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ON

THE 2009 BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIP RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Chairman Cohen and members of the Subcommittee,

My name is Barbara Lynn. I am a District Court Judge in the Northern District of Texas. I am also Chair of the Judicial Conference's Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System ("Bankruptcy Committee") and in that capacity I appear before you today.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the Judicial Conference's 2009 bankruptcy judgeship recommendation, which was transmitted to Congress on February 9, 2009.

Sufficient judicial resources are essential to ensure that the bankruptcy courts can effectively and efficiently adjudicate the rights and responsibilities of parties who come before them in bankruptcy cases and proceedings. In performance of its statutory duty to advise Congress on the need for bankruptcy judgeships, the Judicial Conference makes biennial recommendations for the authorization of additional bankruptcy judgeships, the continuing need for existing bankruptcy judgeships, and other judgeship actions.

The Judicial Conference recommends that Congress authorize 13 new permanent bankruptcy judgeships in 10 judicial districts, convert 22 existing temporary bankruptcy judgeships to permanent status in 15 judicial districts, and extend two existing temporary bankruptcy judgeships for five years. For your convenience, I have provided as Attachment 1 a chart listing, by district, the additional judgeships and other judgeship actions recommended by the Judicial Conference.

The need for these judgeships is critical, with filings increasing to near-record levels and the bankruptcy courts in peril of losing many of their judicial resources. It is time to pass judgeship legislation to alleviate the overcrowded dockets and assure that the bankruptcy system operates efficiently, especially in our current economic circumstances. Today, I ask for your assistance in securing sufficient resources for the bankruptcy system.

THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIPS

The judgeships recommended by the Judicial Conference are essential. New bankruptcy judgeships were last authorized in 2005 as part of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 ("BAPCPA"), and even then, fewer judgeships were authorized than were needed. Before that, new bankruptcy judgeships had not been authorized by Congress since 1992. All of the judgeships authorized or extended by BAPCPA are temporary judgeships[1] that are now approaching their lapse dates, after which vacancies in those districts cannot be filled. At the same time, workload has substantially increased since the first full year after BAPCPA took effect, with filings nearing pre-BAPCPA levels. Without Congressional action on the judicial resources recommended by the Conference, the bankruptcy courts could face record filings at the same time as a reduction in judicial resources to handle them.

Since enactment of BAPCPA, the bankruptcy workload has increased substantially. Both business and non-business case filings are increasing dramatically in the current economy. Pro-se filings, which require additional judicial time to equitably adjudicate, are among the increased filings. Moreover, BAPCPA increased the work required of bankruptcy judges in each case.

Case filings have increased steadily since BAPCPA took effect. During 2006 (the first full year following the general implementation of BAPCPA) there were about 618,000 bankruptcies filed. Since 2006, filings have increased consistently, with a 38% increase from 2006 to 2007 and a 31% increase from 2007 to 2008. In the 12-month period ending March 31, 2009, there were approximately 1.2 million bankruptcy petitions filed -- nearly double the number of petitions filed

[1] All bankruptcy judges are appointed for terms of 14 years. Usually, a temporary judgeship is set to lapse five years or more after a judge is appointed. During these five years, any vacancy in the district can be filled. After the five year period expires ("the lapse date"), the first vacancy that occurs in the district cannot be filled. Congress can extend the lapse date. Congress can also convert temporary judgeships to permanent status.

in 2006. Moreover, seasonally adjusted monthly filings[2] for March 2009 at annual rates stood at just over 1.4 million, nearing the level of filings seen in late 2004, the last year prior to BAPCPA's enactment.

Weighted filings per authorized judgeship have also seen significant increases. From 2006 to 2007, the national average weighted filings per authorized judgeship increased 16% and from 2007 to 2008 the average increased a further 27%. As of the end of March 2009, the national average weighted filings per authorized judgeship stood nearly 60% higher than the first year following BAPCPA.

Even apart from the changes brought about by BAPCPA, the workload associated with these filing levels is underestimated in the current calculations due to other changes that have occurred in the bankruptcy system since the time the case weight formula was developed in 1991. For example, complex chapter 11 cases, and mega-cases barely existed when the current case weights were developed. The amount of time required to adjudicate complicated cases is thus largely missing from the current case weights.

In addition to near record case filings, bankruptcy courts now face bankruptcy cases that are more complex and time consuming than anything previously handled. Cases such as Chrysler, Circuit City, and other national and international corporate reorganizations consume a tremendous amount of a bankruptcy court's time. Substantial increases in consumer case filings are also problematic for the courts that have inadequate judicial resources.

For many years, the judiciary has sought to secure additional bankruptcy judgeships. In 1999, the Judicial Conference recommended to Congress the authorization of 24 additional judgeships and conversion of two temporary judgeships to permanent. In anticipation of

[2] Because filings have been increasing at a steady pace month to month, 12 month totals understate the current bankruptcy filing rate. Seasonally adjusted figures account for this undercounting.

enactment of then pending bankruptcy legislation that included additional bankruptcy judgeships, the Judicial Conference did not submit a new recommendation to Congress in 2001. When that legislation was not enacted, a new Conference recommendation for 36 additional judgeships and action on existing temporary judgeships was transmitted in 2003, superseding the 1999 recommendation. By early 2005, the circuits requested and the Judicial Conference recommended 47 additional judgeships and action on the existing temporaries. In April 2005, however, BAPCPA was enacted, authorizing only 28 temporary bankruptcy judgeships based upon the outdated 1999 Conference recommendation. Five of the judgeships authorized by BAPCPA had not been recommended by the Conference.

Immediately following enactment of BAPCPA, the Judiciary transmitted draft legislation for 24 additional judgeships to complete the authorization of all judgeships recommended in 2005. In the wake of BAPCPA, the Judicial Conference took a very conservative position in making its 2007 recommendation. The new law required interpretation, process changes, and additional per-case work. Additionally, the courts were processing all of the cases filed in the run-up to the effective date of BAPCPA. However, the actual work being performed by the court was not reflected in the 2007 caseload numbers, which were skewed by the combination of reduced filings immediately following BAPCPA's enactment and a case weighting formula that pre-dated BAPCPA. Nonetheless, the Judicial Conference conservatively abided by the procedures and standards it developed in 1991, and consequently recommended only four additional judgeships plus the conversion of several existing temporary judgeships.

The Judicial Conference understands the current budget climate, and its recommendation for authorization of additional bankruptcy judgeships is not undertaken lightly. The number of judgeships recommended by the Conference has increased with each new request because of the

backlog of needed judgeships that were not authorized, coupled with escalating case filings. The districts that require additional resources have shown a sustained need for the additional judgeships, under great stress and overburdened by burgeoning caseloads.

For example, for the Eastern District of Michigan, additional judicial resources have been recommended since 1993. One additional judgeship was recommended in 1993, 1995, 1997, and 1999. Two additional judgeships were recommended in 2003. By 2005, four additional judgeships were recommended. After BAPCPA authorized only one temporary judgeship in 2005, the Conference recommended three judgeships in 2007 and recommends those same three judgeships now based upon that district's overwhelming workload.

For the Northern District of Mississippi, additional judicial resources have been recommended since 2003. One additional judgeship was recommended in 2003, 2005, 2007, and now again in 2009. This is a single-judge court, and its weighted case filings are nearly double the Judicial Conference's designated weighted case filings per judgeship for bankruptcy courts. Additionally, the judge must travel between the court's official duty station in Aberdeen, as well as outlying additional places of holding court in Greenville and Oxford, Mississippi.

The recommended conversions are also necessary to maintain efficient court operations. For the Western District of Tennessee, one additional permanent judgeship was recommended in 1997 and 1999. The recommendation increased to two additional permanent judgeships in 2003 and 2005. In 2005, BAPCPA authorized only one additional temporary judgeship for the district. The temporary judgeship will expire upon the next vacancy occurring on or after July 1, 2011. At that point, the Western District of Tennessee will revert to the number of bankruptcy judgeships it was authorized in 1992, despite an ever-increasing workload.

Similarly, for the Eastern District of Virginia, one additional permanent judgeship was recommended in 1997, 1999, 2003, and 2005. In 2005, BAPCPA authorized only a temporary bankruptcy judgeship for that district. That judgeship is now set to lapse on or after September 11, 2011. This means that a district that asked for additional resources for over twelve years is now at risk of reverting to its resource levels dating back to 1992.

The Judicial Conference takes seriously its role as a steward of taxpayer dollars. Therefore, bankruptcy judgeship vacancies are filled only when there is a workload need. In addition, before recommending judgeship actions, the Conference examines whether courts are using alternative means of maximizing their existing judicial resources. An overburdened court may use several strategies to temporarily alleviate the caseload burden,[3] such as streamlined case management procedures, assistance from other bankruptcy courts, recalled judges, expansion of automation programs, or addition of more support personnel. Rising case filings and increasing weighted caseloads per judgeship, however, quickly outpace the benefits of these programs. A circuit's request for additional judicial resources is made only after a sustained pattern demonstrates that the judicial caseload of the district can no longer be administered by other methods. Thus, each district for which a judgeship action is requested has already experienced a sustained elevated caseload that exceeds the capabilities of the number of judges in that district.

Bankruptcy judgeship legislation is the necessary solution. Such legislation is needed to alleviate the overcrowded dockets and ensure that the bankruptcy system operates efficiently in the current economy. Bankruptcy courts cannot be expected to function perpetually with overwhelming caseloads.

[3] These strategies are detailed further in Attachment 3.

BASIS FOR JUDGESHIP RECOMMENDATIONS

The Judicial Conference makes its judgeship recommendation pursuant to the statutory requirement[4] to submit recommendations to Congress for new bankruptcy judgeships. To assist the Conference in performing this responsibility, the Bankruptcy Committee biennially conducts a national survey, which follows the requirements of the Judicial Conference's 1991 policy for bankruptcy judgeship recommendations.[5]

The 1991 policy sets out a number of workload factors that should be considered in assessing a circuit's request for additional bankruptcy judgeships. The first element is the weighted caseload of the district for which resources are requested. It is generally expected that, in addition to other judicial duties, a bankruptcy court should have a workload of 1,500 or more annual case weighted filings per judgeship to justify an additional judgeship. Recognizing that factors in addition to workload can necessitate additional judgeships, the Conference policy also provides for consideration of: the nature and mix of the court's caseload; historical caseload data and filing trends; geographic, economic, and demographic factors in the district; the effectiveness of case management efforts by the court; and the availability of alternative solutions and resources for handling the court's workload.

Requests to convert existing temporary judgeships to permanent status are evaluated from the same perspective as the assessment of requests for additional judgeships, using the same weighted caseload standard of 1,500 weighted filings per judgeship and the same additional factors. If a district with a temporary judgeship were to lose that judgeship, and the resulting per-judgeship weighted case filings in that district would meet or exceed 1,500 (and therefore qualify

[4] 28 U.S.C. § 152 (b) (2).
[5] The survey process is described at Appendix 4. The Judicial Conference Policy and the Workload Factors are detailed in Attachment 5.

the district for consideration for an additional judgeship during the next survey cycle), it is considered to be evidence of the need to convert the temporary judgeship to permanent status.

This is an analysis based upon both logic and conservation of public resources. It would cost the Federal Government considerable time and expense to permit an existing temporary judgeship to lapse, conduct a survey of the then over-burdened district, process a recommendation through the Bankruptcy Committee and the Judicial Conference, and enact authorizing legislation for a new judgeship in that district. Most of this expensive process can be eliminated, and time saved for both the judiciary and the Congress, by acknowledging the need in that district for a permanent judgeship.

A slightly different caseload standard is followed to evaluate a circuit's request to extend an existing temporary judgeship. For extensions, the weighted caseload standard is 1,000 weighted filings per judgeship. This standard stems from the analysis conducted pursuant to the Judicial Conference's separate statutory duty to report whether there is a continuing need for each bankruptcy judgeship throughout the country.[6] The continuing needs assessment guides the circuits' decisions whether to fill bankruptcy judgeship vacancies in their bankruptcy courts. In the continuing needs assessment, if a district's weighted filings per judgeship were to remain above 1,000 with one less judgeship in that district, a recommendation would be made that all of the judgeships in that district continue to be needed to manage the workload of the court. Since extensions of temporary judgeships are more analogous to continuing needs than to additional needs, the continuing needs standard is used. If a district with a temporary judgeship were to remain above 1,000 after the loss of the judgeship, then the Conference deems all of the judgeships in the district to be necessary, including the temporary. To avoid losing the necessary temporary

[6] 28 U.S.C. § 152 (b) (3).

judgeship, the Conference recommends extending the period of time during which the district is protected from losing a judgeship. The additional factors considered for extension requests are the same as for additional judgeship requests.

As Chair of the Bankruptcy Committee, I initiated the most recent judgeship survey in October 2008, asking all chief circuit judges to assess the bankruptcy judgeship needs within their circuits. The Bankruptcy Committee received circuit requests for 14 additional bankruptcy judgeships in 12 judicial districts. Additionally, the Bankruptcy Committee received requests to convert 22 temporary judgeships in 16 judicial districts to permanent status. By February 2009, the Committee had sufficient data to make recommendations on most of these requests, and the Judicial Conference adopted a recommendation, based on the courts' workloads, to authorize nine additional permanent judgeships in six judicial districts, convert 22 existing temporary judgeships to permanent status in 15 judicial districts, and extend one existing temporary judgeship for five years. That recommendation was transmitted to Congress with draft legislation on February 9, 2009. By June 2009, the Committee was able to gather sufficient data to act on the remaining requests, and the Judicial Conference adopted a recommendation, based on the courts' workloads, to authorize four more new permanent judgeships and recommend extension of one more existing temporary judgeship. This brings the total 2009 recommendation to 13 new additional permanent judgeships in 10 judicial districts, conversion of 22 existing temporary judgeships to permanent status in 15 judicial districts, and extension of two existing temporary judgeship for five years each.

The Judicial Conference's 2009 bankruptcy judgeship recommendation supersedes its 2007 recommendation.

CONCLUSION

We share a common interest in ensuring that the bankruptcy court system has adequate judicial resources to manage its caseloads in a just, economical, and timely manner. A near record level of cases is pending in our bankruptcy courts, and the case filings continue to increase. Many of the districts for which additional bankruptcy judgeships are sought have had overwhelming filings for years, pre-dating the BAPCPA authorization of additional resources. Although the judiciary has developed creative and innovative techniques to fully utilize its existing judgeships, the bankruptcy courts can no longer operate as effectively in some districts because of the heavy workload. Our judicial resources are strained, and the cost to society of an overburdened bankruptcy system, especially in this economic climate, is enormous.

I therefore urge you to provide for 13 additional permanent bankruptcy judgeships, conversion of 22 existing temporary judgeships, and extension of two existing temporary judgeships as recommended by the Judicial Conference. Thank you, once again, for your consideration of our recommendations and your support for the bankruptcy system. I look forward to our continuing joint efforts to improve the administration of bankruptcy system and believe that the enactment of the Judicial Conference's 2009 bankruptcy judgeship recommendations will be our most important first step.

I would be pleased to answer any questions.

2009 BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIP RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

BANKRUPTCY DISTRICT	TOTAL CURRENT BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIPS	LAPSE DATES OF TEMPORARY JUDGESHIP(S)	2009 JUDICIAL CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION TOTAL: 13 additional P 22 conversions from T to P 2 extensions
FIRST CIRCUIT			
New Hampshire	1P, 1T*	11/12/1998	convert 1T to P
SECOND CIRCUIT			
New York - Northern District	2P, 1T	2/16/2012	convert 1T to P
New York - Southern District	9P, 1T	11/30/2011	convert 1T to P
THIRD CIRCUIT			
Delaware	1P, 5T	1) 4/20/2010 2) 12/9/2010 3) 2/23/2011 4) 3/13/2011 5) 3/13/2011	convert 5T to P
New Jersey	8P, 1T	10/3/2011	convert 1T to P
Pennsylvania - Eastern District	5P, 1T	6/28/2011	extend 1T by five years
Pennsylvania - Middle District	2P, 1T	9/28/2011	convert 1T to P
FOURTH CIRCUIT			
Maryland	4P, 3T	1) 4/3/2011 2) 4/3/2011 3) 6/19/2011	convert 3T to P
North Carolina - Eastern District	2P, 1T	7/28/2011	convert 1T to P
North Carolina - Middle District	2P, 1T	11/23/1998	extend 1T by five years
North Carolina - Western District	2P		add 1P
Virginia - Eastern District	5P, 1T	9/11/2011	convert 1T to P
West Virginia - Southern District	1P		add 1P
FIFTH CIRCUIT			
Mississippi - Northern District	1P		add 1P
SIXTH CIRCUIT			
Michigan - Eastern District	4P, 1T	7/13/2011	add 3P
Tennessee - Eastern District	3P, 1T	4/20/2010	convert 1T to P
Tennessee - Western District	4P, 1T	7/1/2011	convert 1T to P
EIGHTH CIRCUIT			
Arkansas - Eastern & Western Districts	3P		add 1P
NINTH CIRCUIT			
California - Eastern District	6P, 1T	runs from date of appointment when filled	add 1P and convert 1T to P
Nevada	3P, 1T	9/1/2011	add 1P & convert 1T to P
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT			
Florida - Middle District	8P		add 1P
Florida - Northern District	1P		add 1P
Florida - Southern District	5P, 2T	1) 2/10/2011 2) 2/13/2011	convert 2T to P
Georgia - Northern District	8P		add 2P
Georgia - Southern District	2P, 1T	3/22/2011	convert 1T to P

* P=permanent judgeship, T=temporary judgeship

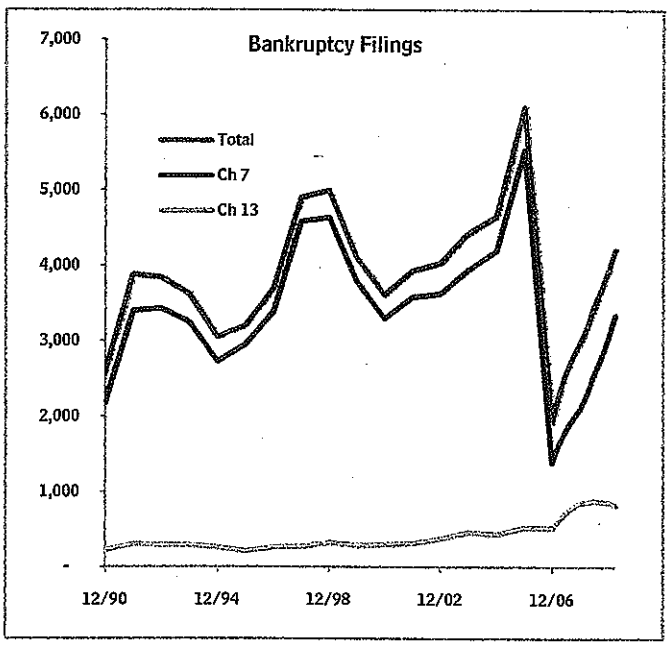
ATTACHMENT 2

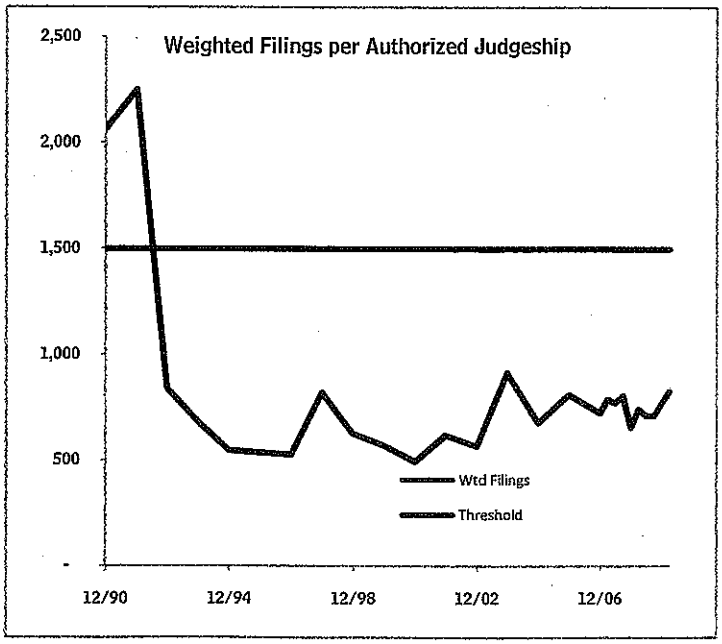
District of New Hampshire

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	1
Temporary:	1
Total Authorized:	2

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	-
Conversions:	1
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	2,568	490	2,078	2,175	165	227	2,062	1	2,062
12/31/1991	3,879	598	3,281	3,398	175	306	2,249	1	2,249
12/31/1992	3,840	164	3,676	3,430	114	294	1,679	2	839
12/31/1993	3,622	153	3,469	3,250	76	293	1,363	2	681
12/31/1994	3,054	111	2,943	2,725	65	263	1,096	2	548
12/31/1995	3,207	92	3,115	2,957	35	214	1,076	2	538
12/31/1996	3,692	92	3,600	3,387	42	262	1,053	2	527
12/31/1997	4,902	187	4,715	4,586	41	272	1,643	2	822
12/31/1998	4,994	417	4,577	4,639	29	326	1,256	2	628
12/31/1999	4,104	348	3,756	3,791	23	287	1,141	2	570
12/31/2000	3,615	302	3,313	3,295	17	303	989	2	495
12/31/2001	3,931	334	3,597	3,582	32	317	1,239	2	619
12/31/2002	4,034	212	3,822	3,627	26	381	1,136	2	568
12/31/2003	4,426	178	4,248	3,945	15	466	1,832	2	916
12/31/2004	4,651	158	4,493	4,195	17	439	1,360	2	680
12/31/2005	6,097	586	5,511	5,533	32	531	1,625	2	812
12/31/2006	1,925	218	1,707	1,390	12	521	1,451	2	726
3/31/2007	2,299	269	2,030	1,637	16	642	1,581	2	791
6/30/2007	2,579	306	2,273	1,825	18	732	1,543	2	771
9/30/2007	2,804	331	2,473	1,977	21	803	1,612	2	806
12/31/2007	2,983	327	2,656	2,100	20	860	1,312	2	656
3/31/2008	3,183	307	2,876	2,297	18	867	1,487	2	743
6/30/2008	3,458	318	3,140	2,555	19	883	1,426	2	713
9/30/2008	3,676	351	3,325	2,775	27	873	1,427	2	713
12/31/2008	3,931	393	3,538	3,030	38	863	1,540	2	770
3/31/2009	4,207	461	3,746	3,344	40	823	1,651	2	825



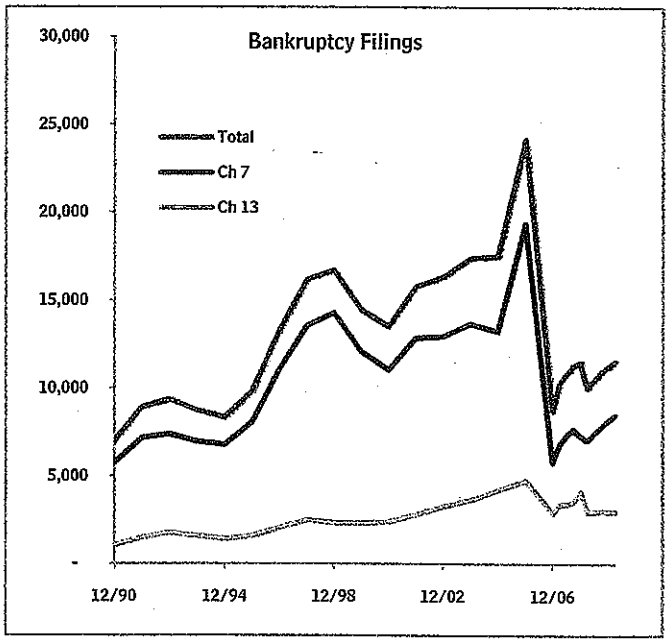


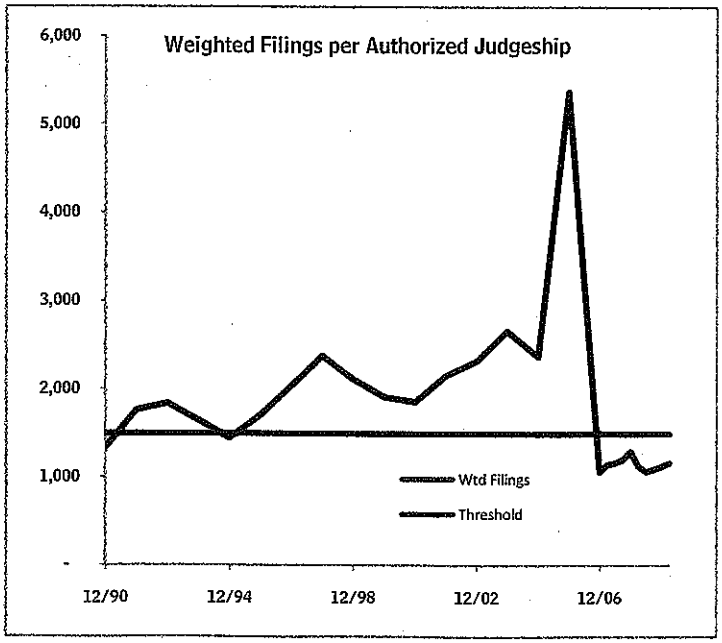
Northern District of New York

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	2
Temporary:	1
Total Authorized:	3

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	-
Conversions:	1
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	6,992	622	6,370	5,783	127	1,071	2,658	2	1,329
12/31/1991	8,889	792	8,097	7,170	192	1,504	3,527	2	1,764
12/31/1992	9,350	925	8,425	7,386	188	1,767	3,680	2	1,840
12/31/1993	8,729	823	7,906	6,968	136	1,595	3,294	2	1,647
12/31/1994	8,336	711	7,625	6,787	100	1,427	2,890	2	1,445
12/31/1995	9,779	696	9,083	8,059	105	1,593	3,416	2	1,708
12/31/1996	13,289	839	12,450	11,099	100	2,057	4,080	2	2,040
12/31/1997	16,173	777	15,396	13,559	88	2,502	4,758	2	2,379
12/31/1998	16,703	505	16,198	14,287	53	2,346	4,235	2	2,117
12/31/1999	14,466	394	14,072	12,084	47	2,320	3,834	2	1,917
12/31/2000	13,507	407	13,100	11,043	56	2,395	3,717	2	1,858
12/31/2001	15,760	425	15,335	12,865	72	2,815	4,305	2	2,153
12/31/2002	16,310	346	15,964	12,952	75	3,272	4,642	2	2,321
12/31/2003	17,403	333	17,070	13,676	68	3,642	5,326	2	2,663
12/31/2004	17,505	285	17,220	13,242	45	4,216	4,737	2	2,368
12/31/2005	24,155	321	23,834	19,354	45	4,748	16,113	3	5,371
12/31/2006	8,711	214	8,497	5,781	35	2,885	3,198	3	1,066
3/31/2007	10,265	251	10,014	6,815	39	3,399	3,451	3	1,150
6/30/2007	10,808	270	10,538	7,333	42	3,421	3,503	3	1,168
9/30/2007	11,262	270	10,992	7,658	38	3,551	3,620	3	1,207
12/31/2007	11,490	297	11,193	7,290	42	4,134	3,887	3	1,296
3/31/2008	10,043	235	9,808	7,041	32	2,962	3,413	3	1,138
6/30/2008	10,450	230	10,220	7,429	31	2,980	3,213	3	1,071
9/30/2008	10,911	248	10,663	7,839	40	3,023	3,287	3	1,096
12/31/2008	11,235	263	10,972	8,187	43	2,995	3,378	3	1,126
3/31/2009	11,526	288	11,238	8,481	50	2,977	3,501	3	1,167



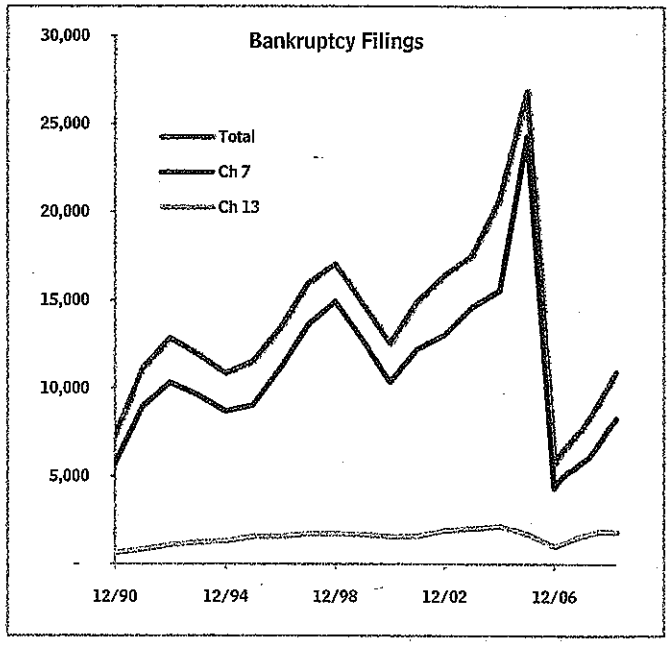


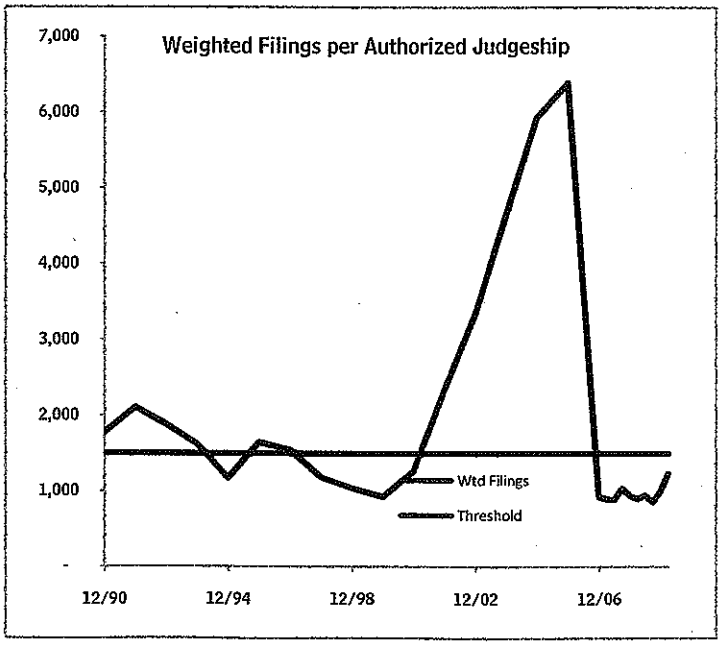
Southern District of New York

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	9
Temporary:	1
Total Authorized:	10

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	-
Conversions:	1
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	7,312	1,132	6,180	5,705	945	656	12,416	7	1,774
12/31/1991	11,096	1,528	9,568	8,943	1,299	844	14,735	7	2,105
12/31/1992	12,851	1,682	11,169	10,304	1,431	1,096	16,920	9	1,880
12/31/1993	11,932	1,227	10,705	9,619	1,068	1,237	14,580	9	1,620
12/31/1994	10,851	1,025	9,826	8,686	839	1,315	10,548	9	1,172
12/31/1995	11,519	1,150	10,369	9,027	910	1,568	14,797	9	1,644
12/31/1996	13,452	950	12,502	11,163	695	1,574	13,872	9	1,541
12/31/1997	15,972	846	15,126	13,604	621	1,740	10,677	9	1,186
12/31/1998	17,047	586	16,461	14,918	385	1,727	9,411	9	1,046
12/31/1999	14,798	565	14,233	12,727	380	1,683	8,354	9	928
12/31/2000	12,524	788	11,736	10,339	613	1,563	11,422	9	1,269
12/31/2001	14,904	1,236	13,668	12,228	1,042	1,609	21,028	9	2,336
12/31/2002	16,409	1,598	14,811	13,033	1,424	1,918	30,117	9	3,346
12/31/2003	17,552	1,059	16,493	14,611	867	2,031	41,817	9	4,646
12/31/2004	20,739	3,195	17,544	15,552	2,911	2,166	53,418	9	5,935
12/31/2005	26,868	1,025	25,843	24,310	790	1,722	63,889	10	6,389
12/31/2006	5,737	566	5,171	4,321	370	993	9,290	10	929
3/31/2007	6,312	422	5,890	4,878	237	1,159	8,991	10	899
6/30/2007	6,805	407	6,398	5,246	215	1,308	8,910	10	891
9/30/2007	7,251	475	6,776	5,461	265	1,492	10,343	10	1,034
12/31/2007	7,672	467	7,205	5,786	242	1,612	9,472	10	947
3/31/2008	8,231	673	7,558	6,048	441	1,712	8,985	10	898
6/30/2008	8,836	698	8,138	6,541	457	1,812	9,510	10	951
9/30/2008	9,537	741	8,796	7,163	496	1,869	8,619	10	862
12/31/2008	10,230	871	9,359	7,769	604	1,840	10,003	10	1,000
3/31/2009	10,941	1,148	9,793	8,276	823	1,820	12,354	10	1,235



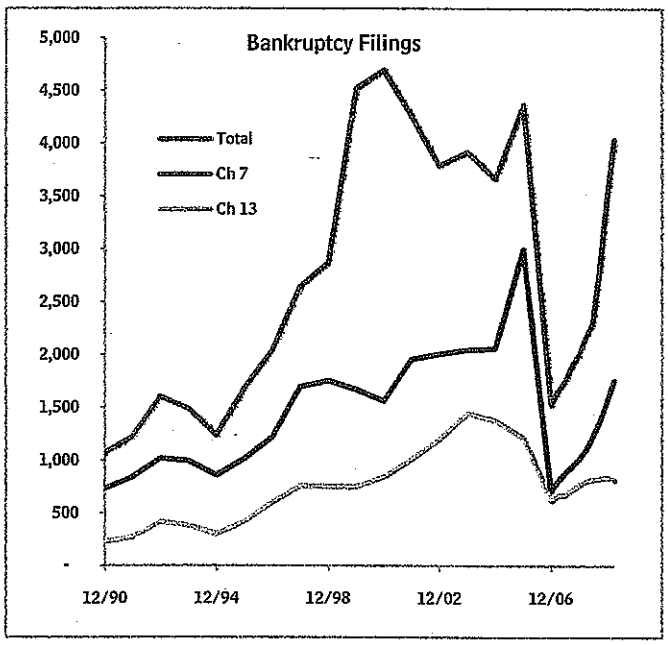


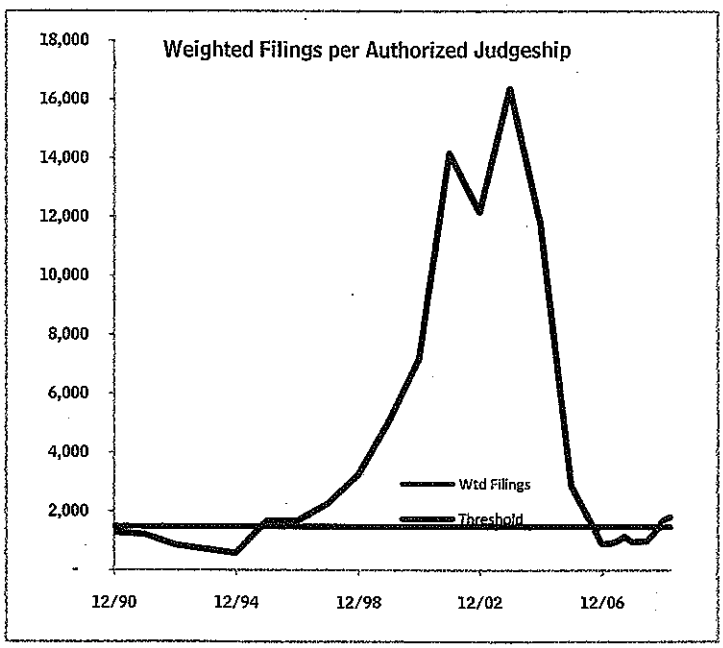
District of Delaware

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	1
Temporary:	5
Total Authorized:	6

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	-
Conversions:	5
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	1,068	114	954	734	104	230	1,303	1	1,303
12/31/1991	1,218	126	1,092	840	106	272	1,224	1	1,224
12/31/1992	1,606	243	1,363	1,016	173	417	1,739	2	870
12/31/1993	1,492	163	1,329	997	113	380	1,457	2	728
12/31/1994	1,235	120	1,115	859	75	301	1,178	2	589
12/31/1995	1,679	277	1,402	1,013	246	420	3,361	2	1,681
12/31/1996	2,044	239	1,805	1,219	217	605	3,368	2	1,684
12/31/1997	2,646	214	2,432	1,697	189	759	4,544	2	2,272
12/31/1998	2,871	372	2,499	1,756	362	753	6,517	2	3,259
12/31/1999	4,526	2,115	2,411	1,671	2,103	752	10,146	2	5,073
12/31/2000	4,695	2,320	2,375	1,562	2,291	842	14,386	2	7,193
12/31/2001	4,259	1,374	2,885	1,958	1,289	1,012	28,347	2	14,174
12/31/2002	3,789	649	3,140	2,006	561	1,201	24,341	2	12,171
12/31/2003	3,918	505	3,413	2,046	423	1,445	32,725	2	16,363
12/31/2004	3,668	276	3,392	2,059	233	1,376	23,577	2	11,789
12/31/2005	4,368	218	4,150	2,997	158	1,211	17,266	6	2,878
12/31/2006	1,528	244	1,284	706	203	619	5,527	6	921
3/31/2007	1,653	219	1,434	804	178	671	5,535	6	922
6/30/2007	1,750	243	1,507	881	198	671	5,970	6	995
9/30/2007	1,897	288	1,609	947	220	727	6,948	6	1,158
12/31/2007	2,002	306	1,696	1,012	223	763	5,925	6	988
3/31/2008	2,172	351	1,821	1,102	257	809	5,988	6	998
6/30/2008	2,303	361	1,942	1,228	251	820	6,075	6	1,012
9/30/2008	2,827	729	2,098	1,379	603	830	7,788	6	1,298
12/31/2008	3,482	1,198	2,284	1,559	1,068	839	10,258	6	1,710
3/31/2009	4,040	1,604	2,436	1,754	1,452	813	10,950	6	1,825



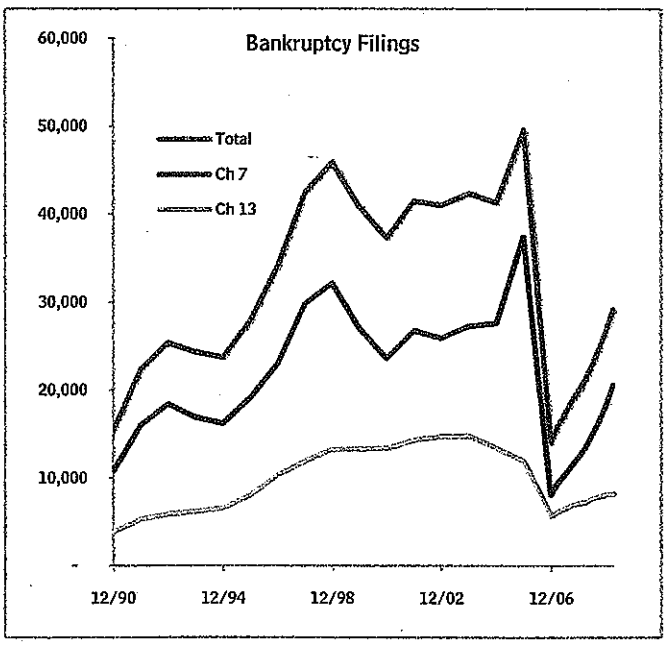


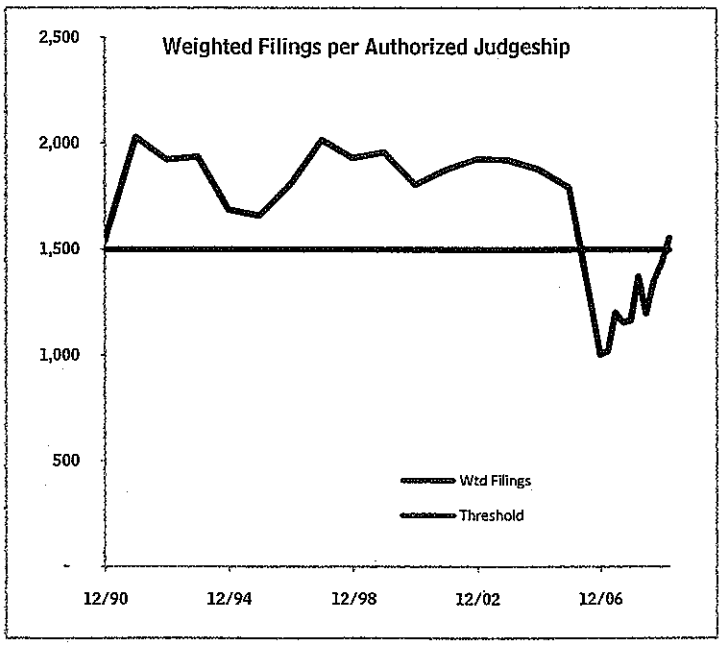
District of New Jersey

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	8
Temporary:	1
Total Authorized:	9

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	-
Conversions:	1
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	15,405	1,128	14,277	10,785	747	3,869	10,771	7	1,539
12/31/1991	22,338	1,303	21,035	16,046	958	5,330	14,213	7	2,030
12/31/1992	25,343	1,561	23,782	18,423	1,010	5,907	15,390	8	1,924
12/31/1993	24,295	1,870	22,425	16,920	1,195	6,178	15,494	8	1,937
12/31/1994	23,688	1,354	22,334	16,216	889	6,580	13,480	8	1,685
12/31/1995	27,788	1,195	26,593	19,130	588	8,067	13,265	8	1,658
12/31/1996	34,091	1,068	33,023	23,016	683	10,389	14,467	8	1,808
12/31/1997	42,434	1,112	41,322	29,826	635	11,969	16,132	8	2,016
12/31/1998	45,880	876	45,004	32,137	455	13,283	15,451	8	1,931
12/31/1999	40,814	877	39,937	27,005	479	13,328	15,660	8	1,958
12/31/2000	37,305	660	36,645	23,599	326	13,377	14,429	8	1,804
12/31/2001	41,484	730	40,754	26,766	384	14,333	15,005	8	1,876
12/31/2002	40,999	689	40,310	25,922	349	14,726	15,408	8	1,926
12/31/2003	42,377	734	41,643	27,256	354	14,764	15,372	8	1,921
12/31/2004	41,280	684	40,596	27,598	312	13,370	15,017	8	1,877
12/31/2005	49,597	765	48,832	37,443	251	11,903	16,111	9	1,790
12/31/2006	14,041	493	13,548	8,130	204	5,704	9,026	9	1,003
3/31/2007	15,893	560	15,333	9,465	221	6,205	9,178	9	1,020
6/30/2007	17,275	705	16,570	10,357	358	6,558	10,810	9	1,201
9/30/2007	18,702	802	17,900	11,388	387	6,924	10,395	9	1,155
12/31/2007	19,948	864	19,084	12,402	385	7,160	10,492	9	1,166
3/31/2008	21,191	947	20,244	13,477	412	7,301	12,345	9	1,372
6/30/2008	22,911	925	21,986	14,925	303	7,682	10,777	9	1,197
9/30/2008	24,764	993	23,771	16,523	334	7,907	12,175	9	1,353
12/31/2008	26,833	1,067	25,766	18,327	335	8,170	12,921	9	1,436
3/31/2009	29,181	1,217	27,964	20,590	369	8,206	13,981	9	1,553



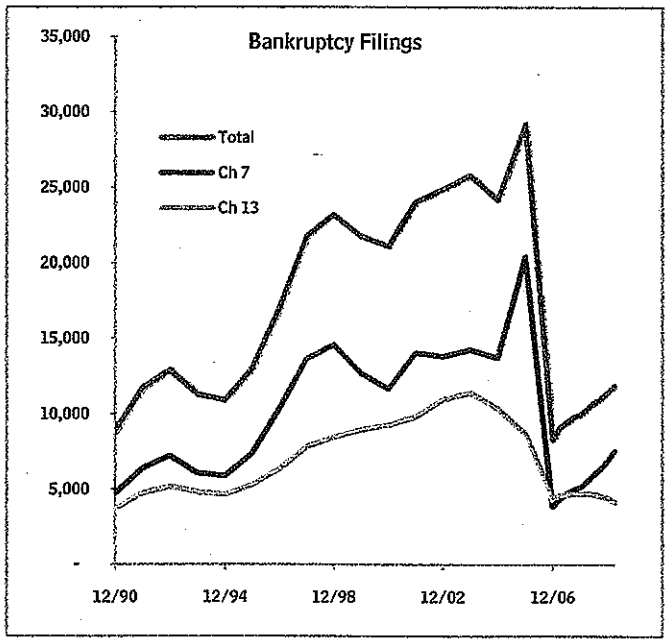


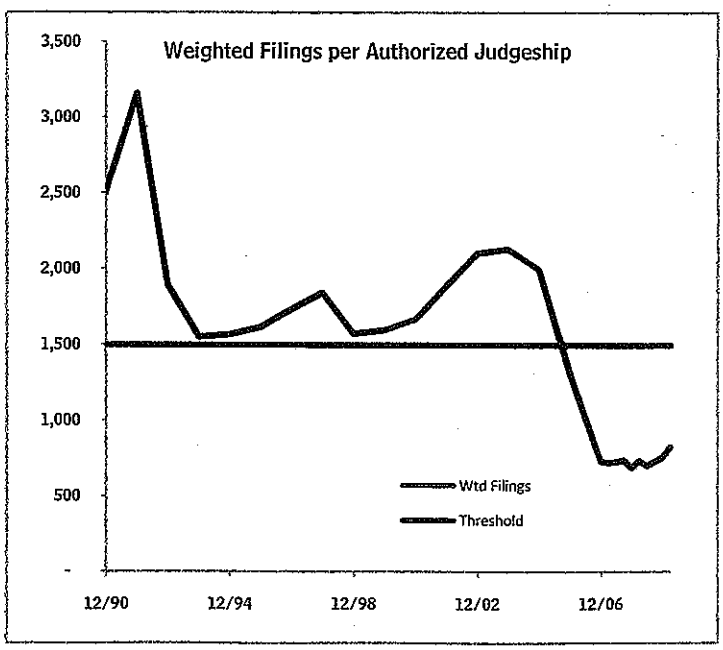
Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	5
Temporary:	1
Total Authorized:	6

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	-
Conversions:	-
Extensions:	1

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	8,821	663	8,158	4,712	403	3,705	7,528	3	2,509
12/31/1991	11,716	939	10,777	6,394	580	4,740	9,481	3	3,160
12/31/1992	12,877	1,128	11,749	7,216	493	5,167	9,477	5	1,895
12/31/1993	11,286	976	10,310	6,079	399	4,804	7,761	5	1,552
12/31/1994	10,894	849	10,045	5,883	376	4,632	7,840	5	1,568
12/31/1995	12,990	596	12,394	7,371	307	5,309	8,088	5	1,618
12/31/1996	17,020	605	16,415	10,348	288	6,376	8,686	5	1,737
12/31/1997	21,773	561	21,212	13,661	277	7,822	9,221	5	1,844
12/31/1998	23,187	392	22,795	14,576	149	8,457	7,866	5	1,573
12/31/1999	21,752	328	21,424	12,682	132	8,934	7,990	5	1,598
12/31/2000	21,099	328	20,771	11,649	180	9,269	8,353	5	1,671
12/31/2001	24,014	319	23,695	14,040	144	9,828	9,450	5	1,890
12/31/2002	24,887	318	24,569	13,805	114	10,966	10,532	5	2,106
12/31/2003	25,800	350	25,450	14,251	144	11,400	10,671	5	2,134
12/31/2004	24,191	396	23,795	13,710	161	10,319	9,993	5	1,999
12/31/2005	29,207	413	28,794	20,418	111	8,675	7,894	6	1,316
12/31/2006	8,325	209	8,116	3,891	48	4,386	4,391	6	732
3/31/2007	9,067	240	8,827	4,377	60	4,630	4,351	6	725
6/30/2007	9,485	256	9,229	4,737	68	4,680	4,376	6	729
9/30/2007	9,778	274	9,504	4,992	66	4,720	4,451	6	742
12/31/2007	9,970	297	9,673	5,165	77	4,728	4,136	6	689
3/31/2008	10,346	315	10,031	5,519	77	4,750	4,409	6	735
6/30/2008	10,761	337	10,424	5,978	80	4,702	4,225	6	704
9/30/2008	11,023	372	10,651	6,385	95	4,542	4,384	6	731
12/31/2008	11,432	407	11,025	6,905	106	4,420	4,555	6	759
3/31/2009	11,849	457	11,392	7,550	125	4,173	4,965	6	827



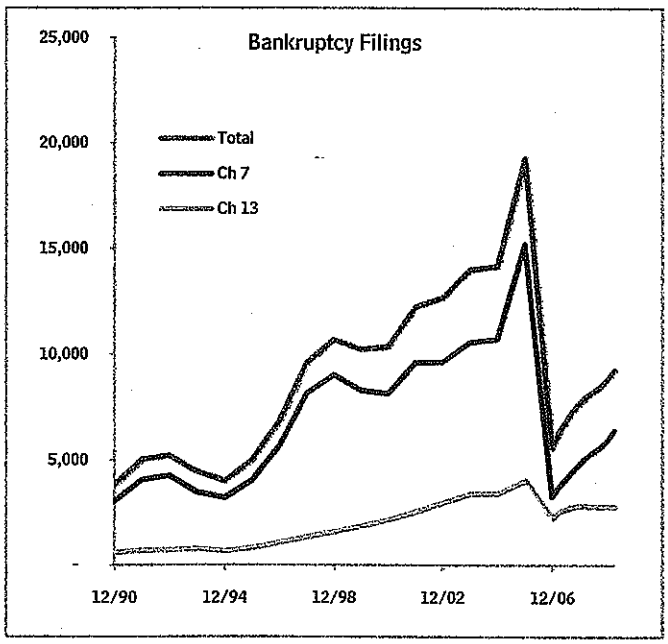


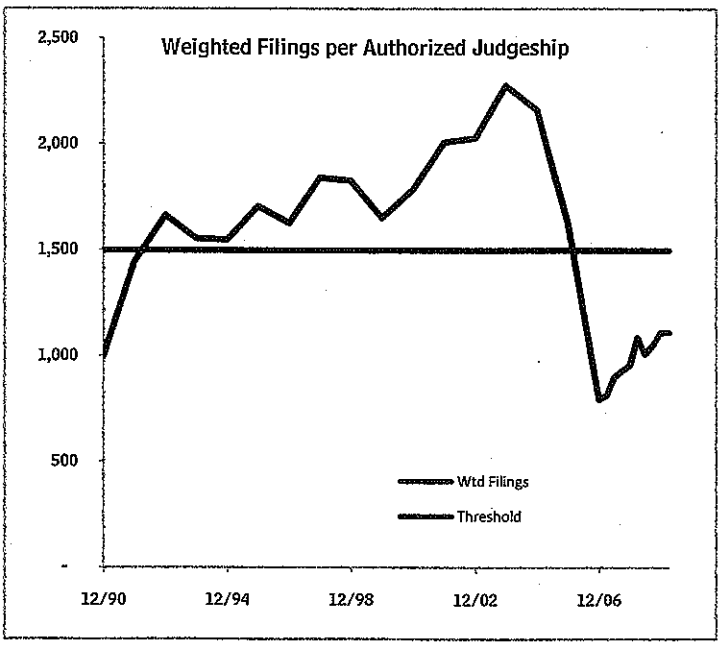
Middle District of Pennsylvania

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	2
Temporary:	1
Total Authorized:	3

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	-
Conversions:	1
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	3,801	526	3,275	3,041	159	597	1,995	2	997
12/31/1991	5,012	807	4,205	4,069	237	701	2,894	2	1,447
12/31/1992	5,196	746	4,450	4,245	214	731	3,327	2	1,663
12/31/1993	4,436	741	3,695	3,465	186	774	3,108	2	1,554
12/31/1994	3,985	578	3,407	3,198	119	661	3,096	2	1,548
12/31/1995	4,973	661	4,312	4,038	109	817	3,414	2	1,707
12/31/1996	6,833	758	6,075	5,658	88	1,083	3,254	2	1,627
12/31/1997	9,593	852	8,741	8,141	96	1,349	3,682	2	1,841
12/31/1998	10,693	837	9,856	9,025	63	1,600	3,657	2	1,828
12/31/1999	10,212	706	9,506	8,285	59	1,866	3,303	2	1,652
12/31/2000	10,370	745	9,625	8,132	66	2,168	3,576	2	1,788
12/31/2001	12,232	811	11,421	9,604	79	2,549	4,017	2	2,009
12/31/2002	12,675	461	12,214	9,636	61	2,978	4,056	2	2,028
12/31/2003	14,003	280	13,723	10,559	57	3,385	4,553	2	2,276
12/31/2004	14,179	298	13,881	10,721	52	3,406	4,323	2	2,162
12/31/2005	19,309	381	18,928	15,210	58	4,039	4,885	3	1,628
12/31/2006	5,558	192	5,366	3,271	31	2,247	2,391	3	797
3/31/2007	6,349	196	6,153	3,742	28	2,573	2,444	3	815
6/30/2007	6,849	192	6,657	4,117	34	2,691	2,706	3	902
9/30/2007	7,332	197	7,135	4,506	27	2,791	2,797	3	932
12/31/2007	7,713	211	7,502	4,831	32	2,843	2,875	3	958
3/31/2008	8,007	230	7,777	5,149	41	2,810	3,265	3	1,088
6/30/2008	8,262	237	8,025	5,398	44	2,817	3,031	3	1,010
9/30/2008	8,480	259	8,221	5,624	55	2,799	3,162	3	1,054
12/31/2008	8,839	264	8,575	5,964	59	2,814	3,338	3	1,113
3/31/2009	9,245	267	8,978	6,409	53	2,781	3,338	3	1,113



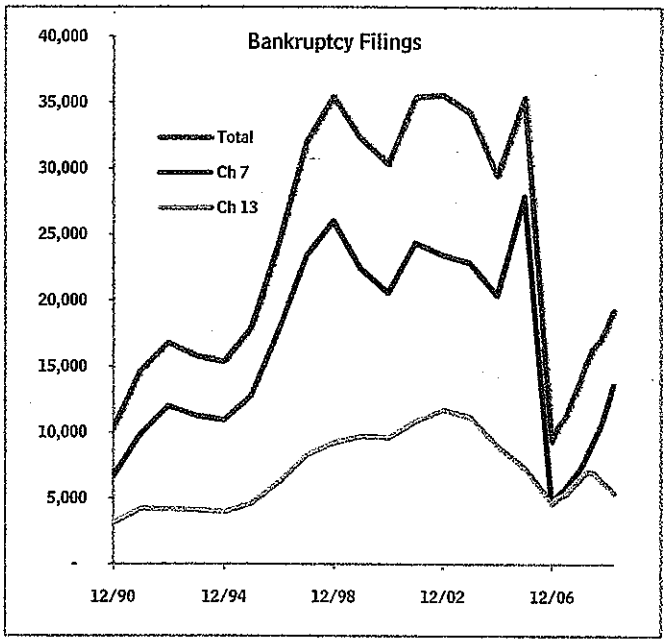


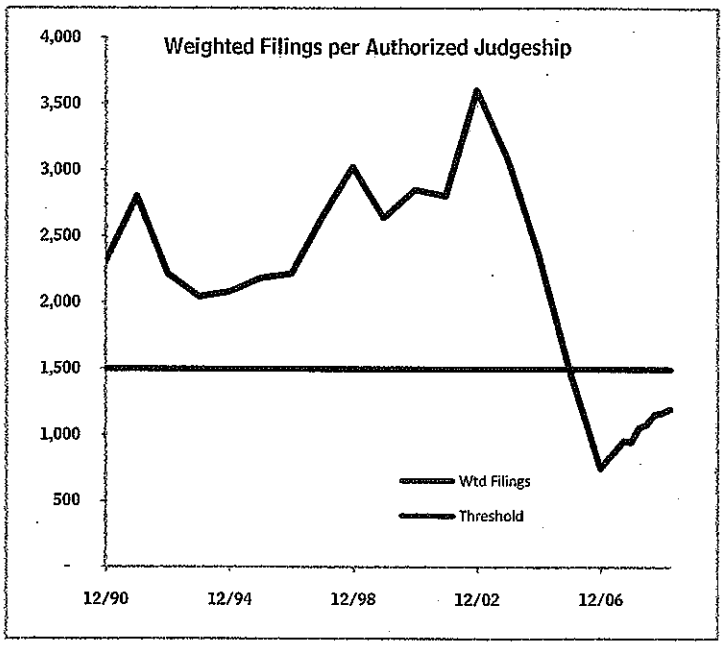
District of Maryland

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	4
Temporary:	3
Total Authorized:	7

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	-
Conversions:	3
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	10,311	1,356	8,955	6,672	460	3,174	6,927	3	2,309
12/31/1991	14,707	1,633	13,074	9,882	593	4,228	8,407	3	2,802
12/31/1992	16,790	1,642	15,148	12,019	576	4,188	8,851	4	2,213
12/31/1993	15,790	1,575	14,215	11,254	405	4,130	8,175	4	2,044
12/31/1994	15,343	1,243	14,100	10,938	417	3,985	8,320	4	2,080
12/31/1995	17,925	1,493	16,432	12,790	479	4,651	8,732	4	2,183
12/31/1996	24,347	1,469	22,878	17,738	353	6,252	8,863	4	2,216
12/31/1997	31,991	1,678	30,313	23,403	292	8,292	10,558	4	2,639
12/31/1998	35,430	1,231	34,199	26,011	209	9,208	12,098	4	3,024
12/31/1999	32,273	795	31,478	22,403	159	9,709	10,548	4	2,637
12/31/2000	30,335	677	29,658	20,572	166	9,597	11,406	4	2,851
12/31/2001	35,388	758	34,630	24,356	174	10,858	11,216	4	2,804
12/31/2002	35,573	873	34,700	23,447	412	11,711	14,417	4	3,604
12/31/2003	34,231	523	33,708	22,853	194	11,182	12,334	4	3,083
12/31/2004	29,467	417	29,050	20,384	112	8,971	9,464	4	2,366
12/31/2005	35,345	760	34,585	27,895	131	7,319	10,403	7	1,486
12/31/2006	9,349	333	9,016	4,663	95	4,591	5,257	7	751
3/31/2007	10,503	414	10,089	5,309	122	5,071	5,754	7	822
6/30/2007	11,222	406	10,816	5,791	134	5,296	6,210	7	887
9/30/2007	12,509	389	12,120	6,448	135	5,925	6,696	7	957
12/31/2007	13,733	380	13,353	7,119	150	6,463	6,640	7	949
3/31/2008	15,217	344	14,873	8,073	139	7,004	7,401	7	1,057
6/30/2008	16,339	405	15,934	9,191	162	6,985	7,564	7	1,081
9/30/2008	16,926	525	16,401	10,302	228	6,395	8,096	7	1,157
12/31/2008	18,005	628	17,377	11,834	226	5,944	8,195	7	1,171
3/31/2009	19,261	733	18,528	13,593	250	5,418	8,389	7	1,198



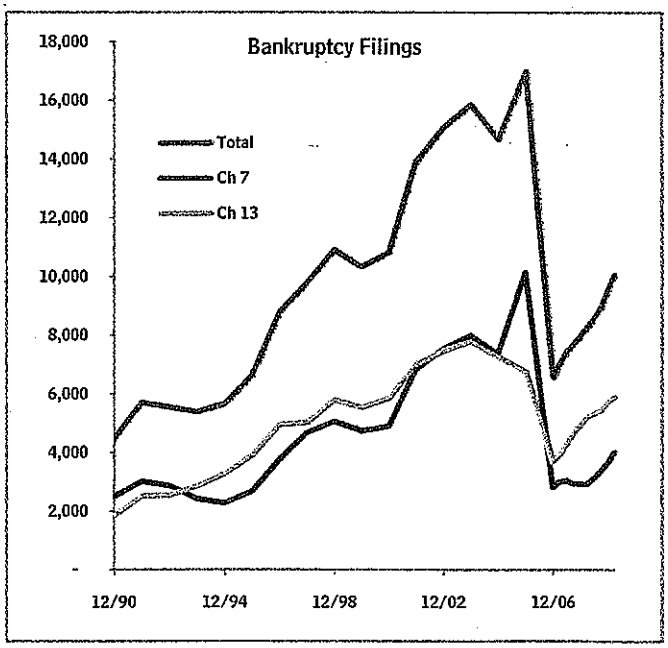


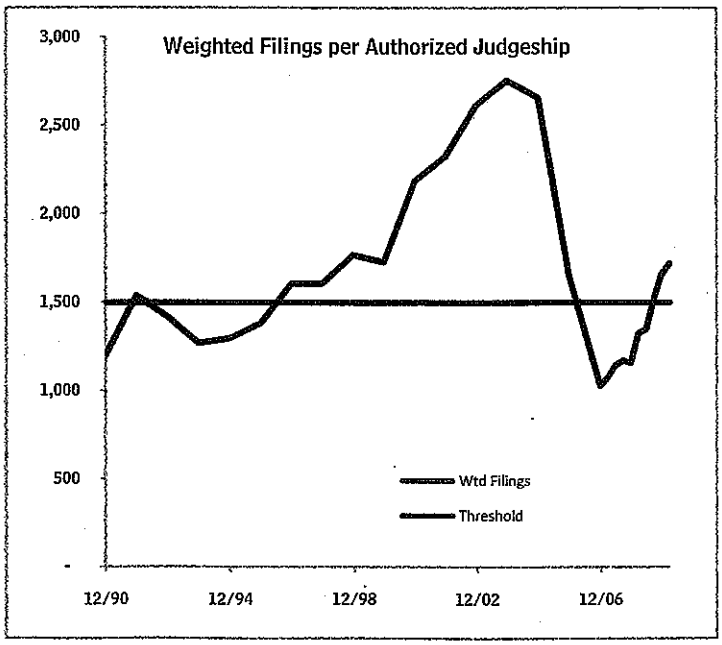
Eastern District of North Carolina

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	2
Temporary:	1
Total Authorized:	3

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	-
Conversions:	1
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	4,480	560	3,920	2,502	111	1,842	2,390	2	1,195
12/31/1991	5,710	656	5,054	3,027	139	2,528	3,075	2	1,538
12/31/1992	5,557	585	4,972	2,881	109	2,540	2,836	2	1,418
12/31/1993	5,391	521	4,870	2,434	83	2,854	2,538	2	1,269
12/31/1994	5,652	474	5,178	2,284	74	3,277	2,594	2	1,297
12/31/1995	6,637	457	6,180	2,678	50	3,900	2,762	2	1,381
12/31/1996	8,801	446	8,355	3,775	58	4,958	3,214	2	1,607
12/31/1997	9,788	426	9,362	4,692	57	5,029	3,213	2	1,606
12/31/1998	10,914	321	10,593	5,064	34	5,803	3,536	2	1,768
12/31/1999	10,325	263	10,062	4,744	31	5,539	3,455	2	1,728
12/31/2000	10,832	257	10,575	4,912	60	5,857	4,373	2	2,187
12/31/2001	13,917	231	13,686	6,835	55	7,019	4,651	2	2,326
12/31/2002	15,072	225	14,847	7,543	62	7,459	5,234	2	2,617
12/31/2003	15,875	209	15,666	8,000	73	7,781	5,512	2	2,756
12/31/2004	14,707	163	14,544	7,378	64	7,261	5,318	2	2,659
12/31/2005	16,994	220	16,774	10,165	39	6,786	4,960	3	1,653
12/31/2006	6,601	136	6,465	2,839	42	3,716	3,083	3	1,028
3/31/2007	7,048	142	6,906	3,033	47	3,966	3,222	3	1,074
6/30/2007	7,451	149	7,302	3,071	47	4,331	3,428	3	1,143
9/30/2007	7,703	182	7,521	2,974	52	4,674	3,512	3	1,171
12/31/2007	7,992	223	7,769	2,954	60	4,975	3,468	3	1,156
3/31/2008	8,284	247	8,037	2,952	77	5,252	3,972	3	1,324
6/30/2008	8,593	291	8,302	3,143	94	5,353	4,049	3	1,350
9/30/2008	8,956	334	8,622	3,374	117	5,458	4,560	3	1,520
12/31/2008	9,572	366	9,206	3,662	133	5,769	4,970	3	1,657
3/31/2009	10,062	416	9,646	4,023	131	5,899	5,158	3	1,719



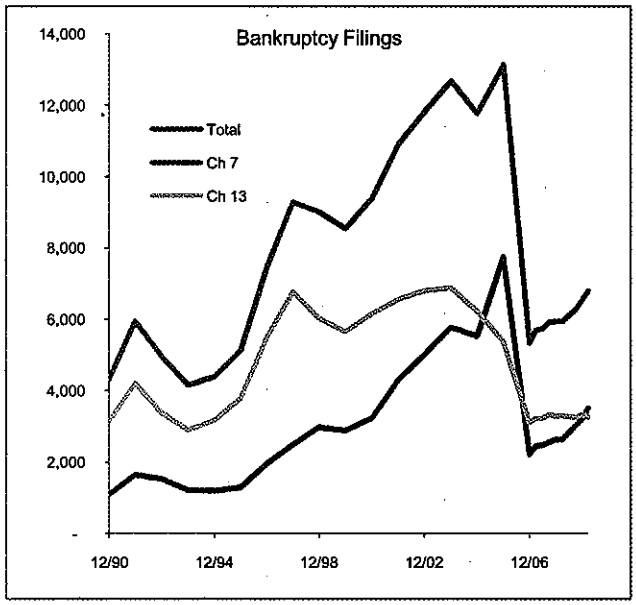


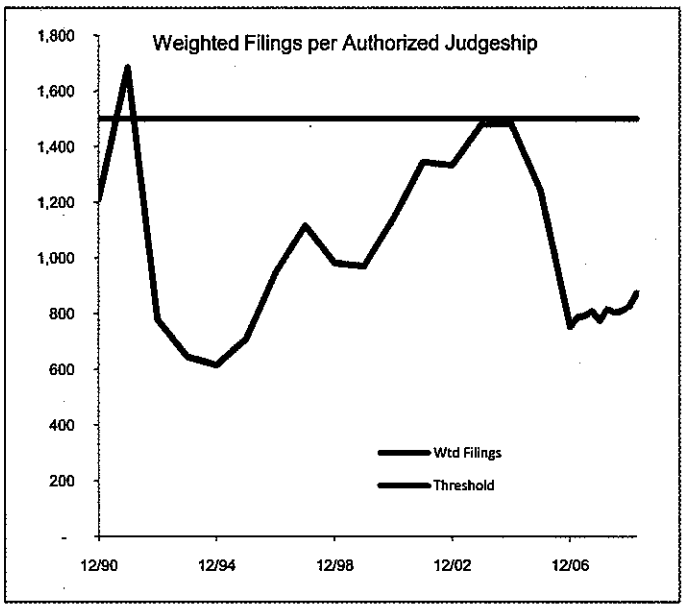
Middle District of North Carolina

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	2
Temporary:	1
Total Authorized:	3

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	-
Conversions:	-
Extensions:	1

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	4,327	460	3,867	1,091	94	3,138	2,424	2	1,212
12/31/1991	5,942	525	5,417	1,644	86	4,210	3,369	2	1,684
12/31/1992	4,960	415	4,545	1,529	58	3,371	2,339	3	780
12/31/1993	4,157	325	3,832	1,210	52	2,894	1,938	3	646
12/31/1994	4,388	222	4,166	1,191	34	3,163	1,845	3	615
12/31/1995	5,109	184	4,925	1,287	37	3,783	2,127	3	709
12/31/1996	7,459	167	7,292	1,952	25	5,480	2,845	3	948
12/31/1997	9,289	212	9,077	2,483	37	6,766	3,347	3	1,116
12/31/1998	9,014	144	8,870	2,968	18	6,028	2,948	3	983
12/31/1999	8,543	113	8,430	2,876	17	5,649	2,911	3	970
12/31/2000	9,398	115	9,283	3,228	14	6,154	3,425	3	1,142
12/31/2001	10,908	257	10,651	4,300	56	6,552	4,035	3	1,345
12/31/2002	11,822	247	11,575	4,997	24	6,801	4,002	3	1,334
12/31/2003	12,681	182	12,499	5,770	25	6,886	4,441	3	1,480
12/31/2004	11,775	236	11,539	5,517	37	6,221	4,448	3	1,483
12/31/2005	13,140	309	12,831	7,745	15	5,380	3,732	3	1,244
12/31/2006	5,335	155	5,180	2,218	20	3,094	2,259	3	753
3/31/2007	5,688	179	5,509	2,446	27	3,214	2,366	3	789
6/30/2007	5,732	175	5,557	2,473	27	3,228	2,377	3	792
9/30/2007	5,907	182	5,725	2,554	25	3,325	2,425	3	808
12/31/2007	5,940	187	5,753	2,631	22	3,282	2,326	3	775
3/31/2008	5,940	196	5,744	2,631	13	3,291	2,451	3	817
6/30/2008	6,101	237	5,864	2,804	19	3,276	2,413	3	804
9/30/2008	6,264	280	5,984	2,995	22	3,245	2,430	3	810
12/31/2008	6,521	306	6,215	3,175	19	3,321	2,483	3	828
3/31/2009	6,801	361	6,440	3,507	27	3,260	2,625	3	875



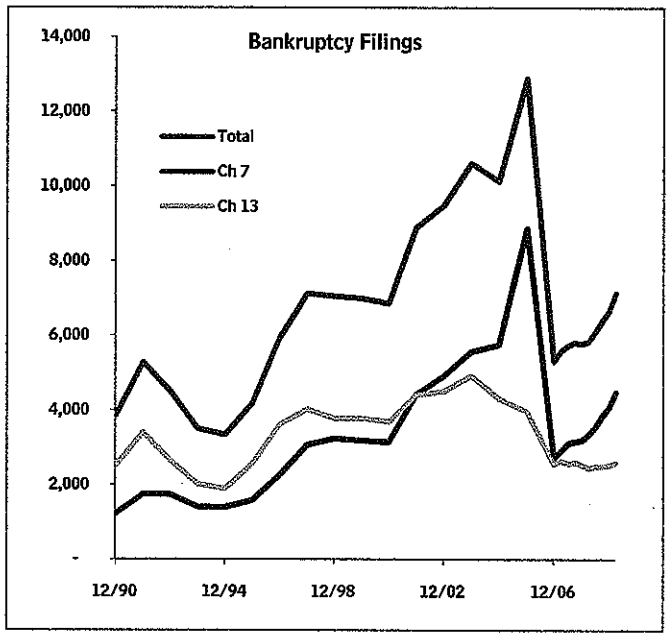


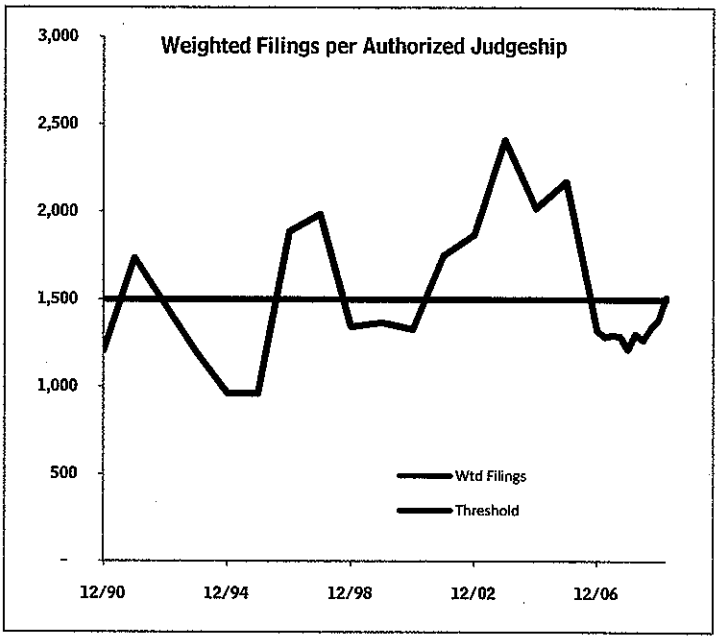
Western District of North Carolina

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	2
Temporary:	-
Total Authorized:	2

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	1
Conversions:	-
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	3,852	260	3,592	1,229	107	2,513	2,411	2	1,205
12/31/1991	5,285	209	5,076	1,752	126	3,403	3,471	2	1,736
12/31/1992	4,501	179	4,322	1,740	100	2,651	2,928	2	1,464
12/31/1993	3,500	100	3,400	1,409	67	2,020	2,391	2	1,196
12/31/1994	3,338	86	3,252	1,400	43	1,893	1,928	2	964
12/31/1995	4,188	85	4,103	1,586	39	2,563	1,917	2	959
12/31/1996	5,936	90	5,846	2,267	51	3,615	3,775	2	1,888
12/31/1997	7,126	82	7,044	3,072	29	4,023	3,971	2	1,986
12/31/1998	7,056	69	6,987	3,246	33	3,775	2,685	2	1,343
12/31/1999	6,996	66	6,930	3,189	21	3,784	2,732	2	1,366
12/31/2000	6,861	73	6,788	3,148	23	3,687	2,653	2	1,327
12/31/2001	8,887	125	8,762	4,427	51	4,407	3,499	2	1,749
12/31/2002	9,488	104	9,384	4,926	58	4,504	3,736	2	1,868
12/31/2003	10,609	137	10,472	5,571	112	4,922	4,819	2	2,410
12/31/2004	10,122	87	10,035	5,757	50	4,314	4,036	2	2,018
12/31/2005	12,880	83	12,797	8,871	36	3,972	4,343	2	2,172
12/31/2006	5,305	112	5,193	2,724	35	2,545	2,639	2	1,320
3/31/2007	5,573	128	5,445	2,903	33	2,636	2,571	2	1,285
6/30/2007	5,720	149	5,571	3,104	40	2,575	2,587	2	1,294
9/30/2007	5,810	166	5,644	3,162	47	2,601	2,576	2	1,288
12/31/2007	5,778	187	5,591	3,188	48	2,542	2,427	2	1,213
3/31/2008	5,834	197	5,637	3,336	48	2,450	2,603	2	1,301
6/30/2008	6,088	210	5,878	3,546	49	2,493	2,532	2	1,266
9/30/2008	6,386	247	6,139	3,841	52	2,491	2,677	2	1,339
12/31/2008	6,662	259	6,403	4,093	46	2,520	2,771	2	1,385
3/31/2009	7,140	285	6,855	4,484	53	2,599	3,024	2	1,512



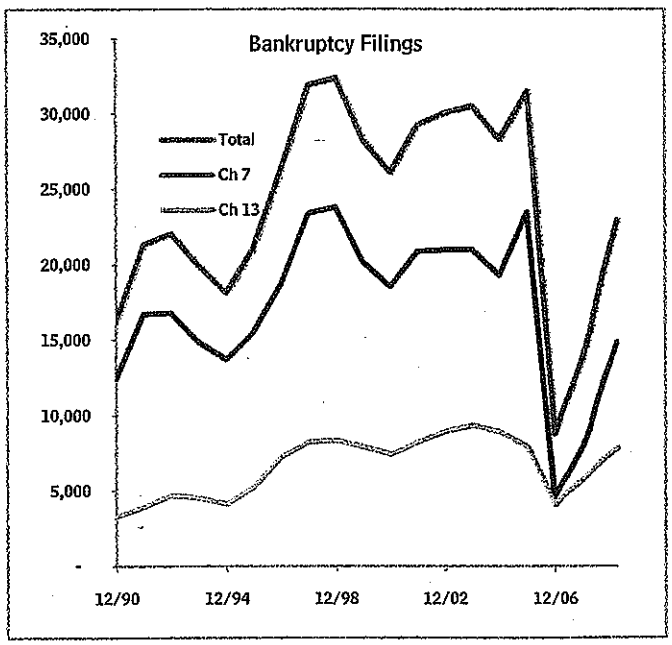


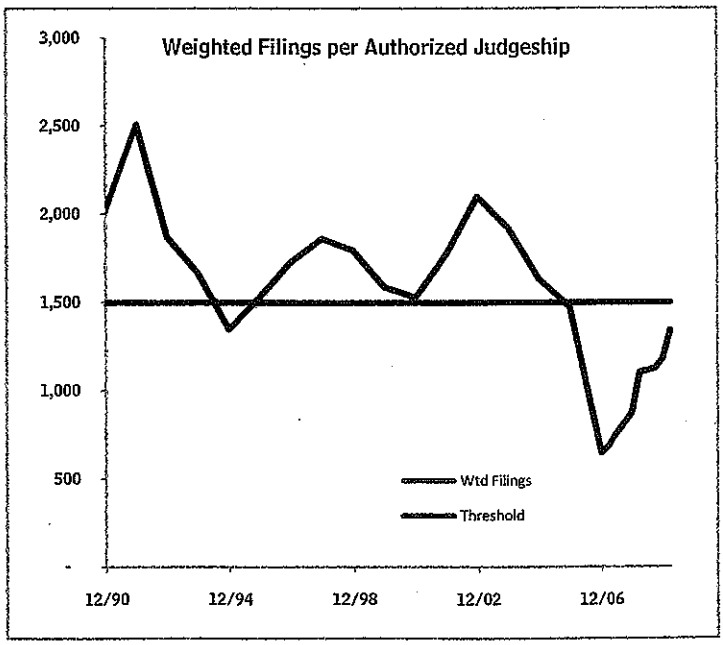
Eastern District of Virginia

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	5
Temporary:	1
Total Authorized:	6

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	-
Conversions:	1
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	16,219	2,332	13,887	12,434	487	3,296	8,089	4	2,022
12/31/1991	21,319	2,508	18,811	16,722	632	3,957	10,034	4	2,509
12/31/1992	22,062	1,442	20,620	16,787	536	4,732	9,352	5	1,870
12/31/1993	19,936	1,322	18,614	14,877	507	4,548	8,318	5	1,664
12/31/1994	18,130	818	17,312	13,698	281	4,143	6,735	5	1,347
12/31/1995	21,120	792	20,328	15,510	316	5,287	7,655	5	1,531
12/31/1996	26,306	785	25,521	18,736	291	7,271	8,651	5	1,730
12/31/1997	31,921	767	31,154	23,417	235	8,266	9,306	5	1,861
12/31/1998	32,398	545	31,853	23,824	204	8,367	8,969	5	1,794
12/31/1999	28,262	369	27,893	20,181	148	7,922	7,929	5	1,586
12/31/2000	26,131	296	25,835	18,543	148	7,433	7,633	5	1,527
12/31/2001	29,271	311	28,960	20,866	174	8,231	8,860	5	1,772
12/31/2002	30,092	399	29,693	20,993	164	8,934	10,501	5	2,100
12/31/2003	30,528	406	30,122	21,018	160	9,348	9,614	5	1,923
12/31/2004	28,319	318	28,001	19,313	109	8,897	8,156	5	1,631
12/31/2005	31,505	313	31,192	23,492	89	7,920	8,830	6	1,472
12/31/2006	8,773	217	8,556	4,597	72	4,103	3,881	6	647
3/31/2007	10,215	267	9,948	5,496	74	4,642	4,108	6	685
6/30/2007	11,359	311	11,048	6,232	76	5,048	4,539	6	756
9/30/2007	12,528	363	12,165	7,026	84	5,416	4,895	6	816
12/31/2007	13,848	416	13,432	7,927	101	5,816	5,246	6	874
3/31/2008	15,419	498	14,921	9,049	118	6,250	6,614	6	1,102
6/30/2008	17,551	603	16,948	10,709	133	6,707	6,679	6	1,113
9/30/2008	19,529	698	18,831	12,247	140	7,140	6,759	6	1,126
12/31/2008	21,242	783	20,459	13,554	188	7,499	7,090	6	1,182
3/31/2009	22,953	865	22,088	14,856	226	7,870	8,041	6	1,340



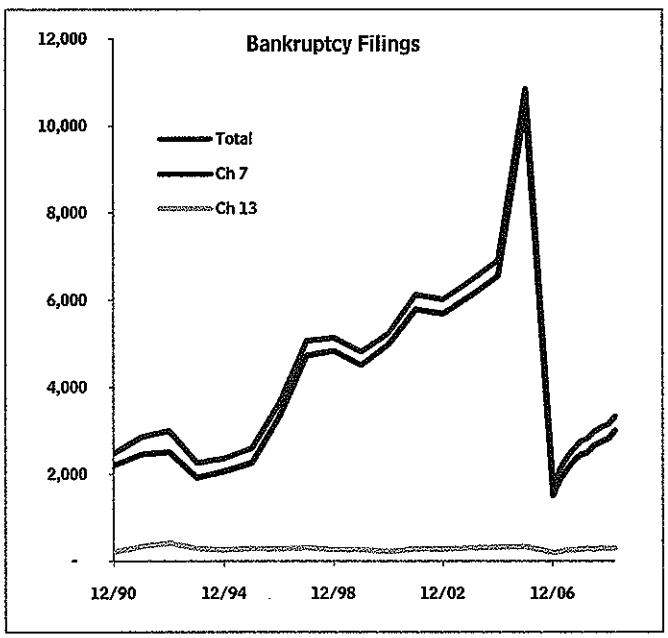


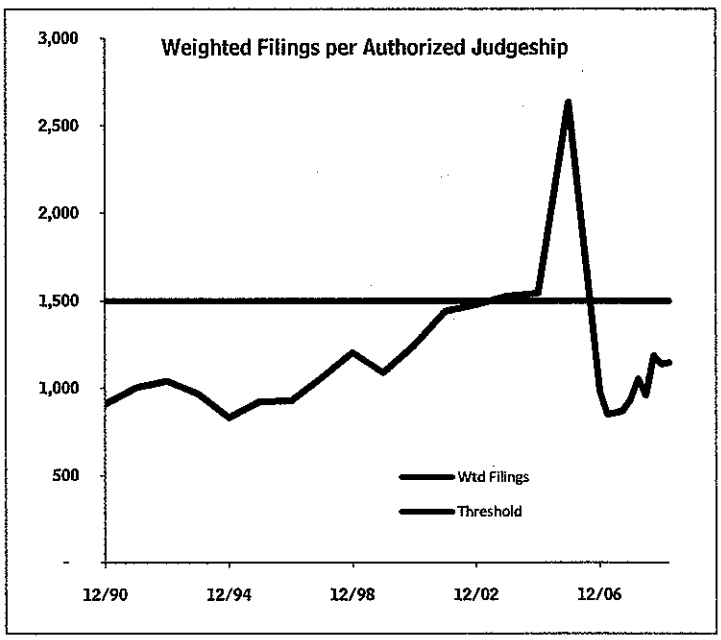
Southern District of West Virginia

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	1
Temporary:	-
Total Authorized:	1

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	1
Conversions:	-
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	2,487	240	2,247	2,211	60	215	909	1	909
12/31/1991	2,862	251	2,611	2,465	51	343	1,003	1	1,003
12/31/1992	2,998	278	2,720	2,515	64	419	1,039	1	1,039
12/31/1993	2,263	171	2,092	1,926	42	294	966	1	966
12/31/1994	2,368	171	2,197	2,076	33	259	832	1	832
12/31/1995	2,605	168	2,437	2,276	34	294	925	1	925
12/31/1996	3,632	167	3,465	3,321	24	287	926	1	926
12/31/1997	5,067	188	4,879	4,730	28	309	1,061	1	1,061
12/31/1998	5,141	150	4,991	4,835	37	269	1,203	1	1,203
12/31/1999	4,812	138	4,674	4,512	35	265	1,088	1	1,088
12/31/2000	5,242	156	5,086	4,990	27	225	1,244	1	1,244
12/31/2001	6,122	189	5,933	5,793	37	292	1,438	1	1,438
12/31/2002	6,020	226	5,794	5,687	49	284	1,477	1	1,477
12/31/2003	6,447	189	6,258	6,100	31	315	1,525	1	1,525
12/31/2004	6,913	87	6,826	6,558	29	326	1,541	1	1,541
12/31/2005	10,855	85	10,770	10,482	32	338	2,633	1	2,633
12/31/2006	1,736	45	1,691	1,514	19	201	983	1	983
3/31/2007	2,110	46	2,064	1,869	16	224	849	1	849
6/30/2007	2,382	48	2,334	2,102	18	261	856	1	856
9/30/2007	2,584	55	2,529	2,307	18	258	868	1	868
12/31/2007	2,755	66	2,689	2,448	24	283	932	1	932
3/31/2008	2,816	64	2,752	2,498	24	294	1,052	1	1,052
6/30/2008	2,976	79	2,897	2,668	23	285	958	1	958
9/30/2008	3,083	87	2,996	2,753	26	304	1,184	1	1,184
12/31/2008	3,144	85	3,059	2,821	23	300	1,137	1	1,137
3/31/2009	3,333	82	3,251	3,007	22	304	1,145	1	1,145



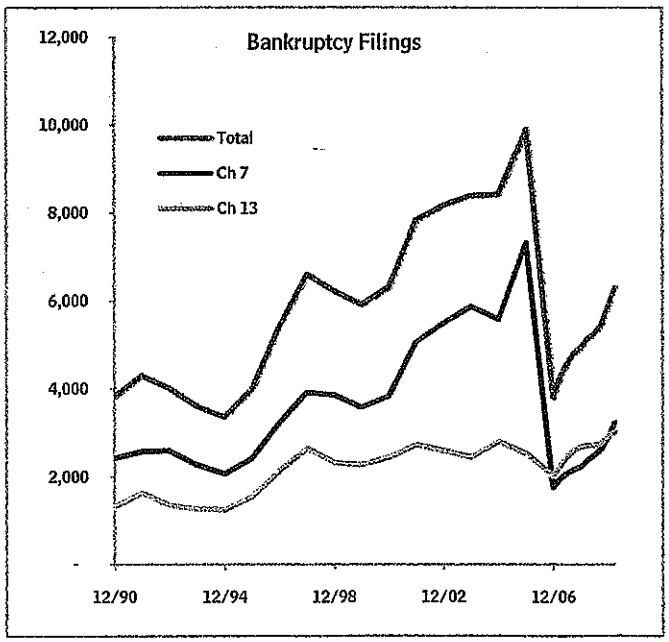


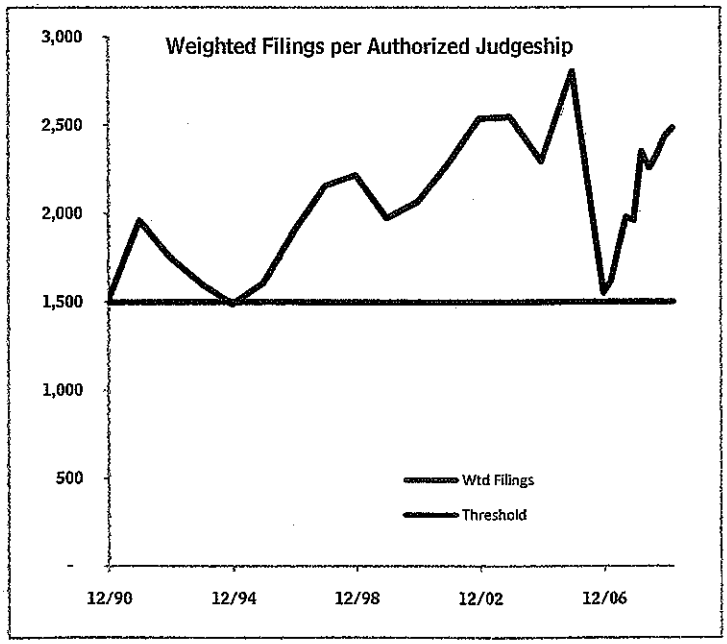
Northern District of Mississippi

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	1
Temporary:	-
Total Authorized:	1

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	1
Conversions:	-
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	3,824	185	3,639	2,431	46	1,325	1,507	1	1,507
12/31/1991	4,299	223	4,076	2,579	60	1,632	1,960	1	1,960
12/31/1992	4,015	180	3,835	2,599	46	1,353	1,749	1	1,749
12/31/1993	3,603	161	3,442	2,273	37	1,265	1,603	1	1,603
12/31/1994	3,355	113	3,242	2,063	33	1,250	1,486	1	1,486
12/31/1995	4,002	131	3,871	2,419	26	1,552	1,607	1	1,607
12/31/1996	5,426	136	5,290	3,235	25	2,146	1,905	1	1,905
12/31/1997	6,602	153	6,449	3,915	28	2,646	2,159	1	2,159
12/31/1998	6,226	135	6,091	3,859	32	2,320	2,218	1	2,218
12/31/1999	5,917	133	5,784	3,589	27	2,277	1,974	1	1,974
12/31/2000	6,314	99	6,215	3,834	22	2,453	2,066	1	2,066
12/31/2001	7,841	96	7,745	5,071	30	2,737	2,284	1	2,284
12/31/2002	8,169	131	8,038	5,501	45	2,606	2,538	1	2,538
12/31/2003	8,391	127	8,264	5,878	36	2,460	2,548	1	2,548
12/31/2004	8,420	63	8,357	5,582	26	2,811	2,295	1	2,295
12/31/2005	9,897	87	9,810	7,326	32	2,529	2,806	1	2,806
12/31/2006	3,814	97	3,717	1,765	18	2,025	1,551	1	1,551
3/31/2007	4,248	110	4,138	1,958	17	2,269	1,620	1	1,620
6/30/2007	4,578	121	4,457	2,080	16	2,478	1,807	1	1,807
9/30/2007	4,807	123	4,684	2,167	15	2,620	1,978	1	1,978
12/31/2007	4,937	132	4,805	2,226	23	2,684	1,961	1	1,961
3/31/2008	5,143	141	5,002	2,386	31	2,723	2,351	1	2,351
6/30/2008	5,253	150	5,103	2,490	40	2,722	2,257	1	2,257
9/30/2008	5,467	159	5,308	2,643	48	2,775	2,335	1	2,335
12/31/2008	5,890	179	5,711	2,907	44	2,938	2,437	1	2,437
3/31/2009	6,305	197	6,108	3,236	42	3,025	2,484	1	2,484



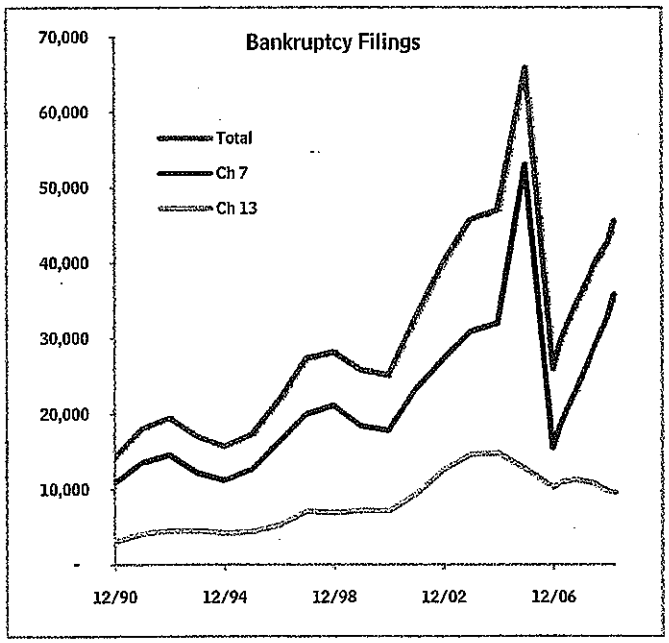


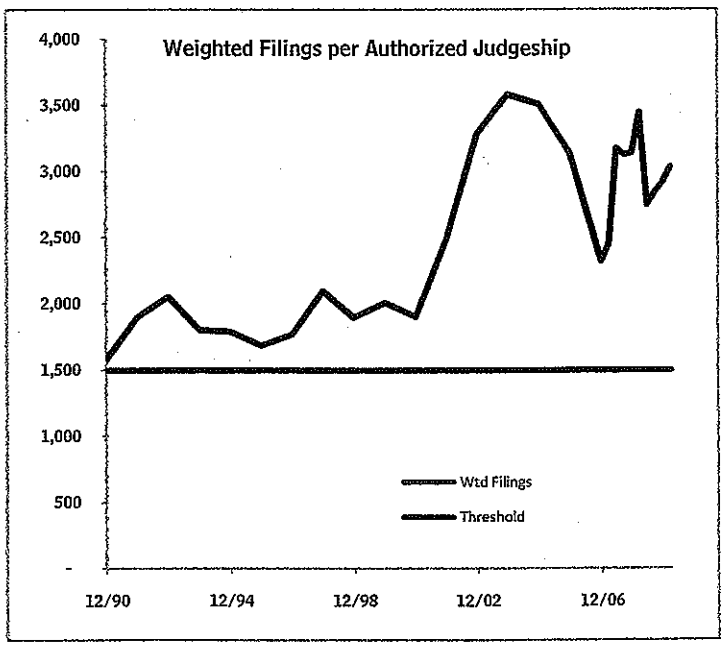
Eastern District of Michigan

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	4
Temporary:	1
Total Authorized:	5

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	3
Conversions:	-
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	14,272	830	13,442	10,906	303	3,042	6,300	4	1,575
12/31/1991	18,041	944	17,097	13,568	367	4,081	7,595	4	1,899
12/31/1992	19,481	1,128	18,353	14,600	343	4,509	8,212	4	2,053
12/31/1993	17,021	767	16,254	12,237	247	4,524	7,207	4	1,802
12/31/1994	15,707	623	15,084	11,226	237	4,229	7,152	4	1,788
12/31/1995	17,290	545	16,745	12,648	224	4,402	6,739	4	1,685
12/31/1996	21,871	591	21,280	16,362	213	5,281	7,076	4	1,769
12/31/1997	27,348	595	26,753	19,992	223	7,123	8,387	4	2,097
12/31/1998	28,198	373	27,825	21,123	133	6,934	7,589	4	1,897
12/31/1999	25,824	359	25,465	18,443	147	7,225	8,023	4	2,006
12/31/2000	25,122	333	24,789	17,832	128	7,157	7,606	4	1,902
12/31/2001	32,785	401	32,384	23,223	172	9,390	9,941	4	2,485
12/31/2002	39,968	481	39,487	27,177	188	12,600	13,124	4	3,281
12/31/2003	45,755	390	45,365	30,894	175	14,677	14,320	4	3,580
12/31/2004	47,038	446	46,592	32,041	198	14,796	14,024	4	3,506
12/31/2005	65,909	648	65,261	53,072	202	12,628	15,677	5	3,135
12/31/2006	25,962	510	25,452	15,547	137	10,267	11,584	5	2,317
3/31/2007	29,392	628	28,764	18,295	151	10,931	12,251	5	2,450
6/30/2007	31,744	677	31,067	20,457	151	11,123	15,845	5	3,169
9/30/2007	33,799	739	33,060	22,301	140	11,346	15,611	5	3,122
12/31/2007	35,690	790	34,900	24,338	134	11,205	15,688	5	3,138
3/31/2008	37,511	846	36,665	26,361	138	11,000	17,217	5	3,443
6/30/2008	39,676	945	38,731	28,716	146	10,802	13,726	5	2,745
9/30/2008	41,227	1,081	40,146	30,778	177	10,262	14,216	5	2,843
12/31/2008	42,720	1,166	41,554	32,763	181	9,764	14,583	5	2,917
3/31/2009	45,610	1,228	44,382	35,806	183	9,610	15,159	5	3,032



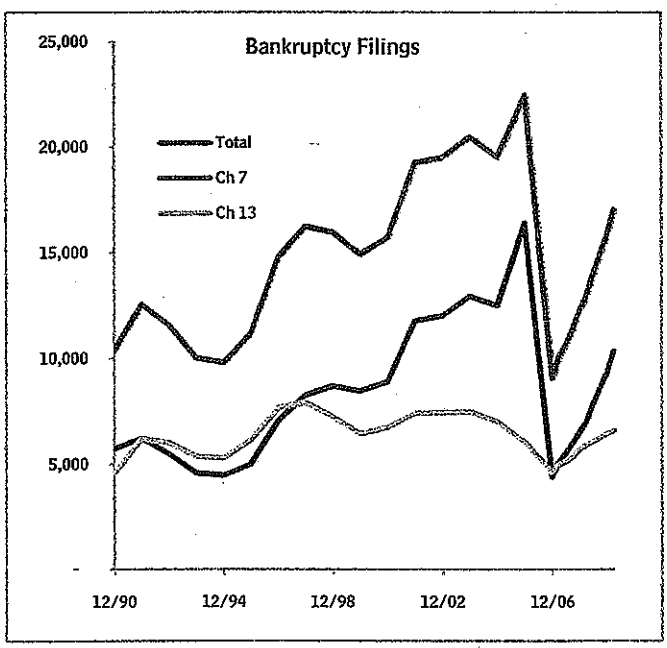


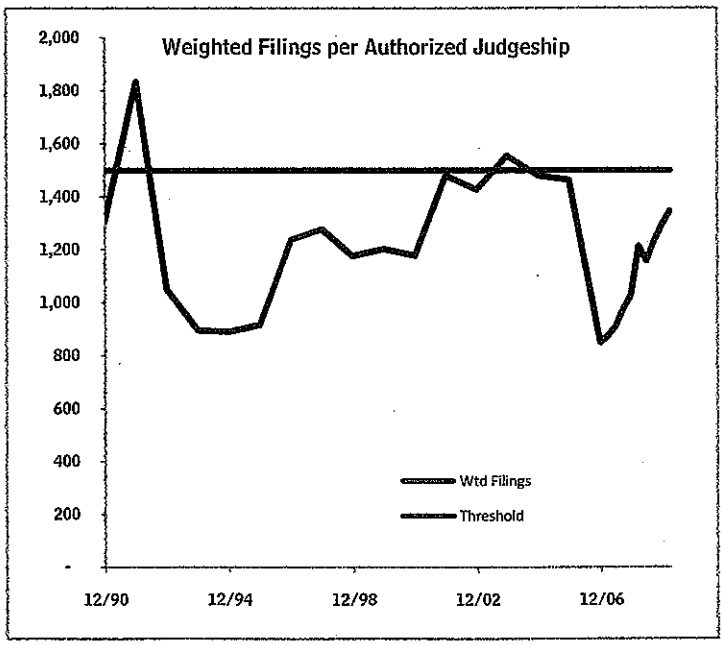
Eastern District of Tennessee

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	3
Temporary:	1
Total Authorized:	4

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	-
Conversions:	1
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	10,396	260	10,136	5,729	73	4,585	3,927	3	1,309
12/31/1991	12,559	325	12,234	6,234	93	6,214	5,502	3	1,834
12/31/1992	11,591	595	10,996	5,497	70	6,006	4,203	4	1,051
12/31/1993	10,026	416	9,610	4,586	58	5,369	3,583	4	896
12/31/1994	9,813	343	9,470	4,475	44	5,284	3,564	4	891
12/31/1995	11,199	343	10,856	4,996	39	6,155	3,668	4	917
12/31/1996	14,798	384	14,414	7,060	51	7,676	4,947	4	1,237
12/31/1997	16,254	422	15,832	8,268	53	7,926	5,111	4	1,278
12/31/1998	15,984	336	15,648	8,696	44	7,235	4,703	4	1,176
12/31/1999	14,944	236	14,708	8,447	58	6,436	4,808	4	1,202
12/31/2000	15,703	239	15,464	8,900	48	6,753	4,708	4	1,177
12/31/2001	19,272	379	18,893	11,774	76	7,420	5,919	4	1,480
12/31/2002	19,524	277	19,247	12,024	62	7,433	5,705	4	1,426
12/31/2003	20,495	247	20,248	12,936	66	7,488	6,217	4	1,554
12/31/2004	19,537	249	19,288	12,487	63	6,985	5,917	4	1,479
12/31/2005	22,471	184	22,287	16,415	45	6,009	5,850	4	1,462
12/31/2006	9,063	124	8,939	4,405	29	4,621	3,394	4	848
3/31/2007	10,091	149	9,942	5,099	28	4,958	3,497	4	874
6/30/2007	10,695	168	10,527	5,527	29	5,134	3,644	4	911
9/30/2007	11,377	200	11,177	5,996	34	5,344	3,904	4	976
12/31/2007	12,261	200	12,061	6,513	32	5,713	4,116	4	1,029
3/31/2008	12,973	219	12,754	6,998	42	5,928	4,854	4	1,213
6/30/2008	13,987	233	13,754	7,851	43	6,086	4,629	4	1,157
9/30/2008	14,923	261	14,662	8,609	47	6,260	4,934	4	1,233
12/31/2008	15,847	302	15,545	9,332	48	6,460	5,180	4	1,295
3/31/2009	17,046	335	16,711	10,365	48	6,625	5,377	4	1,344



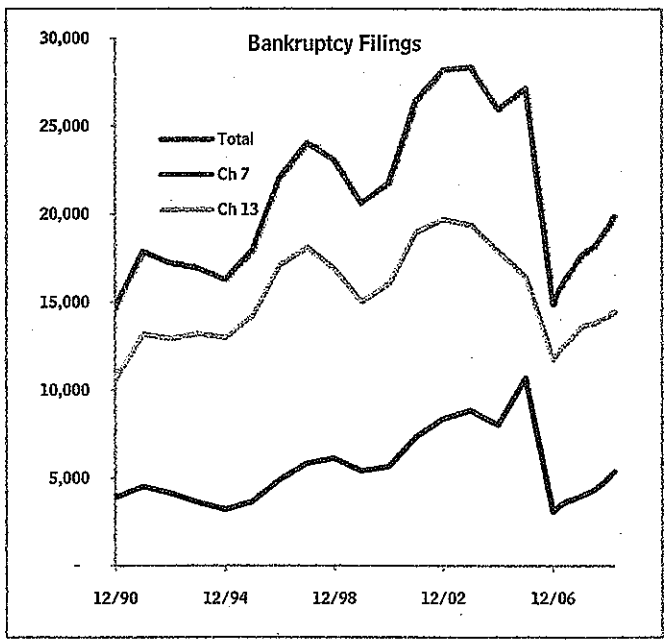


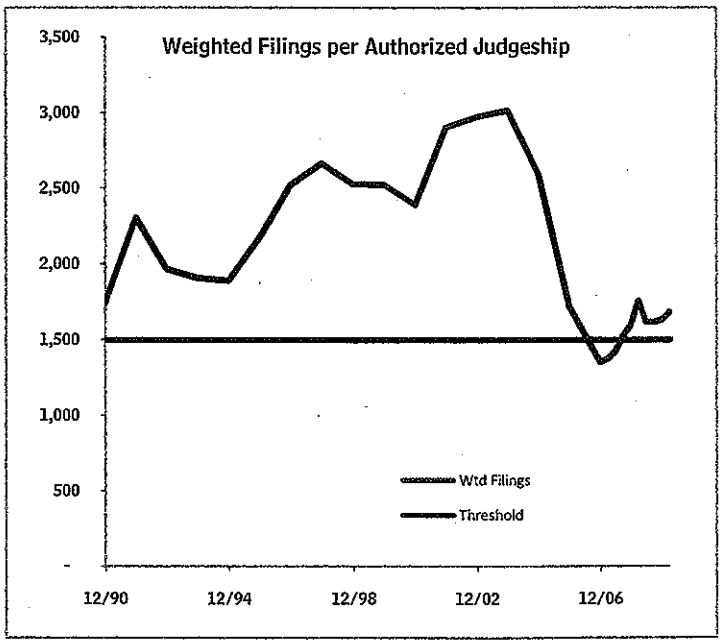
Western District of Tennessee

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	4
Temporary:	1
Total Authorized:	5

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	-
Conversions:	1
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	14,689	207	14,482	3,904	159	10,621	5,226	3	1,742
12/31/1991	17,892	300	17,592	4,533	176	13,175	6,917	3	2,306
12/31/1992	17,226	380	16,846	4,154	148	12,920	7,868	4	1,967
12/31/1993	16,938	306	16,632	3,632	105	13,198	7,632	4	1,908
12/31/1994	16,269	244	16,025	3,225	71	12,970	7,560	4	1,890
12/31/1995	17,965	236	17,729	3,655	89	14,218	8,695	4	2,174
12/31/1996	22,081	223	21,858	4,903	75	17,101	10,094	4	2,523
12/31/1997	24,052	187	23,865	5,852	73	18,122	10,661	4	2,665
12/31/1998	23,081	241	22,840	6,135	55	16,888	10,114	4	2,529
12/31/1999	20,613	315	20,298	5,430	191	14,990	10,107	4	2,527
12/31/2000	21,794	148	21,646	5,672	82	16,039	9,566	4	2,392
12/31/2001	26,469	270	26,199	7,342	158	18,968	11,616	4	2,904
12/31/2002	28,207	207	28,000	8,385	121	19,700	11,901	4	2,975
12/31/2003	28,351	149	28,202	8,861	107	19,383	12,068	4	3,017
12/31/2004	25,967	132	25,835	8,036	64	17,867	10,399	4	2,600
12/31/2005	27,190	179	27,011	10,718	58	16,414	8,609	5	1,722
12/31/2006	14,877	121	14,756	3,111	48	11,718	6,747	5	1,349
3/31/2007	15,783	137	15,646	3,462	45	12,276	6,883	5	1,377
6/30/2007	16,428	138	16,290	3,694	36	12,698	7,122	5	1,424
9/30/2007	16,926	157	16,769	3,812	38	13,075	7,639	5	1,528
12/31/2007	17,574	157	17,417	3,966	39	13,568	8,000	5	1,600
3/31/2008	17,936	158	17,778	4,159	36	13,740	8,783	5	1,757
6/30/2008	18,130	168	17,962	4,324	42	13,763	8,086	5	1,617
9/30/2008	18,708	174	18,534	4,642	41	14,025	8,081	5	1,616
12/31/2008	19,216	192	19,024	4,982	45	14,189	8,157	5	1,631
3/31/2009	19,878	201	19,677	5,382	55	14,441	8,414	5	1,683



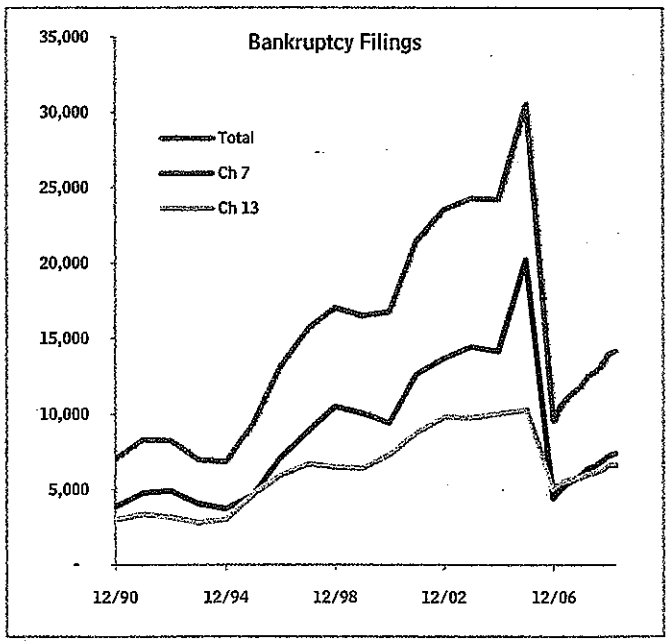


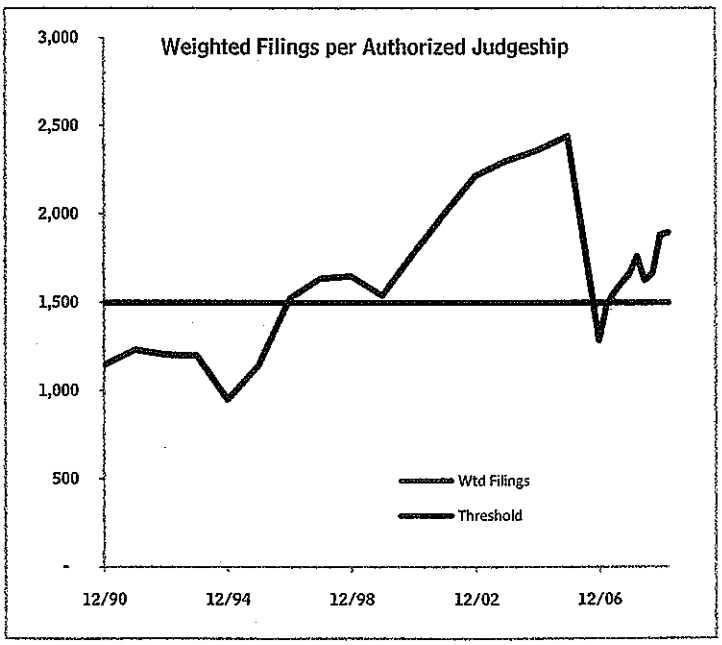
Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	3
Temporary:	-
Total Authorized:	3

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	1
Conversions:	-
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	7,062	467	6,595	3,878	145	3,013	3,432	3	1,144
12/31/1991	8,315	497	7,818	4,793	106	3,375	3,696	3	1,232
12/31/1992	8,253	577	7,676	4,948	90	3,175	3,616	3	1,205
12/31/1993	7,000	444	6,556	4,084	61	2,827	3,596	3	1,199
12/31/1994	6,840	373	6,467	3,733	46	3,036	2,851	3	950
12/31/1995	9,378	422	8,956	4,627	54	4,677	3,427	3	1,142
12/31/1996	13,194	486	12,708	7,129	80	5,964	4,559	3	1,520
12/31/1997	15,643	539	15,104	8,853	52	6,722	4,904	3	1,635
12/31/1998	17,052	408	16,644	10,516	44	6,475	4,948	3	1,649
12/31/1999	16,533	295	16,238	10,082	36	6,408	4,613	3	1,538
12/31/2000	16,784	261	16,523	9,410	35	7,331	5,333	3	1,778
12/31/2001	21,484	290	21,194	12,641	36	8,801	6,002	3	2,001
12/31/2002	23,546	282	23,264	13,691	43	9,806	6,651	3	2,217
12/31/2003	24,307	429	23,878	14,472	52	9,771	6,902	3	2,301
12/31/2004	24,263	376	23,887	14,170	49	10,043	7,076	3	2,359
12/31/2005	30,568	426	30,142	20,227	40	10,289	7,325	3	2,442
12/31/2006	9,564	276	9,288	4,423	27	5,092	3,854	3	1,285
3/31/2007	10,534	313	10,221	5,001	29	5,481	4,441	3	1,480
6/30/2007	11,083	335	10,748	5,410	35	5,623	4,669	3	1,556
9/30/2007	11,494	346	11,148	5,659	44	5,779	4,832	3	1,611
12/31/2007	11,852	397	11,455	5,945	55	5,840	4,981	3	1,660
3/31/2008	12,491	412	12,079	6,405	54	6,026	5,285	3	1,762
6/30/2008	12,782	429	12,353	6,562	53	6,158	4,879	3	1,626
9/30/2008	13,241	454	12,787	6,886	45	6,299	4,997	3	1,666
12/31/2008	13,991	497	13,494	7,250	97	6,632	5,644	3	1,881
3/31/2009	14,195	540	13,655	7,412	110	6,659	5,684	3	1,895



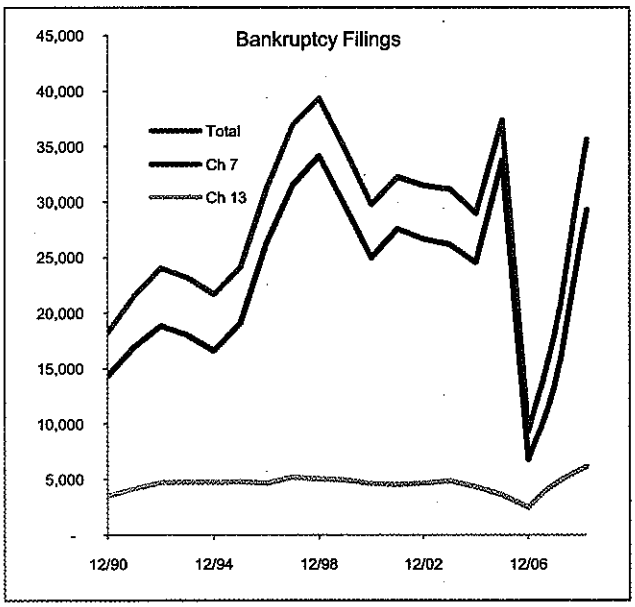


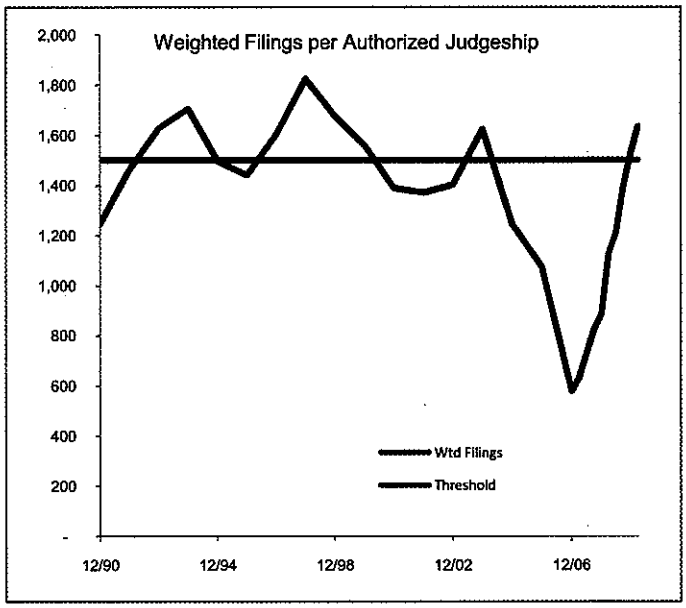
Eastern District of California

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	6
Temporary:	1
Total Authorized:	7

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	1
Conversions:	1
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	18,231	1,614	16,617	14,305	391	3,503	7,480	6	1,247
12/31/1991	21,559	2,026	19,533	16,914	465	4,133	8,770	6	1,462
12/31/1992	24,045	2,668	21,377	18,828	465	4,708	9,769	6	1,628
12/31/1993	23,213	2,549	20,664	17,983	399	4,780	10,234	6	1,706
12/31/1994	21,692	2,395	19,297	16,603	320	4,729	8,976	6	1,496
12/31/1995	24,119	2,450	21,669	19,045	236	4,801	8,641	6	1,440
12/31/1996	31,211	2,538	28,673	26,318	186	4,662	9,618	6	1,603
12/31/1997	36,976	2,624	34,352	31,552	180	5,204	10,948	6	1,825
12/31/1998	39,345	2,012	37,333	34,147	142	5,029	10,062	6	1,677
12/31/1999	34,750	1,144	33,606	29,675	92	4,959	9,359	6	1,560
12/31/2000	29,756	1,139	28,617	24,989	110	4,640	8,336	6	1,389
12/31/2001	32,259	1,273	30,986	27,568	117	4,549	8,228	6	1,371
12/31/2002	31,497	1,232	30,265	26,680	117	4,665	8,415	6	1,403
12/31/2003	31,166	1,111	30,055	26,177	83	4,867	9,748	6	1,625
12/31/2004	28,985	964	28,021	24,550	94	4,336	7,468	6	1,245
12/31/2005	37,402	914	36,488	33,743	71	3,581	7,525	7	1,075
12/31/2006	9,323	408	8,915	6,779	66	2,469	4,053	7	579
3/31/2007	11,446	514	10,932	8,297	73	3,063	4,416	7	631
6/30/2007	13,411	573	12,838	9,694	73	3,630	5,076	7	725
9/30/2007	15,594	691	14,903	11,328	84	4,170	5,756	7	822
12/31/2007	18,052	786	17,266	13,364	89	4,587	6,178	7	883
3/31/2008	20,970	865	20,105	15,900	98	4,962	7,895	7	1,128
6/30/2008	24,670	988	23,682	19,293	120	5,249	8,472	7	1,210
9/30/2008	28,613	1,075	27,538	22,860	131	5,616	9,727	7	1,390
12/31/2008	32,154	1,208	30,946	26,103	141	5,903	10,697	7	1,528
3/31/2009	35,622	1,322	34,300	29,278	160	6,177	11,447	7	1,635



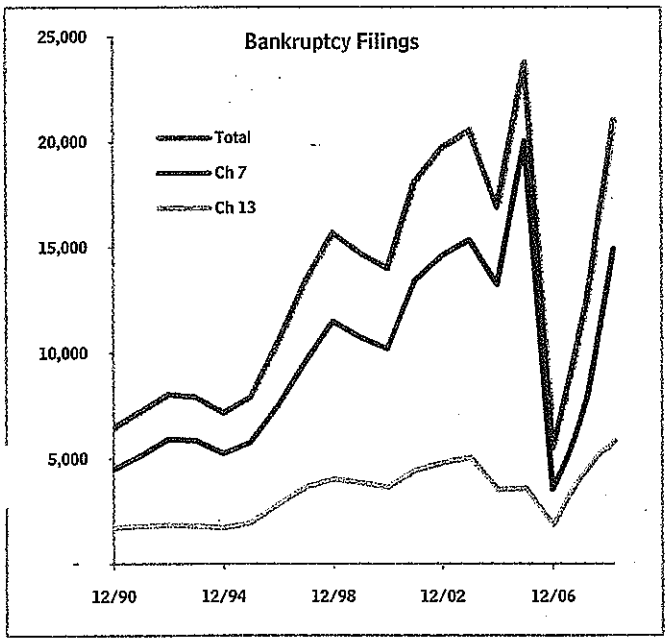


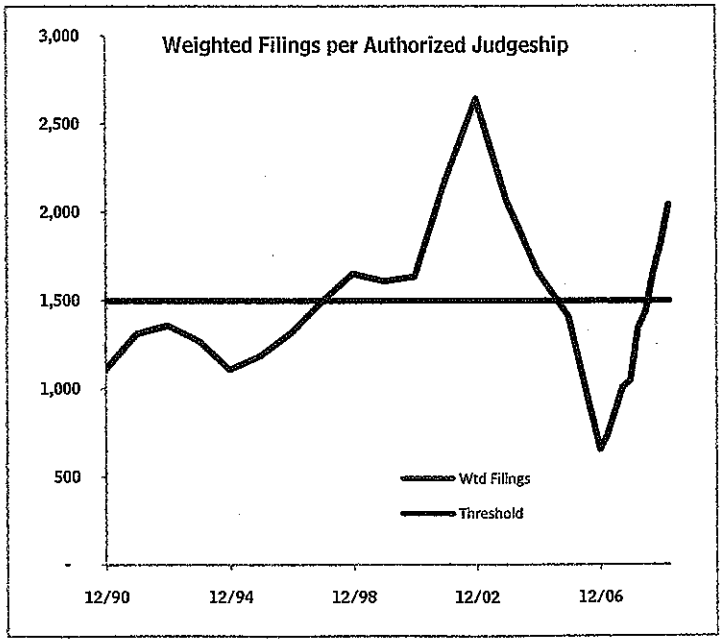
District of Nevada

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	3
Temporary:	1
Total Authorized:	4

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	1
Conversions:	1
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	6,468	354	6,114	4,507	224	1,734	3,324	3	1,108
12/31/1991	7,268	480	6,788	5,157	294	1,816	3,932	3	1,311
12/31/1992	8,047	540	7,507	5,926	282	1,838	4,073	3	1,358
12/31/1993	7,921	494	7,427	5,862	237	1,820	3,810	3	1,270
12/31/1994	7,170	391	6,779	5,256	175	1,737	3,324	3	1,108
12/31/1995	7,912	390	7,522	5,782	166	1,959	3,561	3	1,187
12/31/1996	10,531	429	10,102	7,515	170	2,842	3,957	3	1,319
12/31/1997	13,427	399	13,028	9,596	157	3,671	4,476	3	1,492
12/31/1998	15,708	428	15,280	11,514	164	4,028	4,952	3	1,651
12/31/1999	14,743	309	14,434	10,767	114	3,857	4,830	3	1,610
12/31/2000	14,010	332	13,678	10,219	137	3,652	4,903	3	1,634
12/31/2001	18,102	419	17,683	13,429	230	4,442	6,537	3	2,179
12/31/2002	19,736	462	19,274	14,615	316	4,803	7,930	3	2,643
12/31/2003	20,561	321	20,240	15,371	137	5,052	6,204	3	2,068
12/31/2004	16,912	257	16,655	13,265	100	3,547	4,990	3	1,663
12/31/2005	23,786	333	23,453	20,059	117	3,610	5,629	4	1,407
12/31/2006	5,517	178	5,339	3,552	93	1,872	2,621	4	655
3/31/2007	6,805	199	6,606	4,268	89	2,448	2,946	4	737
6/30/2007	8,148	234	7,914	4,968	96	3,084	3,480	4	870
9/30/2007	9,445	273	9,172	5,747	103	3,595	4,041	4	1,010
12/31/2007	10,953	321	10,632	6,740	107	4,106	4,187	4	1,047
3/31/2008	12,393	358	12,035	7,790	116	4,486	5,381	4	1,345
6/30/2008	14,403	395	14,008	9,356	141	4,905	5,740	4	1,435
9/30/2008	16,756	436	16,320	11,264	166	5,324	6,645	4	1,661
12/31/2008	18,716	505	18,211	13,039	185	5,489	7,303	4	1,826
3/31/2009	21,054	637	20,417	14,947	267	5,838	8,174	4	2,043



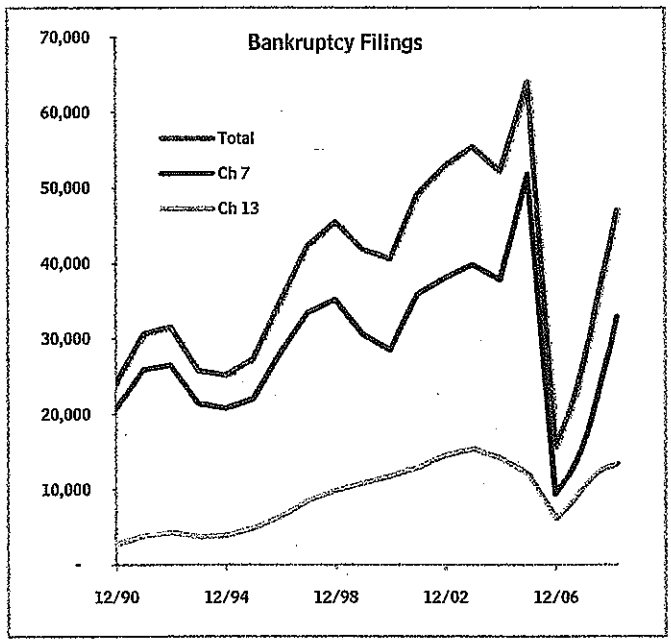


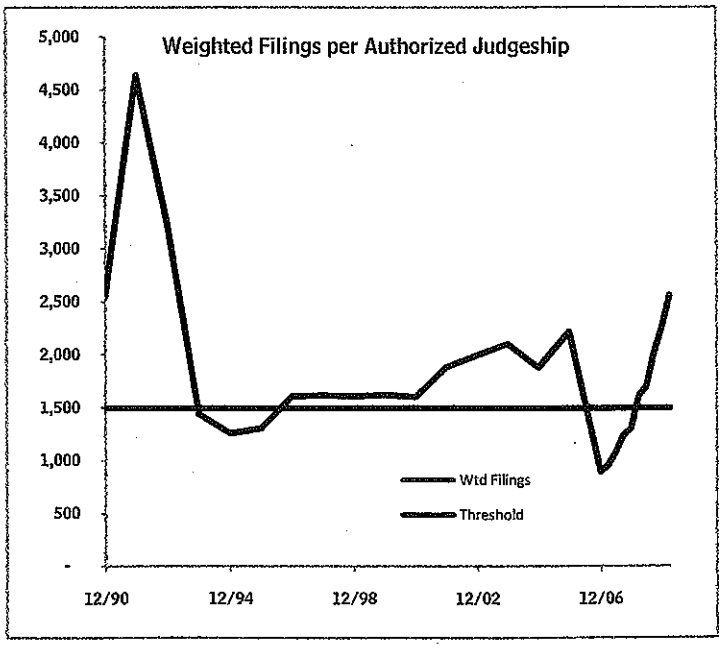
Middle District of Florida

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	8
Temporary:	-
Total Authorized:	8

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	1
Conversions:	-
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	24,154	1,756	22,398	20,661	713	2,770	10,185	4	2,546
12/31/1991	30,638	1,863	28,775	25,889	836	3,889	18,566	4	4,642
12/31/1992	31,546	1,700	29,846	26,481	726	4,310	25,928	8	3,241
12/31/1993	25,715	1,375	24,340	21,386	583	3,733	11,526	8	1,441
12/31/1994	25,180	1,225	23,955	20,792	481	3,900	10,088	8	1,261
12/31/1995	27,332	1,192	26,140	22,008	418	4,886	10,454	8	1,307
12/31/1996	35,109	1,183	33,926	28,216	405	6,470	12,862	8	1,608
12/31/1997	42,388	1,217	41,171	33,465	323	8,587	12,936	8	1,617
12/31/1998	45,472	1,090	44,382	35,248	320	9,898	12,866	8	1,608
12/31/1999	41,855	1,008	40,847	30,646	278	10,919	12,955	8	1,619
12/31/2000	40,551	777	39,774	28,512	252	11,783	12,811	8	1,601
12/31/2001	49,187	1,048	48,139	35,914	313	12,956	15,068	8	1,883
12/31/2002	52,923	852	52,071	38,069	244	14,604	15,970	8	1,996
12/31/2003	55,511	646	54,865	39,869	237	15,398	16,825	8	2,103
12/31/2004	52,207	542	51,665	37,842	212	14,153	15,041	8	1,880
12/31/2005	64,094	939	63,155	51,829	211	12,051	17,746	8	2,218
12/31/2006	15,756	521	15,235	9,437	129	6,187	7,151	8	894
3/31/2007	18,017	620	17,397	10,779	147	7,088	7,666	8	958
6/30/2007	20,248	766	19,482	12,019	181	8,044	8,639	8	1,080
9/30/2007	23,027	883	22,144	13,657	202	9,162	9,910	8	1,239
12/31/2007	26,437	1,109	25,328	15,825	229	10,374	10,455	8	1,307
3/31/2008	30,031	1,305	28,726	18,407	279	11,337	12,882	8	1,610
6/30/2008	34,471	1,543	32,928	21,911	297	12,256	13,582	8	1,698
9/30/2008	38,725	1,968	36,757	25,432	425	12,863	16,159	8	2,020
12/31/2008	42,611	2,230	40,381	28,904	520	13,185	17,993	8	2,249
3/31/2009	47,042	2,516	44,526	32,967	559	13,509	20,451	8	2,556



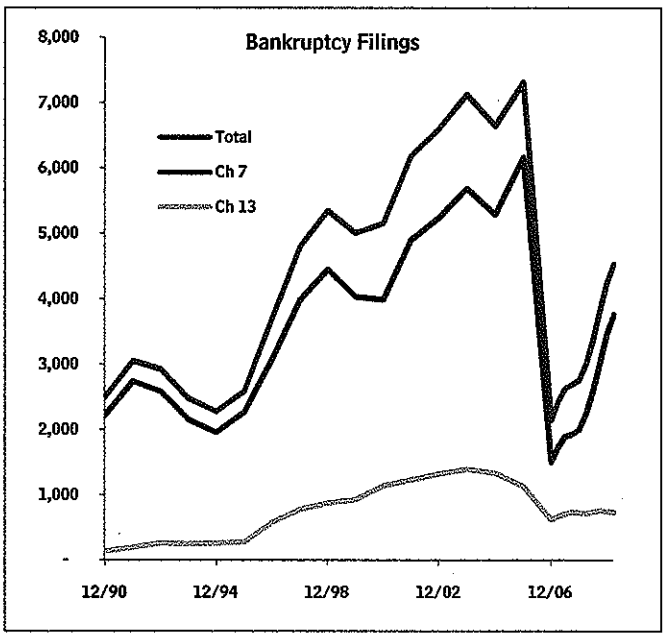


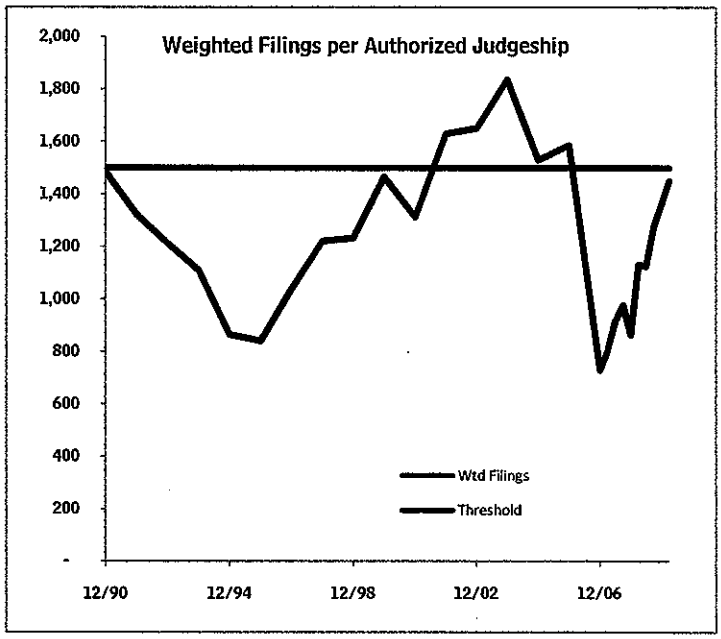
Northern District of Florida

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	1
Temporary:	-
Total Authorized:	1

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	1
Conversions:	-
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	2,488	238	2,250	2,214	119	138	1,482	1	1,482
12/31/1991	3,050	185	2,865	2,741	99	197	1,320	1	1,320
12/31/1992	2,922	148	2,774	2,582	74	263	1,212	1	1,212
12/31/1993	2,475	150	2,325	2,150	71	245	1,108	1	1,108
12/31/1994	2,276	116	2,160	1,958	50	261	864	1	864
12/31/1995	2,583	94	2,489	2,270	31	278	840	1	840
12/31/1996	3,688	97	3,591	3,070	39	575	1,039	1	1,039
12/31/1997	4,787	129	4,658	3,979	33	775	1,220	1	1,220
12/31/1998	5,344	91	5,253	4,446	18	875	1,231	1	1,231
12/31/1999	5,002	74	4,928	4,031	38	929	1,464	1	1,464
12/31/2000	5,148	66	5,082	3,986	24	1,138	1,311	1	1,311
12/31/2001	6,182	91	6,091	4,897	52	1,230	1,629	1	1,629
12/31/2002	6,598	73	6,525	5,242	33	1,321	1,650	1	1,650
12/31/2003	7,121	72	7,049	5,686	43	1,392	1,835	1	1,835
12/31/2004	6,641	73	6,568	5,284	22	1,335	1,528	1	1,528
12/31/2005	7,310	108	7,202	6,161	22	1,127	1,585	1	1,585
12/31/2006	2,143	86	2,057	1,504	19	620	728	1	728
3/31/2007	2,422	103	2,319	1,730	18	674	801	1	801
6/30/2007	2,628	120	2,508	1,896	23	708	914	1	914
9/30/2007	2,688	119	2,569	1,927	21	737	976	1	976
12/31/2007	2,753	121	2,632	2,001	21	728	863	1	863
3/31/2008	3,000	139	2,861	2,245	33	718	1,132	1	1,132
6/30/2008	3,354	157	3,197	2,578	35	738	1,124	1	1,124
9/30/2008	3,808	193	3,615	3,009	40	758	1,278	1	1,278
12/31/2008	4,240	239	4,001	3,461	38	740	1,361	1	1,361
3/31/2009	4,533	271	4,262	3,759	36	737	1,450	1	1,450



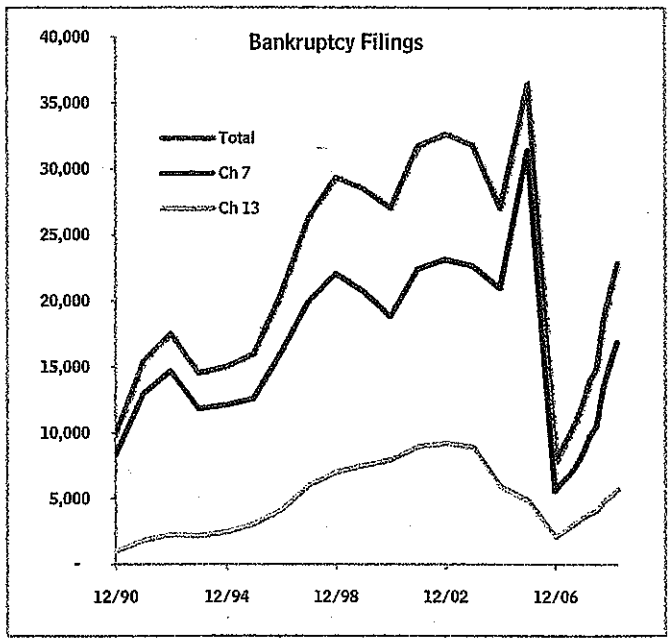


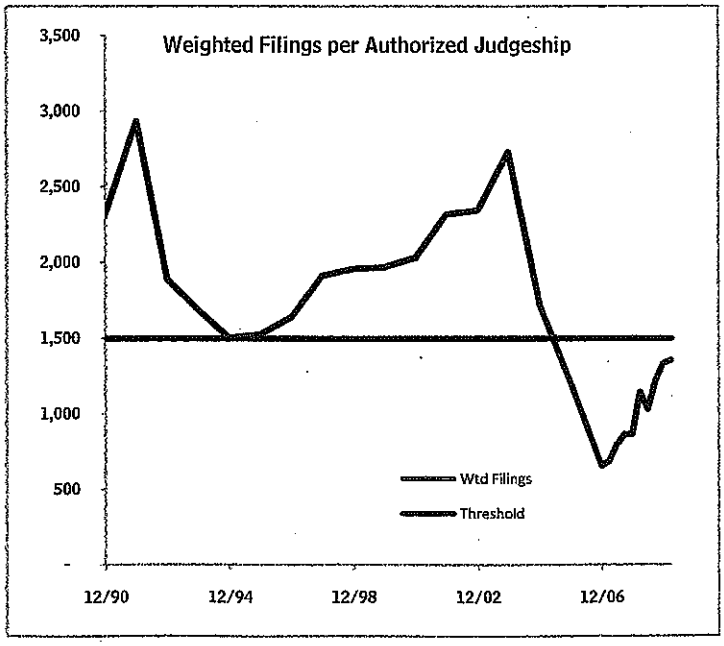
Southern District of Florida

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	5
Temporary:	2
Total Authorized:	7

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	-
Conversions:	2
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	9,910	846	9,064	8,354	525	1,027	6,939	3	2,313
12/31/1991	15,439	983	14,456	12,966	631	1,836	8,809	3	2,936
12/31/1992	17,535	1,138	16,397	14,707	539	2,282	9,435	5	1,887
12/31/1993	14,521	1,074	13,447	11,846	486	2,179	8,420	5	1,684
12/31/1994	15,019	877	14,142	12,139	383	2,494	7,510	5	1,502
12/31/1995	15,984	757	15,227	12,592	281	3,103	7,628	5	1,526
12/31/1996	20,557	746	19,811	16,052	313	4,182	8,205	5	1,641
12/31/1997	26,308	816	25,492	19,948	331	6,025	9,569	5	1,914
12/31/1998	29,373	686	28,687	22,065	262	7,040	9,789	5	1,958
12/31/1999	28,500	641	27,859	20,747	229	7,520	9,844	5	1,969
12/31/2000	27,032	604	26,428	18,813	236	7,979	10,160	5	2,032
12/31/2001	31,743	757	30,986	22,423	346	8,972	11,593	5	2,319
12/31/2002	32,656	878	31,778	23,138	291	9,221	11,722	5	2,344
12/31/2003	31,792	816	30,976	22,647	249	8,891	13,660	5	2,732
12/31/2004	27,041	568	26,473	20,964	155	5,919	8,600	5	1,720
12/31/2005	36,468	575	35,893	31,457	137	4,870	8,436	7	1,205
12/31/2006	7,801	384	7,417	5,603	101	2,096	4,589	7	656
3/31/2007	8,862	479	8,383	6,265	126	2,470	4,802	7	686
6/30/2007	9,789	569	9,220	6,778	183	2,826	5,583	7	798
9/30/2007	10,857	669	10,188	7,451	230	3,172	6,041	7	863
12/31/2007	12,272	799	11,473	8,419	272	3,578	6,060	7	866
3/31/2008	13,930	990	12,940	9,688	345	3,892	8,001	7	1,143
6/30/2008	14,840	1,059	13,781	10,455	301	4,079	7,208	7	1,030
9/30/2008	18,562	1,314	17,248	13,424	323	4,809	8,545	7	1,221
12/31/2008	20,798	1,454	19,344	15,289	300	5,201	9,334	7	1,333
3/31/2009	22,837	1,453	21,384	16,907	239	5,684	9,479	7	1,354



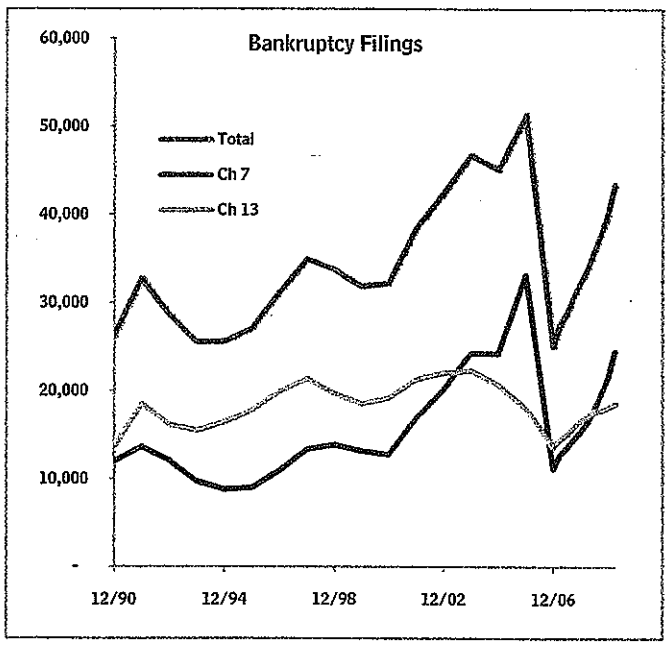


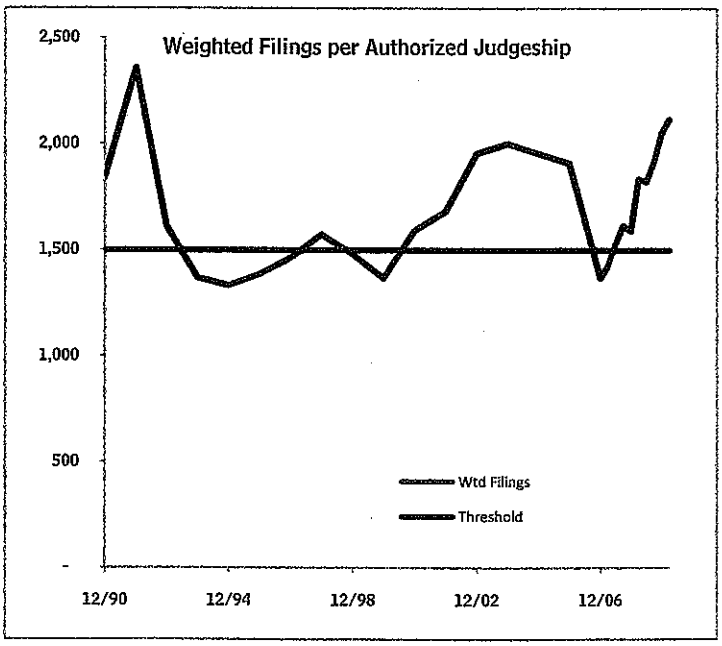
Northern District of Georgia

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	8
Temporary:	-
Total Authorized:	8

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	2
Conversions:	-
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	26,171	1,974	24,197	12,000	484	13,681	11,056	6	1,843
12/31/1991	32,714	2,417	30,297	13,682	509	18,520	14,155	6	2,359
12/31/1992	28,708	1,691	27,017	12,153	392	16,160	12,882	8	1,610
12/31/1993	25,530	1,359	24,171	9,742	294	15,491	10,947	8	1,368
12/31/1994	25,560	1,246	24,314	8,844	227	16,488	10,648	8	1,331
12/31/1995	27,035	1,199	25,836	9,008	216	17,809	11,086	8	1,386
12/31/1996	31,109	1,188	29,921	10,956	204	19,947	11,706	8	1,463
12/31/1997	34,946	1,130	33,816	13,379	207	21,357	12,580	8	1,573
12/31/1998	33,763	834	32,929	13,895	152	19,712	11,835	8	1,479
12/31/1999	31,871	650	31,221	13,217	116	18,537	10,929	8	1,366
12/31/2000	32,242	727	31,515	12,798	203	19,238	12,739	8	1,592
12/31/2001	38,437	908	37,529	16,920	188	21,327	13,446	8	1,681
12/31/2002	42,437	1,055	41,382	20,146	237	22,054	15,640	8	1,955
12/31/2003	46,756	1,239	45,517	24,275	178	22,299	16,004	8	2,000
12/31/2004	45,115	1,825	43,290	24,219	238	20,657	15,627	8	1,953
12/31/2005	51,324	1,928	49,396	33,176	194	17,950	15,262	8	1,908
12/31/2006	25,035	899	24,136	11,130	188	13,717	10,925	8	1,366
3/31/2007	27,536	992	26,544	12,726	209	14,601	11,411	8	1,426
6/30/2007	28,863	1,049	27,814	13,552	212	15,099	12,201	8	1,525
9/30/2007	30,768	1,096	29,672	14,535	222	16,011	12,920	8	1,615
12/31/2007	32,320	1,154	31,166	15,423	222	16,673	12,715	8	1,589
3/31/2008	33,819	1,232	32,587	16,410	252	17,154	14,681	8	1,835
6/30/2008	35,866	1,330	34,536	17,887	283	17,693	14,574	8	1,822
9/30/2008	37,839	1,499	36,340	19,718	318	17,800	15,347	8	1,918
12/31/2008	40,122	1,748	38,374	21,577	373	18,171	16,406	8	2,051
3/31/2009	43,414	1,999	41,415	24,530	369	18,515	16,928	8	2,116



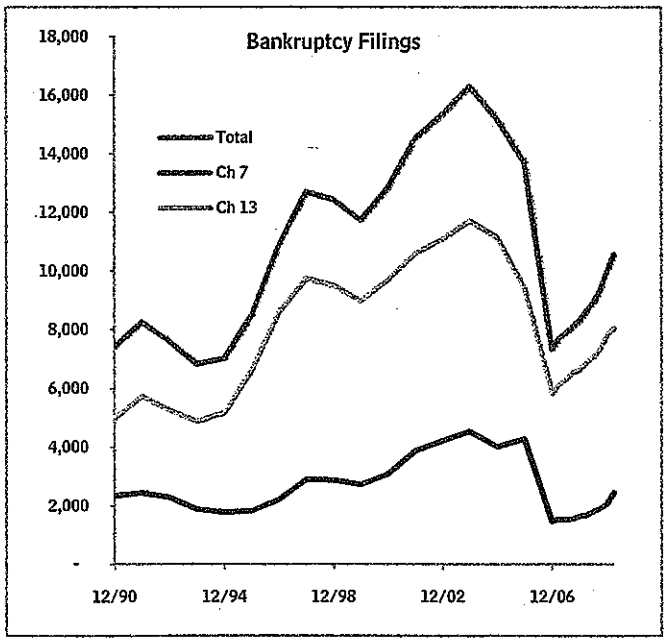


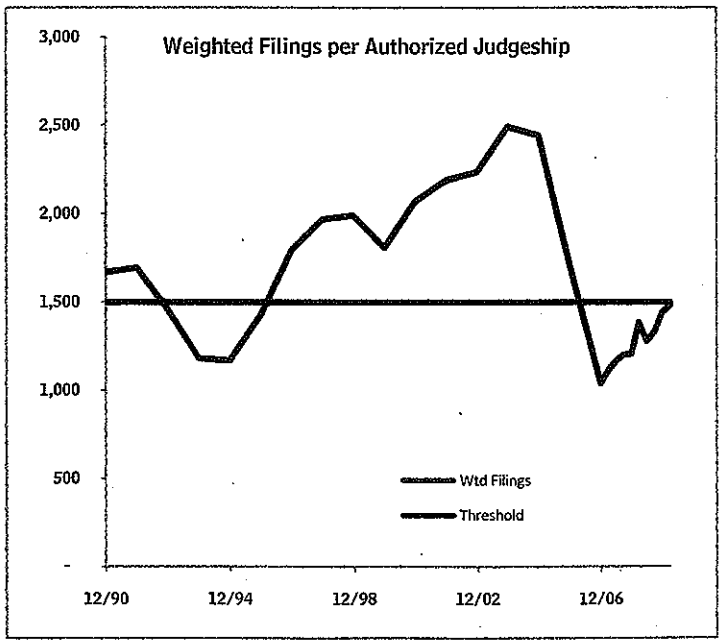
Southern District of Georgia

Authorized Judgeships	
Permanent:	2
Temporary:	1
Total Authorized:	3

Judgeship Recommendation(s)	
Additional Judgeships:	-
Conversions:	1
Extensions:	-

12 Months Ended	Total	Business	Non-business	Ch 7	Ch 11	Ch 13	Weighted Filings	Authorized Judgeships	Weighted Filings per Judgeship
12/31/1990	7,423	164	7,259	2,350	69	4,986	3,334	2	1,667
12/31/1991	8,255	332	7,923	2,446	62	5,721	3,386	2	1,693
12/31/1992	7,623	607	7,016	2,292	52	5,263	3,644	3	1,458
12/31/1993	6,827	419	6,408	1,894	49	4,877	2,953	3	1,181
12/31/1994	7,019	361	6,658	1,794	46	5,172	2,920	3	1,168
12/31/1995	8,489	379	8,110	1,830	34	6,615	3,566	3	1,426
12/31/1996	10,880	453	10,427	2,220	55	8,596	4,487	3	1,795
12/31/1997	12,707	310	12,397	2,919	40	9,739	4,919	3	1,968
12/31/1998	12,441	202	12,239	2,890	43	9,502	4,975	3	1,990
12/31/1999	11,741	123	11,618	2,739	22	8,977	4,518	3	1,807
12/31/2000	12,852	172	12,680	3,101	36	9,713	5,174	3	2,070
12/31/2001	14,526	114	14,412	3,888	33	10,600	5,471	3	2,188
12/31/2002	15,344	139	15,205	4,214	31	11,095	5,592	3	2,237
12/31/2003	16,307	153	16,154	4,544	37	11,721	6,232	3	2,493
12/31/2004	15,191	141	15,050	4,013	28	11,148	6,107	3	2,443
12/31/2005	13,704	144	13,560	4,288	34	9,376	5,153	3	1,718
12/31/2006	7,333	111	7,222	1,485	18	5,820	3,116	3	1,039
3/31/2007	7,702	115	7,587	1,544	18	6,129	3,335	3	1,112
6/30/2007	7,879	120	7,759	1,540	22	6,306	3,498	3	1,166
9/30/2007	8,119	142	7,977	1,562	25	6,523	3,603	3	1,201
12/31/2007	8,326	141	8,185	1,661	26	6,635	3,619	3	1,206
3/31/2008	8,618	141	8,477	1,695	32	6,888	4,153	3	1,384
6/30/2008	8,921	154	8,767	1,817	37	7,063	3,833	3	1,278
9/30/2008	9,312	145	9,167	1,923	39	7,347	4,005	3	1,335
12/31/2008	9,975	176	9,799	2,087	46	7,837	4,325	3	1,442
3/31/2009	10,572	229	10,343	2,463	48	8,049	4,436	3	1,479





ATTACHMENT 3

Actions to Maximize the Use of Existing Bankruptcy Judgeships

One of the factors examined by the Judicial Conference before proposing additional bankruptcy judgeships is whether alternative resources for handling a court's caseload are being employed or could be employed. The judiciary uses different programs to efficiently and effectively utilize its judicial resources, several of which are discussed herein. Although the judiciary strives to identify and use alternative and innovative programs to fully use existing resources, districts with heavy caseloads may eventually outgrow the usefulness of the programs and require more permanent judgeships.

Intercircuit and Intracircuit Assignment

One tool used by the judiciary is inter and intra circuit assignment of bankruptcy judges. In the twelve month period ending December 31, 2008, bankruptcy judges reported spending a total of hours 3,989 hours assisting other bankruptcy courts, including courts for which the Conference now recommends additional judgeships and conversion of temporary judgeships. Interjurisdictional assistance is restricted, however, due to the limited ability of other districts to loan resources. As case filings and workload increases, some districts that previously provided intercircuit and intracircuit assistance are no longer in a position to do so.

Recall

The judiciary also uses retired bankruptcy judges to assist in overburdened districts. A retired bankruptcy judge who wishes to serve may be recalled to active service in any district for a period up to 3 years. As of April 30, 2009, 23 retired bankruptcy judges are serving on recall status. Because recall service is only available to bankruptcy judges age 65 and older, however, there are many judges who will not meet the age and service requirements for retirement and recall. In those districts where temporary judgeships are in danger of lapsing, the need for recalled judges will be even greater if the judgeship lapses. If the judges in those districts are not eligible for retirement and recall prior to the lapse dates, those districts are likely to be faced with resource shortages.

Cross-Designation

The Judiciary also has the authority to designate a bankruptcy judge to serve in more than one district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 152(d), which permits designation of a bankruptcy judge to serve in any district adjacent to or near the district for which the judge was appointed. For example, judges from the District of Maryland and the District of the District of Columbia (a single judge court) are cross-designated. This is helpful to both districts, for workload assistance and court coverage when the one judge is unavailable due to vacation, illness or other matters.

Shared Judgeships

Shared judgeships are another effective use of judicial resources. When districts share a judgeship, the judge who occupies the position serves in two districts. The judiciary turns to shared judgeships when possible to meet the resource needs of more than one district, while avoiding the cost of an additional judgeship. Even with these shared resources, however, some districts are now in need of additional judgeships based upon their increased workload.

Technology

The judiciary also employs various technologies to help overburdened courts to efficiently manage judges' time, thus reducing the number of additional judgeships needed. For example, bankruptcy judges regularly use video-conference and tele-conference technology to reduce travel time between the judge's official duty station and additional places of holding court within the district. Use of these technologies saves hundreds of hours of travel time a year, and permits the judge to attend to other matters before the court when otherwise the judge would be in a car or on a plane. In addition, bankruptcy courts use the Case Management and Electronic Case Files system ("CM/ECF"). CM/ECF enables judges to remotely access dockets, pleadings, calendars and other material that was formerly retained only physically in the case file. Judges can therefore access and work on matters before the court from remote locations, while holding hearings at other places of holding court within their district, or from home and vacation. This means that when the judges leave the courthouse, the work does not necessarily stop.

ATTACHMENT 4

Bankruptcy Judgeship Recommendation Survey Process

The following process is used by the Judicial Conference of the United States ("Judicial Conference") for its survey of bankruptcy judgeship needs:

1. Local Court Request: The chief judges of all appellate, district, and bankruptcy courts are asked to assess the need for additional bankruptcy judgeships (and conversions of existing temporary judgeships to permanent status or extensions of existing temporary judgeships) within their bankruptcy courts based on the criteria of the Judicial Conference and its Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System ("Bankruptcy Committee"). To assist the chief judges in this matter, they are provided with the latest available information on the weighted filings per authorized judgeship in their bankruptcy courts.

Based on this assessment, bankruptcy courts may initiate judgeship requests to the district court or district courts may initiate judgeship requests on behalf of their bankruptcy courts. The district court's recommendation on the request is forwarded with the initiating request to the judicial council of the circuit.

2. Circuit Judicial Council Action: The circuit judicial council considers each district court request/recommendation and approves, disapproves, or modifies it. A report of the judicial council's action is forwarded to the Judicial Conference's Bankruptcy Committee and its Subcommittee on Judgeships.

3. Subcommittee on Judgeships Review and Recommendation:

a. The Subcommittee on Judgeships conducts a preliminary review to determine whether on-site surveys are needed to assess the requesting districts' judgeship needs. If an on-site review is necessary, a survey team consisting of a bankruptcy judge member (or former member) of the

Bankruptcy Committee or a member (or former member) of the AO Director's Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group, along with staff of the Bankruptcy Judges Division, conducts the survey and prepares a report of its findings. The survey reports are forwarded to the requesting appellate, district, and bankruptcy courts for additional comment.

b. The Subcommittee on Judgeships reviews each request and all reports and documents prepared, and makes recommendations to the Bankruptcy Committee.

4. Bankruptcy Committee Review and Recommendation: The Bankruptcy Committee reviews and considers all requests for additional judgeships and conversion and extension of existing temporary judgeships, along with accompanying recommendation documents and additional comments, and forwards its recommendations to the Judicial Conference for consideration. In the event that any requests require additional information prior to recommendation, those requests may be held over pending additional study.

5. Judicial Conference Consideration and Recommendation: The Judicial Conference considers and determines whether to adopt or modify the recommendations of the Bankruptcy Committee. The Judicial Conference recommendation is then transmitted to Congress.

ATTACHMENT 5

Assessing the Need for Bankruptcy Judgeships

In assessing a court's need for additional judicial resources, the Bankruptcy Committee will review a number of workload factors. The first factor considered will be the weighted caseload of the bankruptcy court, as derived from the Bankruptcy Judge Time Study. Also considered will be the nature and mix of the court's caseload; historical caseload data and filing trends; geographic, economic, and demographic factors in the district; the effectiveness of case management efforts by the court; the availability of alternative solutions and resources for handling the court's workload; the impact that approval of requested additional resources would have on the court's per judgeship caseload; and any other pertinent factors. Generally, it is expected that, in addition to other judicial duties, a bankruptcy court should have a [weighted] caseload of 1,500 annual case-related hours per judgeship to justify additional judicial resources.

JCUS-MAR 91, pp. 12-13.

In the late 1980's, encouraged by urging from Congress, the Bankruptcy Committee requested that the Federal Judicial Center conduct a detailed, quantitative study of the bankruptcy judges' workloads and recommend a comprehensive case measurement system. Based on records of the activities of 97% of all bankruptcy judges recorded over a 10-week time frame, staggered throughout a one-year period, the Federal Judicial Center designed a work measurement system consisting of a case weight for each of the 17 specific case types within the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy courts.

These case weights categorized bankruptcy cases filed under chapters 7, 9, 11, 12, and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code; adversary proceedings, *i.e.*, a lawsuit within a case usually initiated by filing a complaint; and contested matters, *i.e.* controversies usually initiated by the filing of a motion or an objection. The cases or proceedings are generally grouped by type and by the amount of assets or scheduled debts. For example, chapter 13 cases are categorized into subgroups according to the amount of liabilities — one subgroup applies to cases in which the liabilities are less than $50,000 and another to those with scheduled liabilities of $50,000 or more. While the chapter 13 case weights are based on liabilities, case weights for chapter 11 cases and both the business and non-business chapter 7 cases are based on assets.

Through this comprehensive work measurement system, the "weighted judicial caseload" in the United States bankruptcy courts can be determined and analyzed. Based upon the case weight assigned to each of the 17 categories of case types before the bankruptcy courts and the actual cases pending before the bankruptcy courts, a quantitative measurement of the judicial caseload can be made per district. This thorough system helps the judiciary ascertain the minimum number of bankruptcy judges needed in each district and throughout the country.

At its January 1991 session, the Judicial Conference carefully reviewed the Federal Judicial Center's Study and adopted the proposed case weighting system. The Judicial Conference acknowledged the Center's determination that a weighted caseload of 1,280 was the "average" for bankruptcy courts. It noted that this figure <u>excludes</u> an accounting of all the other activities that must be conducted by bankruptcy judges, such as handling general office-chambers matters, addressing personnel issues, traveling to divisional locations, attending meetings and seminars, conducting general research, etc. The Judicial Conference determined, however, that a district should have an even higher weighted judicial caseload than recommended by the Center, a

minimum of 1,500 annual "case related" hours per bankruptcy judge, before that district's request for an additional bankruptcy judge should be considered.

The weighted judicial caseload is not the sole determinant of whether the Judicial Conference endorses or denies a judgeship request. The Conference's 1991 policy includes consideration of:

1) the nature and mix of the court's caseload;
2) historical caseload data and filing trends;
3) geographic, economic, and demographic factors;
4) the effectiveness of the court's case management efforts;
5) the availability of alternative resources for handling the court's caseload; and
6) any other relevant factors.

An "on-site survey" generally consists of a review at the requesting district by a survey team composed of a judge member or former member of the Bankruptcy Committee, or a bankruptcy judge member or former member of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts Director's Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group, and one or more members of the Bankruptcy Judges Division from the Administrative Office. The survey team reviews the court's policies and practices, focusing particularly on the court's calendaring procedures and docket sheets. Interviews are held with key court personnel, members of the local bar, the U.S. Trustee's office, panel trustees, and judges of the bankruptcy, district, and circuit courts. Before completing the on-site survey, the judge member of the survey team often meets with the judges of the bankruptcy court and furnishes a candid evaluation of that court's practices. Suggestions for improvements and ways to achieve greater efficiencies and productivity are discussed. This form

of "peer review" has proven to be extremely helpful both to the courts and the Bankruptcy Committee in determining whether additional judges or better case management is the solution to the court's heavy workload.

Continuous improvements and enhanced efficiencies are a constant goal and the Bankruptcy Committee recognized that periodic refinements to the case weighting and assessment system are necessary. Thus, the Bankruptcy Committee asked the Center to re-examine and to attempt to quantify more precisely the judicial work required by chapter 11 "mega cases" -- an area that the Center had acknowledged at the outset of their report that the system may have undervalued. The Federal Judicial Center responded to this request by developing a prototype for adjustment to the case weight system in districts with a number of the mega cases, which the Bankruptcy Committee accepted and authorized at its June 1996 meeting.

After waiting several years to see whether bankruptcy legislation would be enacted, the Bankruptcy Committee finally determined that the system could not wait much longer for an updated bankruptcy judge case weight study and determined to proceed. In 2002, the Bankruptcy Committee requested that the Center plan and conduct a new study. The study design, approved by the Committee, included five 10-week reporting periods during which judges would report their judicial activities. The second of five reporting periods was nearly complete when BAPCPA was enacted. The Committee decided to suspend the study at the end of the second reporting period (May 2005) in anticipation that BAPCPA would dramatically change the nature of bankruptcy judges' work, and the resulting case weights would not accurately reflect the judicial resources needed to process bankruptcy cases and proceedings.

The Center has conducted extensive analyses of the data collected from the first two reporting periods, including analyses of the working patterns of bankruptcy judges and the

development of case weights for the case types used in the 1988-89 Bankruptcy Time Study. The weights from the suspended study follow the same pattern as those in the 1988-89 study, and the weights for non-business are very similar; however, the weights for business cases are higher. Data from the suspended study provide an important baseline from which to assess the impact of BAPCPA on judicial workload. That data reflects the increases in judicial workload that occurred between 1989 and early 2005.

In suspending the study, the Committee intended to conduct another study once the courts had sufficient experience with cases filed under BAPCPA and filing patterns normalized. The Federal Judicial Center amended its study design to capture BAPCPA related workload, and commenced data collection for the 2008-2009 bankruptcy case weighting study in May 2008. The purpose of the study is to compute new post-BAPCPA case weights for bankruptcy cases and proceedings to be used in assessing judgeship needs

The new case weights will address certain limitations identified in the earlier weights. They will also reflect changes in the bankruptcy system since the last study caused by BAPCPA, new case management procedures, improvements in technology, the development of complex commercial transaction, the intricacies of international insolvency proceedings, and other developments.

The study design calls for each bankruptcy judge to record his or her judicial activities during one of five ten-week reporting periods that span 2008 and 2009. The system used to assign judges to reporting periods helps ensure participation of a nationally representative sample of judges in each reporting period and facilitates a pre- and post-BAPCPA comparison of judicial workload. Each reporting period reflects various circuits and a representative distribution of districts taking into account the number of judges (e.g., single judge or large court) and the size of

the weighted caseload (higher, average, and lower) in each district. The current study has the added benefit of assigning judges who participated in the first two waves of the halted 2005 study to later reporting periods. Once all data has been collected, the Federal Judicial Center will analyze the information and develop new case weights for the Bankruptcy Committee's review at its January 2010 meeting. Thereafter, the Bankruptcy Committee may present the new case weights and its recommendations to the Judicial Conference for consideration.