

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL *for the Eighth Circuit*

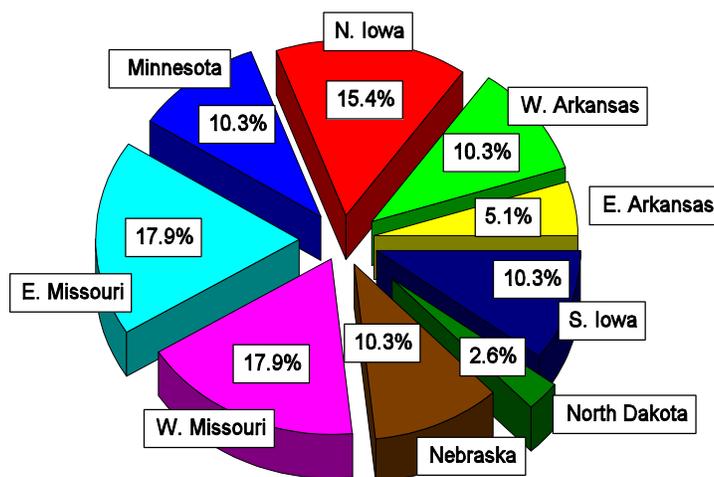
STATISTICAL REPORT -- SECOND QUARTER 2004

New Case Filings

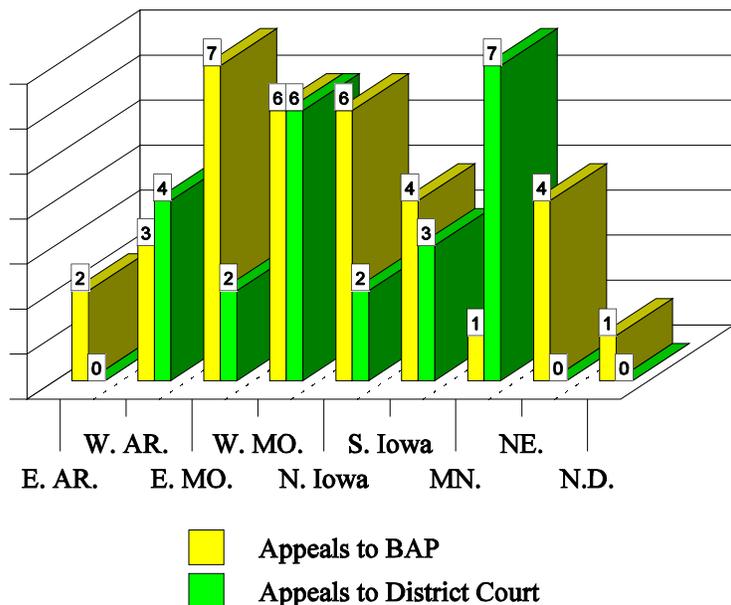
Thirty-nine cases were docketed in the first six months of 2004. Thirteen of these cases (33%) were filed by pro se litigants. Of the cases filed, twenty-two were appeals from contested matters, seventeen were appeals from adversary proceedings. The graphics below illustrate the breakdown of case origin by district.

New Cases

Eastern Arkansas	2
Western Arkansas	4
Northern Iowa	6
Southern Iowa	4
Minnesota	4
Eastern Missouri	7
Western Missouri	7
Nebraska	4
North Dakota	1
TOTAL	39



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 2004, fifty-eight appeals were taken from the Bankruptcy Courts. Thirty-four of those cases (59%) were appealed to and remained with the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel; twenty-four of the cases (41%) were appealed directly to or were transferred to the District Courts.

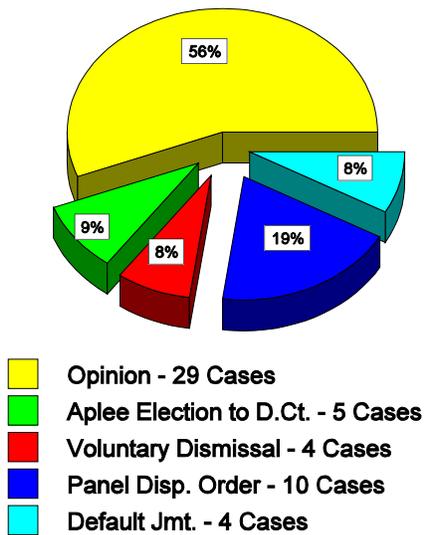
Case Processing Time

Listed in the table below are average processing times calculated for cases submitted on the merits which were subsequently closed between January 1, 2004 and June 30, 2004.

Interval:	1	2	3	Total Processing Time
From:	Docketing	Aplee's Brief	Submission	
To:	Aplee's Brief	Submission	Disposition	
Cases Submitted w/Arg.	66 days 2.2 months	81 days 2.7 months	26 days .8 months	173 days 5.7 months
Cases Submitted w/o Arg.	91 days 3 months	25 days .8 months	20 days .7 months	136 days 4.5 months
All Cases	73 days 2.4 months	65 days 2.1 months	24 days .8 months	162 days 5.3 months

Panel Referrals

In the first two quarters of 2004, twelve referrals were made to Administrative Panels; three of those cases was subsequently referred back to the panels, resulting in a total of fifteen Administrative Panel referrals. Seven cases were submitted on the merits without oral argument and twenty cases were submitted on the merits after oral argument. Hearings were held in Omaha, St. Louis, Little Rock, Kansas City and Fargo. In addition, a hearing was held by video-conference between Minneapolis and Little Rock.

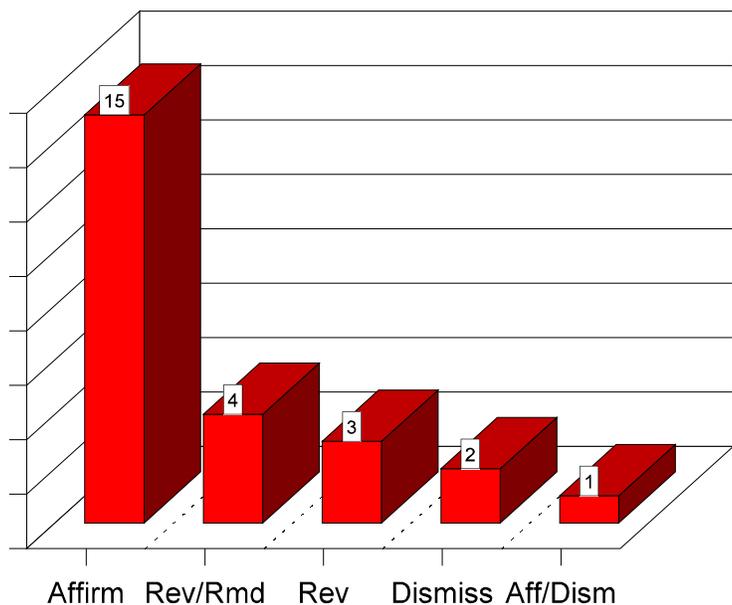


Case Dispositions

Fifty-two cases were closed in the first six months of 2004. The Court wrote a total of twenty-five opinions which disposed of twenty-nine 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% of the opinions either affirmed the bankruptcy court 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 2004. In addition, nine cases were pending before the Court of Appeals at the beginning of the year. Six cases were closed by the Court of Appeals during the last six months, leaving a total of nine pending cases. Following is a breakdown of the method by which BAP cases appealed to the Court of Appeals were closed:

Affirmed	2
Dismissed	3
Voluntarily Dismissed	1