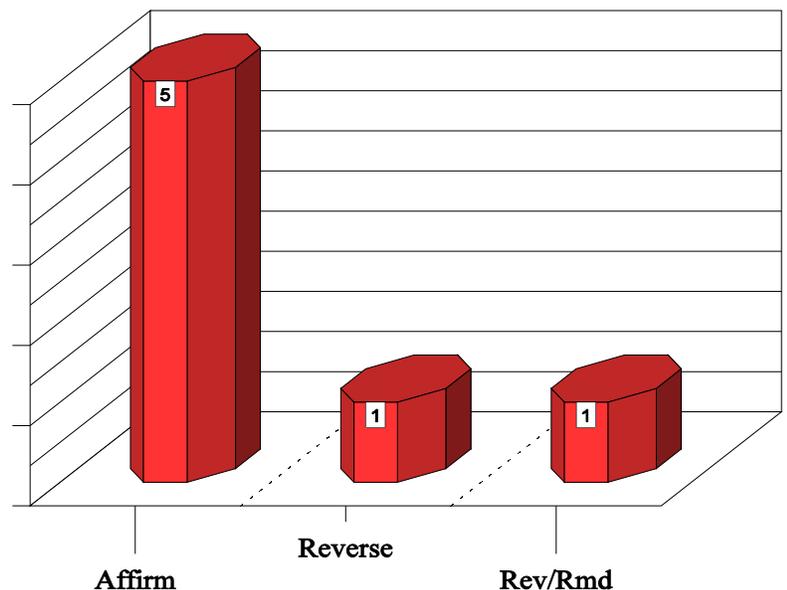


## Case Dispositions

Fifteen cases were closed in the first three months of 2006. The court wrote a total of seven opinions which disposed of eight 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, 71% of the opinions affirmed the Bankruptcy Court decision.



## **Appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals**

Three notices of appeal were taken to the Court of Appeals from the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in the first quarter of 2006. In addition, thirteen were pending before the Court of Appeals at the beginning of the year. One case was closed by the Court of Appeals during the last three months, leaving a total of fifteen pending cases. Following is a breakdown of the method by which BAP cases appealed to the Court of Appeals were closed:

Affirmed in part/reversed in part . . . . . 1