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Beginning July 1, 2001, Pacer will be charging the public \$.07 per page for information obtained through the CM/ECF system. See the Court's website for Pacer Service Center phone number and web address.

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Court Connection



## News in Court Operations

by Linda Anderton, Chief Deputy Clerk and Gerri Crockett, Clerk of Court

### WOW - an Avalanche of Filings!

Since the beginning of 2001, we have experienced a large increase (30%) in filings compared to that experienced the previous year. The following shows a month by month comparison:

	Year 2000 Filings	Year 2001 Filings
January	470	620
February	553	677
March	621	835
April	500	730
May	632	742
Total Filings	2,776	3,604

The mix of cases has also seen a major change during the same time frame. For the first five months of 2000, Chapter 13 cases represented 53% of the filings and Chapter 7 cases represented 47%. However, during 2001, a reversal occurred. During the first five months of 2001, Chapter 13 cases represented only 47% of the cases filed and Chapter 7 cases represented 52% of the filings. Chapter 11 cases have also increased by a large amount (over 300%). In the same time period in 2000, eight (8) Chapter 11 cases were filed versus twenty nine (29) during the first five months in 2001.

It doesn't appear that the filings will decrease anytime soon. For the week of June 4 through June 8, 2001, 181 new bankruptcy cases were filed. For the same week in 2000, 62 new bankruptcy cases were filed. Wow!!!

According to statistics released recently by the Administrative Office, bankruptcy filings rose from 1,301,205 in the 12-month period ended March 2000 to 1,307,857 in the same time period in 2001, an increase of 0.5 percent. Business filings totaled 35,992, down 5.6 percent from 38,109 in 2000. Non-business filings totaled 1,271,865, up 0.7 percent from the total non-business filings of 1,263,096 in the 12-month period ending March 31, 2000.



by Carol Caldwell, Financial Administrator

## Fee\$ and Financial

### Fee Increases

Pursuant to the Federal Court Improvement Act of 2000 and approval by the Judicial Conference at its March 2001 session, various changes were made in the fee schedule for the Bankruptcy Courts. Two of these changes are often used by customers to our Court and are discussed below. For information concerning these changes and others not mentioned here, visit our web page at [www.ncwb.uscourts.gov](http://www.ncwb.uscourts.gov).

#### (1) Amendment to Debtor's Schedules

Previously, a \$20.00 fee was charged to amend the debtor's schedules (D, E & F). This fee has CHANGED to include a \$20.00 fee for amendments filed by the debtor(s) to MATRICES, LISTS OF CREDITORS, or MAILING LIST.

#### (2) Archived Record Retrieval Fee

This fee has increased from \$25.00 to \$35.00

### Other Important Financial News:

In addition to the acceptance of payment by Visa and MasterCard credit cards, the Bankruptcy Court will now accept **American Express, Discover or Diners Club**. You will find additional information concerning credit card acceptance on our webpage under Financial Info.

### Official Court Record

Beginning August 1, the Clerk's Office will return all documents filed over the counter after processing. If your office does not maintain a mail box at the Court, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope or your pleadings will be discarded.

