

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL *for the Eighth Circuit*

STATISTICAL REPORT

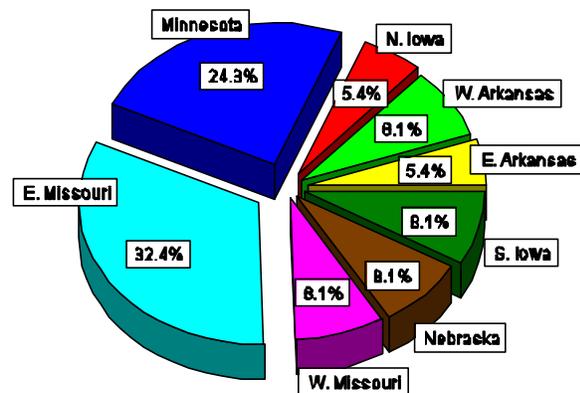
JANUARY 1, 2002 thru JUNE 30, 2002

New Case Filings

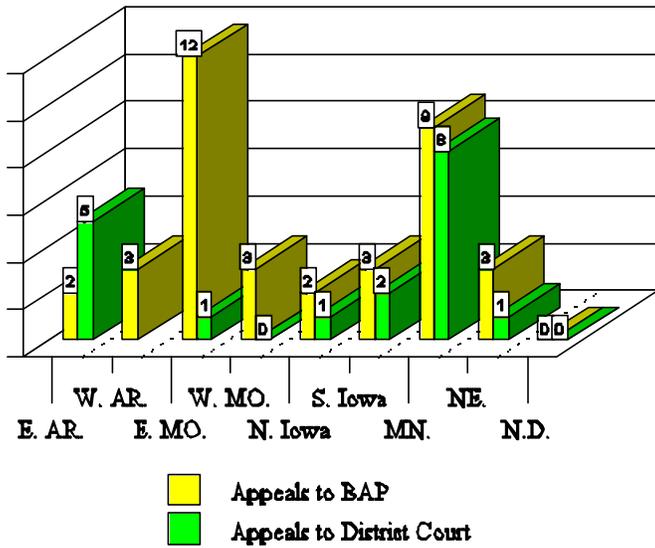
Thirty-seven cases were docketed in the first six months of 2002. Eight of these cases (22%) were filed by pro se litigants. Of the cases filed, twenty-four were appeals from contested matters and thirteen were appeals from adversary proceedings. The graphics below illustrate the breakdown of case origin by district.

New Cases

Eastern Arkansas	2
Western Arkansas	3
Northern Iowa	2
Southern Iowa	3
Minnesota	9
Eastern Missouri	12
Western Missouri	3
Nebraska	3
North Dakota	0
TOTAL	37



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 2002, fifty-five appeals were taken from the Bankruptcy Courts. Thirty-seven of those cases (67%) were appealed to and remained with the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. Seventeen of the cases were appealed directly to the District Courts and one case which was opened in 2001 was transferred to the District Court in 2002.¹

Case Processing Time

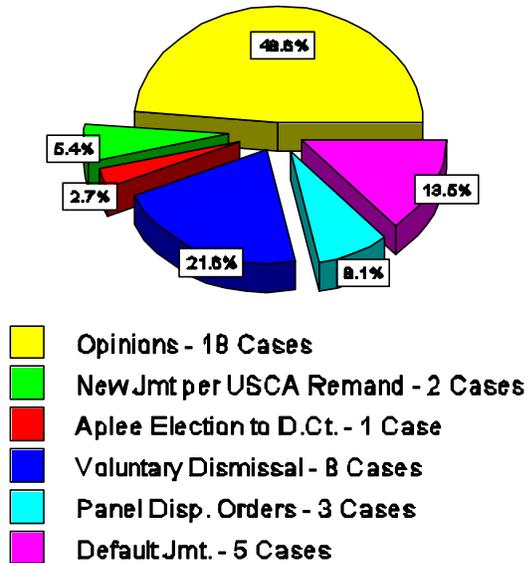
Listed in the table below are average processing times calculated for cases submitted on the merits which were subsequently closed between January 1, 2002 and June 30, 2002.

Interval:	1	2	3	Total Processing Time
From:	Docketing	Aplee's Brief	Submission	
To:	Aplee's Brief	Submission	Disposition	
Cases Submitted w/Arg.	69 days 2.2 months	81 days 2.7 months	40 days 1.3 months	190 days 6.2 months
Cases Submitted w/o Arg.	62 days 2 months	26 days .8 months	19 days .6 month	107 days 3.4 months
All Cases	68 days 2.2 months	49 days 1.6 months	25days .8 months	142 days 4.6 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 two quarters of 2002, ten matters were referred to Administrative Panels. Seven cases were submitted on the merits without oral argument and six cases were submitted on the merits after oral argument. Hearings were held in St. Paul (2) and Kansas City.

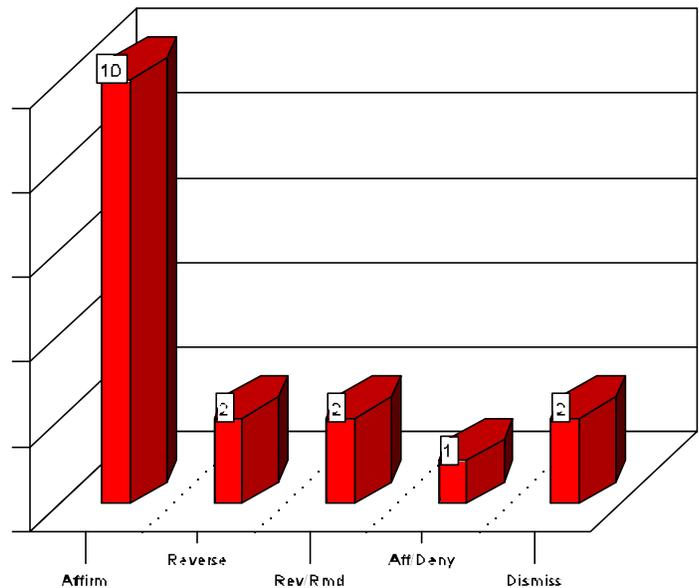


Case Dispositions

Thirty-five cases were closed in the first six 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 seventeen opinions which disposed of eighteen 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, 76% of the opinions either affirmed the Bankruptcy Court decision or dismissed the appeal.



Appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals

Ten notices of appeal were taken to the Court of Appeals from the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in the first two quarters of 2002. In addition, one petition for extraordinary writ was filed with the Court of Appeals from a BAP case. Seventeen cases were pending before the Court of Appeals at the beginning of the year and ten cases were closed by them during the last six months, leaving a total of eighteen pending cases. Following is a breakdown of the method by which BAP cases appealed to the Court of Appeals were closed:

Affirmed	5
Voluntarily Dismissed	2
Denied	1
Dismissed	2