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PRACTICE UNDER THE SMALL BUSINESS REORGANIZATION ACT



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Difficulty of Counting Chapter 11s

Le Pain Quotidien filings (e.g.)

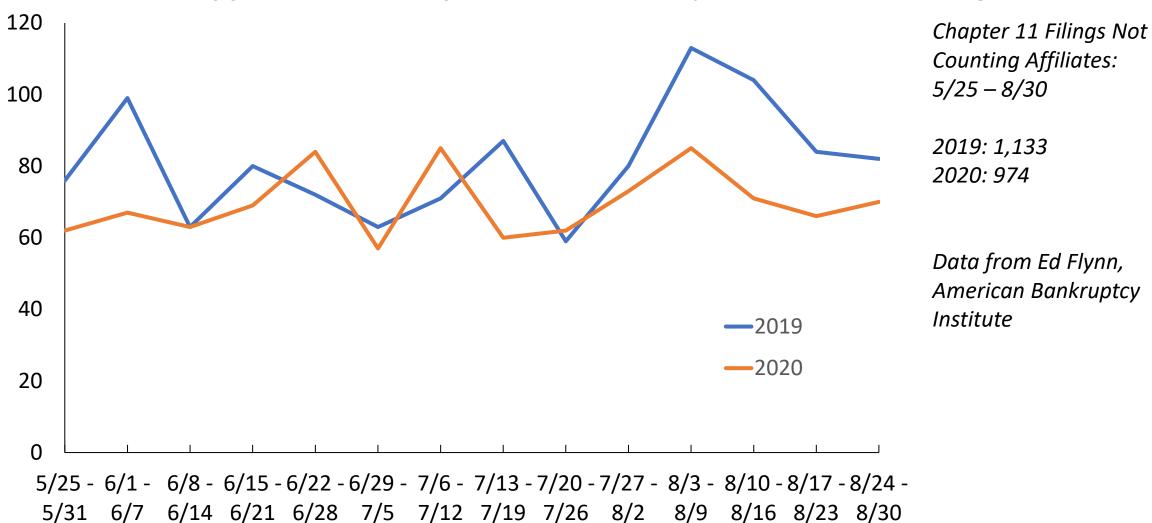
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56	PQ New York, Inc.	debke
57	PQ Meatpacking District, Inc.	debke
58	33rd Street Bakery, Inc.	debke
59	PQ Melrose, Inc.	debke
60	Florence Bakery, Inc.	debke
61	PQ 97th Street, Inc.	debke
62	PQ Merrifield, Inc.	debke
63	LPQ 14th & K Street, Inc.	debke
64	PQ Mineral Springs, Inc.	debke
65	LPQ 205 Bleecker, Inc.	debke
66	PQ Alexandria, Inc.	debke
67	PQ Montague, Inc.	debke
68	LPQ 85 Broad, Inc.	debke
69	PQ Mt. Vernon, Inc.	debke
70	PQ Americana, Inc.	debke
71	LPQ Aventura, Inc.	debke
72	PQ New Canaan, Inc.	debke
73	LPQ Cabin John, Inc.	debke
74	PQ Bakery, LLC	debke
75	LPQ Claremont, Inc.	debke
76	PQ Newport Beach Bakery, Inc.	debke
77	LPQ Coconut Grove, Inc.	debke
78	PQ Operations, Inc.	debke
79	PQ Battery Park, Inc.	debke
80	LPQ Garden City, Inc.	debke
81	PQ Park & 33rd, Inc.	debke
82	PQ Bethesda, Inc.	debke
83	LPQ King & Hudson, Inc.	debke
84	PQ Park Slope, Inc.	debke
85	LPQ N. Wells St, Inc.	debke
86	PQ Beverly Hills, Inc.	debke

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87	PQ Robertson, Inc.	debke	
88	LPQ Naperville, Inc.	debke	
89	LPQ North Michigan, Inc.	debke	
90	PQ Rye, Inc.	debke	
91	PQ Blaine Mansion, Inc.	debke	
92	LPQ Pasadena, Inc.	debke	
93	PQ San Vicente, Inc.	debke	
94	LPQ Reston, Inc.	debke	
95	PQ Bleecker, Inc.	debke	
96	LPQ Sailboat Pond, Inc.	debke	
97	PQ Brentwood, Inc.	debke	
98	LPQ South End Ave, Inc.	debke	
99	PQ Santa Monica, Inc.	debke	
100	LPQ South Gayley, Inc.	debke	
101	PQ Bryant Park, Inc.	debke	
102	PQ Soho, LLC	debke	
103	PQ Calabasas, Inc.	debke	
104	PQ Spring Valley, Inc.	debke	
105	LPQ South Lasalle, Inc.	debke	
106	LPQ Toluca Lake, Inc.	debke	
107	PQ Studio City, Inc.	debke	
108	LPQ West 55th & 8th St, Inc.	debke	
109	PQ Capitol Hill, Inc.	debke	
110	LPQ Woodbury, Inc.	debke	
111	PQ 17th Street, Inc.	debke	
112	PQ Carnegie Hill, Inc.	debke	
113	PQ The Village at Topanga, Inc.	debke	
114	PQ 44th & Madison, Inc.	debke	
115	PQ Tribeca, Inc.	debke	
116	PQ Carroll Square, Inc.	debke	
117	PQ 44th Street, Inc.	debke	

4	Α	В
118 PQ	Tysons Corner, Inc.	debke
119 PQ	Central Park, Inc.	debke
120 PQ	UN, Inc.	debke
121 PQ	53rd Street, Inc.	debke
122 PQ	Chelsea, Inc.	debke
123 PQ	550 Hudson, Inc.	debke
124 PQ	Union Square, Inc.	debke
125 PQ	Chevy Chase, Inc.	debke
126 PQ	55th & 1st, Inc.	debke
127 PQ	Union Station, Inc.	debke
128 PQ	6th & Olive, Inc.	debke
129 PQ	Clarendon, Inc.	debke
130 PQ	Upper West, Inc.	debke
131 PQ	Culver Plaza, Inc.	debke
132 PQ	6th Ave., Inc.	debke
133 PQ	Villa Marina, Inc.	debke
134 PQ	East 65th St, Inc.	debke
135 PQ	Walnut Street, Inc.	debke
136 PQ	8th & Walnut, Inc.	debke
137 PQ	East 77th, Inc.	debke
138 PQ	Wayne, Inc.	debke
139 PQ	8th Street, Inc.	debke
140 PQ	East 83rd St, Inc.	debke
141 PQ	West 72nd, Inc.	debke
142 PQ	933 Broadway, Inc.	debke
143 PQ	West 84th, Inc.	debke
144 PQ	Encino Bakery, Inc.	debke
145 PQ	Westlake, Inc.	debke
146 PQ	First Inc.	debke
147 PQ	Wildwood, Inc.	debke
148 PQ	French Market, Inc.	debke

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149	PQ Georgetown Inc.	debke
150	Tuxedo Bakery, Inc.	debke
151	PQ Gold Coast, Inc.	debke
152	Walnut St. Bakery, Inc.	debke
153	PQ Granary, Inc.	debke
154	PQ Greenwich, Inc.	debke
155	PQ Harbor Point, Inc.	debke
156	PQ Larchmont, Inc.	debke
157	PQ Lexington, Inc.	debke
158	PQ Lincoln Park, Inc.	debke
159	PQ Lincoln Square, Inc.	debke
160	PQ Manhattan Beach, Inc.	debke

An Aside . . . Affiliate-Adjusted Chapter 11 Filings



SBRA-Eligible Chapter 11s Historically

	# of Eligible Cases	Percent
2014	2,959	57.6%
2015	2,660	57.2%
2016	2,510	55.9%
2017	2,332	56.3%
2018	2,174	55.2%
2014-2018	12,635	56.5%

Notes

- 1. From FJC Integrated Petition Database of all filings
- 2. Counts only lead cases and not affiliate filings
- 3. Excludes 6,610 chapter 11s where total liabilities were reported as zero

SBRA Filing Facts

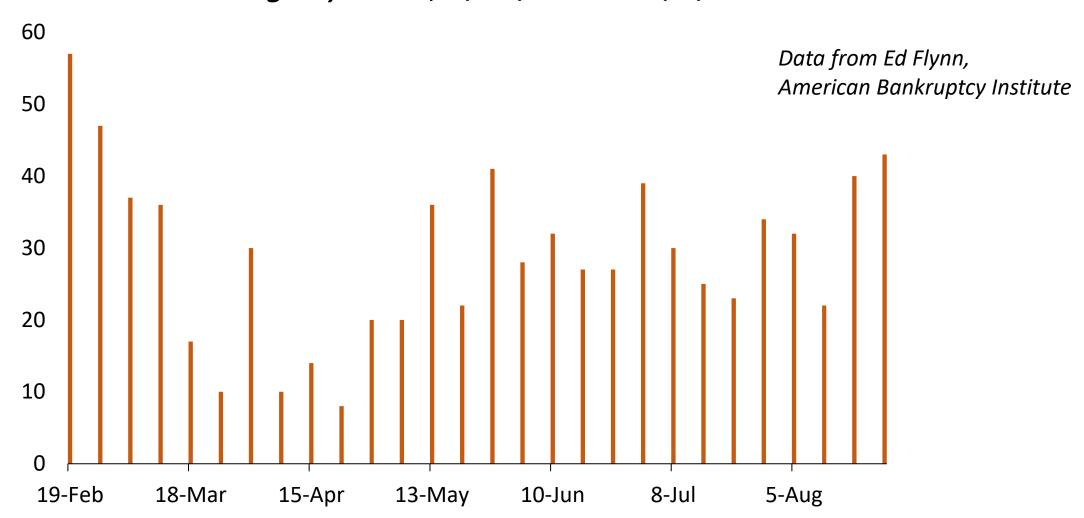
814 total SBRA filings as of September 3

From July 6 – August 30, 44.2% of solo or lead chapter 11s are SBRA cases

Data from Ed Flynn, American Bankruptcy Institute

When the Filings Were

SBRA Filings by week, 2/19/2020 - 9/1/2020

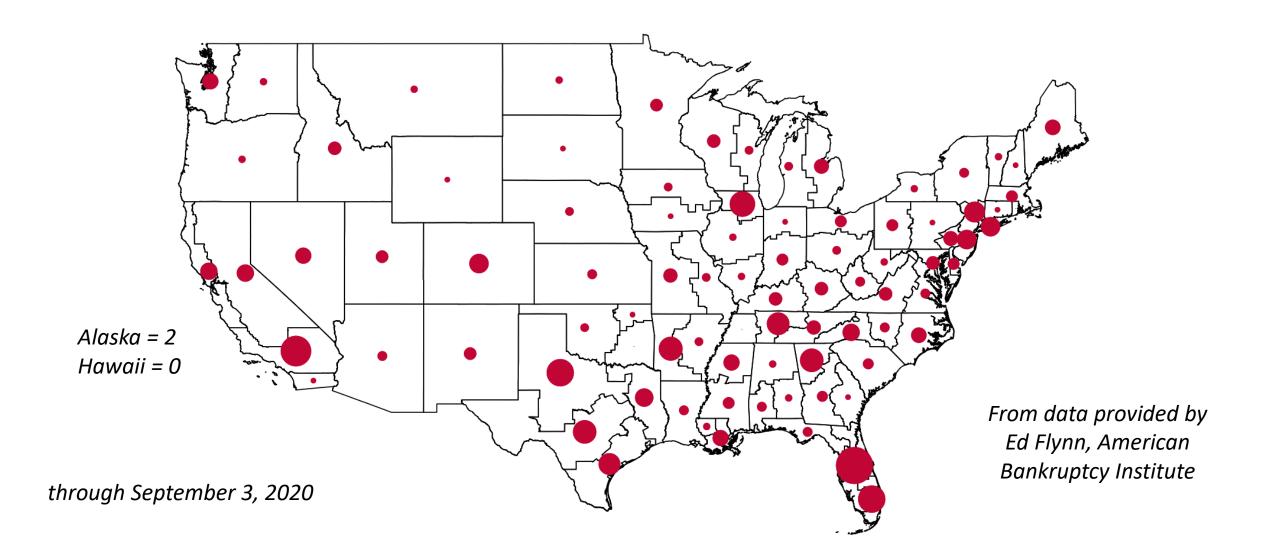


Where the SBRA Filings Were, Top 20 Districts

M.D. Fla.	70	S.D.N.Y.	21
C.D. Cal.	47	E.D.N.Y.	18
S.D. Fla.	37	D. Colo.	18
N.D. Tex.	37	D.N.J.	18
N.D. III.	32	E.D. Tex.	16
D. Ariz.	28	N.D. Cal.	14
W.D. Tex.	27	W.D.N.C.	14
N.D. Ga.	27	E.D. Cal.	14
M.D., Tenn.	25	D. Nev.	12
S.D. Tex.	23	W.D. Wash.	12

Data from Ed Flynn, American Bankruptcy Institute through September 3, 2020

Where the SBRA Filings Were . . .



RECENT CASES OF NOTE

- Eligibility:
 - THE DEBTOR MUST BE ENGAGED IN A COMMERCIAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY FROM WHICH AT LEAST 50% OF ITS LIABILITIES ARISE.
- Do Personal guaranties of business debt qualify an individual debtor for relief under Chapter V:
 - In re Blanchard, 19-12440 (Bankr. E.D. LA July 16, 2020) yes
 - In re Wright, 20-1035 (Bankr. D.S.C.April 27, 2020)
 yes
- May a debtor qualify for Chapter V relief if it was engaged in business but is no longer?
 - In re Bonert No 2, 19-20836, 2020 WL363869 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 6/3/2020)
- THE DEBTOR MUST NOT BE A SINGLE ASSET REAL ESTATE BUSINESS:
 - In re Moore Properties of Person County, LLC 20-80081 (Bankr. M.D.N.C. (2/28/2020)

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RECENT CASES OF NOTE - CONTINUED

MAY A DEBTOR ELECT TO CONVERT ITS PREVIOUSLY FILED CASE TO A CASE UNDER CHAPTER V AFTER FEBRUARY 19, 2020:

•	In re Blanchard, 2020 WL4032411 (Bankr. E.D. La. 7/16/2020)	yes
•	In re Body Transit, Inc. 613 B.R. 400 (Bankr. E.D. PA 2020)	yes
•	In re Trepetin 20-11718, 2020 wl 3833015 (Bankr. MD 7/7/2020) Chapter 7	yes
•	In re Slidebelts 2020 WL 3816290 (Bankr. E. D. Cal. 7/6/2020)	yes*
•	In re Twin Pines LLC, 19-10295 (Bankr. N.M. 4/3/2020) yes	
•	In re Double H. transportation LLC (Bankr. WD TX 3/5/2020)	no
•	In re Progressive Solutions, Inc. (Bankr. C. D. CA 2/21/2020) yes	
•	In re Ventura No. 8, 18-77193 2020WL 1867898 (Bankr. E.D. N.Y. 4/10/2020)	
	yes	
•	In re Seven Stars on the Hudson Corp., 19-17544 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. 8/7/2020)	
	no	
•	In re Bonert, 2020 WL 3635869 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 6/3/2020)	yes

RECENT CASES OF NOTE - CONTINUED

- MUST NOT EXCEED THE AGGREGATE NON-CONTINGENT LIQUIDATED DEBT LIMIT OF \$2,725,625 or \$7.5 Million (from March 27, 2020 to March 26, 2021)
 - In re Parking Management, Inc. 20-15026 (Bankr. Md. 8/28/2020)
 - (Excluded post-petition lease rejection damages and forgivable PPP loan)

HYPOTHETICAL FOR DISCUSSION

• Penny Pincher owns and operates Pied Piper Pies, LLC a very successful diner which has a counter with fixed stools but no tables. Unable to open since March, the business obtained a \$1,500,000 Payroll Protection Plan loan and used all the proceeds to make payroll, pay health insurance Premiums and make loan payments.

The business has the following obligations:

- A \$6 Million purchase money loan from Porcine Pay UP Bank secured by all assets of the business which consist mainly of restaurant equipment and furnishings worth no more than \$2.5 Million at auction. This loan is personally guaranteed by Penny and her guarantee is secured by a junior mortgage on her personal residence. Porcine has given notice of a UCC foreclosure sale of its collateral and initiated a mortgage foreclosure case on Penny's home.
- Unsecured Trade debt of \$500,000.
- The balance due on a five year real estate lease where the diner formerly operated which called for monthly rental of \$5,000. The lease term expires on September 30,2024. (\$240,000 if no new tenant is found).
- The balance due on the PPP loan of \$1,500,000.

HYPOTHETICAL FOR DISCUSSION

- Porcine has given notice of a UCC sale of its personal property collateral and initiated a mortgage foreclosure action against Penny's home.
- Penny consults you about filing a Subchapter V Case. Her plan is the following:
 - No payment to Porcine until the earlier of 90 days after the diner reopens or 2/1/2022.
 - Once the payments to Porcine are due, the debtor will make the regular non-default monthly note payments, and cure the arrearage over the next 3 to 5 years out of disposable income.
 - No distribution on the Payroll Protection Plan Loan.
 - All other claimants will be enrolled in the pie of the month club entitling them to receive the special pie of the month for one year after the diner reopens.
 - Crusty Creme, the diner's largest unsecured claimant's owner says it will never vote to accept a plan that pays nothing. "I'll make mincemeat of you".
 - Penny says she is unconcerned because she thinks her plan is confirmable.
- Is she right?