Table 7.3
U.S. Bankruptcy Courts—Business and Nonbusiness Bankruptcy Cases Filed, by Chapter of the Bankruptcy Code, During the 12-Month Periods Ending June 30, 1990, and September 30, 1995 Through 2021

|                | Total Filings      |              |            |            |            | Business Filings <sup>1</sup> |              |            |            |            | Nonbusiness Filings <sup>1</sup> |              |               |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Fiscal<br>Year | Total <sup>2</sup> | Chapter<br>7 | Chapter 11 | Chapter 12 | Chapter 13 | Total <sup>2</sup>            | Chapter<br>7 | Chapter 11 | Chapter 12 | Chapter 13 | Total <sup>2</sup>               | Chapter<br>7 | Chapter<br>11 |
| 2021           | 434,540            | 310,597      | 5,622      | 344        | 117,784    | 16,140                        | 9,541        | 5,162      | 344        | 900        | 418,400                          | 301,056      | 460           |
| 2020           | 612,561            | 409,164      | 8,188      | 581        | 194,384    | 22,391                        | 12,740       | 7,537      | 581        | 1,289      | 590,170                          | 396,424      | 651           |
| 2019           | 776,674            | 478,838      | 7,320      | 583        | 289,802    | 22,910                        | 14,025       | 6,336      | 583        | 1,835      | 753,764                          | 464,813      | 984           |
| 2018           | 773,375            | 477,248      | 7,014      | 468        | 288,550    | 22,103                        | 13,682       | 5,962      | 468        | 1,896      | 751,272                          | 463,566      | 1,052         |
| 2017           | 790,830            | 486,542      | 7,052      | 508        | 296,599    | 23,109                        | 14,407       | 5,966      | 508        | 2,099      | 767,721                          | 472,135      | 1,086         |
| 2015           | 860,182            | 550,036      | 7,040      | 383        | 302,642    | 24,985                        | 16,464       | 5,945      | 383        | 2,114      | 835,197                          | 533,572      | 1,095         |
| 2010           | 1,596,355          | 1,146,511    | 14,191     | 707        | 434,839    | 58,322                        | 40,977       | 12,279     | 707        | 4,256      | 1,538,033                        | 1,105,534    | 1,912         |
| 2005           | 1,782,643          | 1,346,201    | 6,637      | 364        | 429,316    | 34,222                        | 23,313       | 5,776      | 364        | 4,649      | 1,748,421                        | 1,322,888    | 861           |
| 2000           | 1,262,102          | 870,805      | 9,835      | 551        | 380,880    | 36,065                        | 20,687       | 9,135      | 551        | 5,661      | 1,226,037                        | 850,118      | 700           |
| 1995           | 883,457            | 598,250      | 12,639     | 883        | 271,650    | 51,042                        | 28,800       | 11,168     | 883        | 10,156     | 832,415                          | 569,450      | 1,471         |
| 1990 [4]       | 725,484            | 505,332      | 19,591     | 1,351      | 199,186    | 64,688                        | 37,161       | 17,475     | 1,351      | 8,677      | 660,796                          | 468,171      | 2,116         |

Note: Due to a change in methodology, numbers for years prior to 2015 may not match numbers previously published in this table.

[4] Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table F-2 (1990 to present), Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts.

The general effective date of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 (BAPCPA) was October 17, 2005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section 101 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code defines consumer (nonbusiness) debt as that incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose. If the debtor is a corporation or partnership, or if debt related to o business predominates, the nature of debt is business.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Totals may include cases filed under provisions of the bankruptcy code other than chapters 7, 11, 12, or 13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In 2005, BAPCPA made chapter 12 a permanent part of the bankruptcy code and added bankruptcies involving debts of family fishermen to the chapter.

## Chapter 13

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