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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Administrative  
Oversight and the Courts  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate

Subject: Federal Judiciary: Information on Noncase-Related Travel of  
Bankruptcy Judges in 14 Bankruptcy Districts

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In April 1997, the Judicial Conference of the United States<sup>1</sup> transmitted to Congress a request for congressional authorization of 18 additional bankruptcy judgeships in 14 bankruptcy courts, or districts.<sup>2</sup> On June 18, 1997, you requested that we obtain information on the noncase-related travel of the bankruptcy judges in each of these 14 districts for calendar years 1995 and 1996. Specifically, you asked that for each noncase-related trip we obtain information on the dates, purpose, number of workdays required, cost, destination, and the organization that paid for each trip. This letter discusses the methodology we used to gather the data and summarizes our results.

SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

Through the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AOUSC), we asked the 83 current judges in the 14 bankruptcy districts for which the Judicial Conference has requested additional judgeships to provide us information on the dates, purpose, cost, destination, and paying organization for each noncase-related trip he or she took in calendar years 1995 and 1996. We also asked the one judge in the Northern District of Mississippi to provide the same information because

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<sup>1</sup>The Judicial Conference is the federal judiciary's principal policymaking body. It consists of 26 judges plus the Chief Justice of the United States, who presides over the conference.

<sup>2</sup>There are 90 bankruptcy districts with a current authorized total of 326 judgeships.

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this district is to share the judgeship requested for the Southern District of Mississippi. We defined noncase-related trips as trips not directly related to adjudicating bankruptcy cases. We excluded trips, such as vacations, that were paid for entirely from judges' personal funds. The judges sent their data both to us and to AOUSC.

We received data from all 14 bankruptcy districts for which the Judicial Conference has requested additional judgeships, plus the Northern District of Mississippi. In this report, we combined the travel data for the Southern and Northern Districts of Mississippi. Together, these 15 districts currently have 84 authorized judgeships, and we received responses from 81 judges.<sup>3</sup> The total trips reported in this letter exclude the data reported by one judge in the District of New Jersey who did not provide information on the dates of the trips reported, their cost, or the paying organizations. Thus, our totals include data from 80 judges.

Many of the reported trips were for similar purposes, such as training. To make it easier to compare the number of trips of similar purpose, we organized the reported trips into five categories: (1) judicial meetings and activities within the district or circuit;<sup>4</sup> (2) workshops, seminars, and other activities sponsored by AOUSC or the Federal Judicial Center (FJC); (3) meetings, conferences, and seminars sponsored by the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ), the National Association of

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<sup>3</sup>We received information from seven of nine judges in the Southern District of New York and three of four judges in the Western District of Tennessee. One judgeship in the Western District of Tennessee was vacant for an extended period of time during 1995 and 1996. The judgeship was filled in 1997.

<sup>4</sup>The 90 bankruptcy districts are organized into 12 geographic circuits. There are a number of bankruptcy districts in each circuit. This category includes trips to circuit conferences and circuit committee meetings as well as bankruptcy judges meetings within the circuit, either for a specific district or more than one district. We included such meetings in this category whether or not the listed destinations were within the geographic boundaries of the district or circuit. For example, the eleventh circuit held its circuit conference in 1995 in Asheville, North Carolina, which is within the boundaries of the fourth circuit.

Bankruptcy Trustees (NABT), or the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees (NACTT); (4) Judicial Conference activities;<sup>5</sup> and (5) other.<sup>6</sup>

We used the dates of reported travel for each trip to determine the length of each trip because travel dates were the only comparable data each reporting judge provided on the length of each trip. We counted all travel days as whole days except where a judge specifically reported that a trip included a half-day of travel.<sup>7</sup> In those instances, we counted one of the travel days as a half-day. We then identified workdays by excluding weekend days and federal holidays for 1995 and 1996.

In reviewing the cost data we received, we found that the data on cost per trip were not always complete or comparable among the reporting judges. For some trips, judges noted that (1) the costs of the trips were estimates; (2) they did not know the costs; (3) the costs were combined with the cost of another trip; or (4) part of the trips' costs (usually hotel) were paid directly by the sponsoring organization, and the judge did not know the amount paid. Therefore, the cost data we received were sometimes estimates, were not necessarily complete, and may not always have represented the full or actual cost of each trip. Because the cost data were not complete or comparable among judges or among districts, we have not included cost data in this summary.

We did not independently verify the reported data on the number of trips taken, the dates of travel for each trip, the purpose of each trip, the destination, the cost per trip, or the paying organization. We did our work principally in Washington, D.C., and Dallas, Texas, from June through July 1997 in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

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<sup>5</sup>This category included trips to attend meetings of Judicial Conference committees or subcommittees.

<sup>6</sup>This category included any activity not contained in the other four categories. It includes activities, such as meetings or seminars, sponsored by law schools, bar associations, civic associations, executive branch agencies of the federal government, or foreign governments.

<sup>7</sup>Occasionally, a judge's response indicated that he or she left on a specific trip late in the day or returned to the office in the afternoon. To the extent this occurred, our totals may overstate the total number of travel days or workdays on travel.

SUMMARY OF DATA

In assessing bankruptcy judge workload, the Judicial Conference assumes that each bankruptcy judge will spend, on average, about 30 percent of his or her time—about 600 hours per year—on noncase-related matters, such as travel, training, administrative affairs, and general case management activities that cannot be attributed to a specific case.<sup>8</sup>

The 80 judges who responded to our request reported that they took a total of 416 noncase-related trips in calendar year 1995 and 403 trips in calendar year 1996. Together, circuit or district meetings and activities; Judicial Conference meetings and activities; and AOUSC- or FJC- sponsored workshops, seminars, and other activities accounted for about 66 percent of all trips and about 74 percent of all travel workdays reported for 1995. Comparable figures for calendar year 1996 were about 67 percent and about 73 percent, respectively. Information on trips by major category is provided in enclosure I.

As shown in the following table, there was a marked difference between the districts with the highest and lowest average number of noncase-related trips per judge and between the districts with the highest and lowest average number of workdays per judge for noncase-related trips.

Range of Trips and Workdays Per Judge for Noncase-Related Travel in 1995 and 1996

	District range	1995	1996
Average number of noncase-related trips per judge	High	9.3	12.0
	Low	0.5	1.3
Average number of workdays per judge for noncase-related travel	High	22.3	28.5
	Low	1.5	5.2

Source: GAO analysis of bankruptcy judges' travel data.

Enclosure II includes information on highs, lows, and averages for each of the districts in 1995 and 1996.

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<sup>8</sup>Six hundred hours are equivalent to 75 8-hour days.

The total number of trips reported varied among districts, and among judges in the same district, for several reasons. First, in some districts, judges served on Judicial Conference committees or subcommittees and traveled to meetings of these committees and subcommittees—travel not required of their colleagues who did not serve on such committees. Second, some districts had newly appointed judges who attended one or more sessions of new judge orientation and training. Third, some judges were active in national bankruptcy organizations, such as the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and traveled to more events sponsored by these organizations than did their colleagues within the district or judges in other districts.

Destinations varied widely, from local county bar association meetings to trips overseas to teach bankruptcy seminars. About 98 percent (805) of the 819 noncase-related trips reported for 1995 and 1996 were for destinations within the United States. Five judges reported a total of 14 trips to other nations. About 34 percent of all reported trips were paid for by the judges personally or by organizations other than the federal judiciary.<sup>9</sup> Enclosure III includes information on trip destinations, and enclosure IV contains information on the organizations that paid for the trips reported. Enclosure V contains abbreviations used in enclosures I, III, and IV.

#### AGENCY COMMENTS

On August 5, 1997, we provided a draft of this letter to AOUSC officials for comment. On August 6, 1997, an official of the Office of Program Assessment in AOUSC provided comments on the draft. AOUSC suggested that our use of whole days may overstate judges travel days or workdays when judges began trips after normal office hours or traveled only part of a day. AOUSC also suggested that we delete part of a footnote which stated that some district and circuit meetings did not occur within the geographic boundaries of the district or circuit. AOUSC believed that location was irrelevant to identifying the trip's purpose. Finally, AOUSC suggested that we note that the average of 600 hours that bankruptcy judges are assumed to devote to noncase-related activities refers to activities that cannot be attributed to a specific case, although they may be related to case management generally.

We added a footnote regarding the potential impact of partial days on our travel day and travel workday totals. We did not delete the reference to meetings which occurred outside the district or circuit, since this was relevant to how we classified trips. We also included a statement that noncase-related judges time, as used in the

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<sup>9</sup>Although we did not ask judges to provide us information on noncase-related trips for which they paid entirely from their personal funds, we included such trips in our analysis when the judges did report them.

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Judiciary's workload measure for bankruptcy judges, is time that cannot be attributed to a specific case.

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We plan no further distribution of this letter for 30 days, unless its contents are made public. At that time, we will send copies to the Ranking Minority Member of your Subcommittee; the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, House Committee on the Judiciary; the Chairmen and Ranking Minority Members of the House and Senate Committees on the Judiciary; the Director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts; the Director of the Federal Judicial Center; the Chief Judge of each of the 15 bankruptcy districts that provided travel data; and others, upon request.

Major contributors to this letter are listed in enclosure VI. Please contact me at (202) 512-8777 if you or your staff have any questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosures - 6

OVERVIEW OF BANKRUPTCY JUDGES NONCASE-RELATED  
TRIPS AND AND THEIR LENGTH

This enclosure contains information on the calendar year 1995 and 1996 noncase-related trips reported by bankruptcy judges in the 14 districts for which the Judicial Conference has requested additional bankruptcy judgeships. For each district and each major trip category within each district, this enclosure provides information on (1) the number of judges in the district, (2) the number of noncase-related trips; (3) the total number of travel days; and (4) the total number of workdays on noncase-related travel.

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Number of travel days each year	Number of work days each year	Purpose
New York (Eastern) <sup>a</sup> 6 judges				
	0	0	0	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	2	6	6	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	1	5	3	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	0	0	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	0	0	0	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	
	2	8	4	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	6	32	27	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	0	0	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	0	0	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	0	0	0	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>31</b>	

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<sup>a</sup>Five judges in New York (Eastern) had no noncase-related travel in 1995, and one of these judges also had no noncase-related travel in 1996.

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Number of travel days each year	Number of work days each year	Purpose
<b>New York (Northern) 2 judges</b>				
	1	1.0	1.0	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	2	9.0	8.0	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	4	13.0	6.0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	0	0.0	0.0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	1	0.5	0.5	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>15.5</b>	
	7	14.0	9.0	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	6	18.5	15.5	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	1	5.0	2.0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	0	0.0	0.0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	3	8.0	5.0	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>45.5</b>	<b>31.5</b>	

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Number of travel days each year	Number of work days each year	Purpose
New York (Southern) <sup>b</sup> 9 judges				
	0	0	0	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	8	34	28	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	0	0	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	0	0	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	9	22	15	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>43</b>	
	7	20	15	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	8	30	29	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	0	0	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	0	0	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	8	25	18	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>62</b>	

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even of the nine judges in New York (Southern) provided travel data.

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Number of travel days each year	Number of work days each year	Purpose
<b>New Jersey<sup>c</sup> 8 judges</b>				
	6	25	16	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	9	38	31	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	6	18	12	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	0	0	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	0	0	0	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>59</b>	
	0	0	0	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	7	26	24	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	4	15	11	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	0	0	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	1	3	2	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>37</b>	

<sup>c</sup>One judge in New Jersey did not provide data on dates of travel, costs, or paying organization, so this judge's data are not included in the districtwide totals.

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Number of travel days each year	Number of work days each year	Purpose
Pennsylvania (Eastern) 5 judges				
	5	20	11	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	6	14	12	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	1	3	2	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	0	0	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	3	6	3	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>28</b>	
	0	0	0	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	7	25	22	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	1	4	2	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	0	0	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	2	4	4	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>28</b>	

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Number of travel days each year	Number of work days each year	Purpose
Pennsylvania (Middle) 2 judges				
	3	12	6	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	2	9	7	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	0	0	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	0	0	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	0	0	0	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	
	1	2	1	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	4	16	13	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	0	0	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	0	0	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	0	0	0	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Number of travel days each year	Number of work days each year	Purpose
Maryland 4 judges				
	4	16	11	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	5	20	16	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	1	4	3	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	6	15	13	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	10	14	13	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>56</b>	
	4	13	10	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	3	10	10	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	2	5	4	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	6	16	15	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	3	8	5	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>44</b>	

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Number of travel days each year	Number of work days each year	Purpose
Virginia (Eastern) 5 judges				
	16	35	25	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	6	23	20	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	1	4	2	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	0	0	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	3	6	4	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>51</b>	
	15	35	24	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	6	24	21	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	0	0	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	0	0	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	6	17	13	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>58</b>	

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Number of travel days each year	Number of work days each year	Purpose
Mississippi (Southern and Northern) <sup>d</sup> 3 judges				
	3	13	9	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	3	17	12	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	7	25	17	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	2	6	5	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	11	30	24	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>67</b>	
	3	13	9	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	6	28	21	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	3	7	5	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	3	17	10	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	9	26	24	Other(e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>69</b>	

Travel data for the judges in the northern and southern districts of Mississippi were combined since the requested judgeship to be shared.

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Number of travel days each year	Number of work days each year	Purpose
<b>Michigan (Eastern) 4 judges</b>				
	4	18	15	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	12	32	29	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	4	12	11	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	0	0	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	16	30	22	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>77</b>	
	4	16	12	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	10	28	24	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	3	11	9	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	0	0	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	19	38	30	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>75</b>	

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Number of travel days each year	Number of work days each year	Purpose
Tennessee (Western) <sup>9</sup> 4 judges				
	6	18	16	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	6	23	22	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	1	4	2	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	4	11	9	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	8	23	17	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>66</b>	
	3	12.0	9.0	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	17	50.0	44.0	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	2	8.0	6.0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	1	3.0	2.0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	13	29.5	24.5	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>102.5</b>	<b>85.5</b>	

We received travel data from three of the four judges in Tennessee Western because one judgeship was vacant for an extended period of time during 1995 and 1996. The judgeship was filled in 1997.

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Number of travel days each year	Number of work days each year	Purpose
California (Central) 21 judges				
	56	183	113	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	36	132	114	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	7	26	16	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	2	8	8	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	31	92	58	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>309</b>	
	35	106	76	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	36	132	120	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	3	8	8	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	1	2	2	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	32	95	60	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>266</b>	

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Number of travel days each year	Number of work days each year	Purpose
California (Eastern) 6 judges				
	35	107	79	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	9	41	36	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	0	0	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	0	0	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	12	25	15	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>130</b>	
	32	100	75	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	16	56	50	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	1	3	1	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	0	0	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	10	27	16	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>142</b>	

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Number of travel days each year	Number of work days each year	Purpose
Florida (Southern) 5 judges				
	6	23.0	17.0	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	8	30.0	27.0	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	2	7.0	6.0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	0	0.0	0.0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	4	8.5	6.5	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>56.5</b>	
	6	24.0	17.0	Circuit or district meetings, activities
	7	22.0	22.0	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities
	1	4.0	3.0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences
	2	7.0	6.0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities
	5	38.5	27.5	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>95.5</b>	<b>75.5</b>	

Source: GAO analysis of bankruptcy judges' travel data.

The High, Low, and Average Number of Noncase-Related Trips and Workdays Reported for Calendar Years 1995 and 1996 by Bankruptcy Judges in the Districts for Which the Judicial Conference Requested Additional Bankruptcy Judgeships in 1997

District (number of current judgeships)	Number of noncase-related trips						Number of workdays on travel					
	1995			1996			1995			1996		
	Low	High	Average	Low	High	Average	Low	High	Average	Low	High	Average
New York, Eastern (6) <sup>a</sup>	0	3	0.5	0	3	1.3	0	9	1.5	0	12.0	5.2
New York, Northern (2)	3	5	4.0	7	10	8.5	6	9.5	7.8	14	17.5	15.8
New York, Southern (9) <sup>b</sup>	1	5	2.4	2	6	3.3	3	10	6.1	6	13.0	8.9
New Jersey (8) <sup>c</sup>	2	7	3.0	0	5	1.7	5	17	8.4	0	14.0	5.3
Pennsylvania, Eastern (5)	1	7	3.0	1	4	2.0	2	9	5.6	2	12.0	5.6
Pennsylvania, Middle (2)	2	3	2.5	1	4	2.5	6	7	6.5	4	10.0	7.0
Maryland (4)	3	10	6.5	2	11	4.5	7	26	14.0	3	26.0	11.0
Virginia, Eastern (5)	2	8	5.2	4	9	5.4	4	16	10.2	5	22.0	11.6
Mississippi, Southern and Northern (3) <sup>d</sup>	4	17	8.7	3	15	8.0	8	43	22.3	10	41.0	23.0
Michigan, Eastern (4)	4	15	9.0	4	14	9.0	10	24	19.3	9	27.0	18.8
Tennessee, Western (4) <sup>e</sup>	7	11	8.3	8	17	12.0	20	25	22.0	20	42.5	28.5
California, Central (21)	1	13	6.3	0	13	5.1	3	34	14.7	0	37.0	12.7
California, Eastern (6)	6	11	9.3	6	14	9.8	15	25	21.7	15	27.0	23.7
Florida, Southern (5)	2	8	4.0	1	9	4.2	6.5	21	11.3	5	42.0	15.1

<sup>a</sup>Five judges in New York (Eastern) had no noncase-related travel in 1995, and one of these judges also had no noncase-related travel in 1996.

<sup>b</sup>Seven of the nine judges in New York (Southern) provided travel data.

<sup>c</sup>One judge in New Jersey did not provide data on dates of travel, costs, or paying organization, so this judge's data are not included in the districtwide totals.

<sup>d</sup>Travel data for the judges in the northern and southern districts of Mississippi were combined since the requested judgeship is to be shared.

<sup>e</sup>We received travel data from three of the four authorized judges because one judgeship was vacant for an extended period of time during 1995 and 1996. The judgeship was filled in 1997.

Source: GAO analysis of bankruptcy judges' travel data.

INFORMATION ON THE DESTINATIONS FOR BANKRUPTCY JUDGES'  
NONCASE-RELATED TRAVEL

This enclosure contains information on the destinations for noncase-related travel during calendar years 1995 and 1996 reported by bankruptcy judges in districts for which the Judicial Conference requested additional bankruptcy judgeships in 1997.

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Destination (number of trips)
<b>New York (Eastern)<sup>a</sup> 6 judges</b>			
	0	Circuit or district meetings, activities	
	2	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	San Antonio, TX; Marina del Rey, CA
	1	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	New Orleans, LA
	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	
	0	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>3</b>		
	2	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Lake George, NY (2)
	6	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	San Francisco, CA; San Antonio, TX (3); Chicago, IL (2)
	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	
	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	
	0	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>8</b>		

<sup>a</sup>Five judges in New York (Eastern) had no noncase-related travel in 1995, and one of these judges also had no noncase-related travel in 1996.

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Destination (number of trips)
New York (Northern) 2 judges			
	1	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Utica, NY
	2	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Boston, MA; Washington, DC
	4	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	Boston, MA (2); New Orleans, LA (2)
	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	
	1	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Syracuse, NY
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>8</b>		
	7	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Albany, NY; Bolton Landing, NY (2); New York, NY (2); Syracuse, NY (2)
	6	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	San Francisco, CA (2); Washington, DC (2); Philadelphia, PA; Chicago, IL
	1	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	San Francisco, CA
	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	
	3	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Cooperstown, NY (2); Lubbock, TX
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>17</b>		

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Destination (number of trips)
New York (Southern) <sup>b</sup> 9 judges			
	0	Circuit or district meetings, activities	
	8	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Washington, DC; Marina del Rey, CA; Orlando, FL (2); San Antonio, TX (3); San Diego, CA
	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	
	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	
	9	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Boston, MA; Chicago, IL; Washington, DC (2); New Orleans, LA; Philadelphia, PA (2); Toronto, Canada (2)
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>17</b>		
	7	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Bolton Landing, NY (7)
	8	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Chicago, IL (2); Washington, DC; Philadelphia, PA; San Antonio, TX; San Francisco, CA (3)
	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	
	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	
	8	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Washington, DC (4); Rancho Mirage, CA; San Diego, CA (2); Sioux City, IA
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>23</b>		

<sup>b</sup>We received data from seven of the nine judges in New York (Southern).

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Destination (number of trips)
<b>New Jersey<sup>c</sup> 8 judges</b>			
	6	Circuit or district meetings, activities	White Sulphur Springs, WV (6)
	9	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Boston, MA; Orlando, FL (3); Portland, OR; San Antonio, TX (4)
	6	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	Atlanta, GA; Boston, MA; Washington, DC (2); New Orleans, LA (2)
	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	
	0	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>21</b>		
	0	Circuit or district meetings, activities	
	7	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Chicago, IL; Miami, FL; Philadelphia, PA; San Antonio, TX; San Francisco, CA (3)
	4	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	Washington, DC; San Diego, CA (2); San Francisco, CA
	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	
	1	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Tampa, FL
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>12</b>		

<sup>c</sup>One judge in New Jersey did not provide data on dates of travel, costs, or paying organization, so this judge's data are not included in the districtwide totals.

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Destination (number of trips)
Pennsylvania (Eastern) 5 judges			
	5	Circuit or district meetings, activities	White Sulphur Springs, WV (5)
	6	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Washington, DC (3); Orlando, FL; San Antonio, TX; Portland, OR
	1	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	Boston, MA
	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	
	3	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Jackson Hole, WY; Washington, DC; San Francisco, CA
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>15</b>		
	0	Circuit or district meetings, activities	
	7	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	San Francisco, CA (3); Miami, FL (2); Philadelphia, PA (2)
	1	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	San Francisco, CA
	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	
	2	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Pittsburgh, PA; Palm Springs, CA
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>10</b>		

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Destination (number of trips)
Pennsylvania (Middle) 2 judges			
	3	Circuit or district meetings, activities	White Sulphur Springs, WV (2); Princeton, NJ
	2	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Boston, MA; Marina del Rey, CA
	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	
	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	
	0	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>5</b>		
	1	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Princeton, NJ
	4	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	San Francisco, CA (2); West Chester, PA; San Antonio, TX
	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	
	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	
	0	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>5</b>		

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Destination (number of trips)
<b>Maryland 4 judges</b>			
	4	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Hot Springs, VA (4)
	5	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	San Antonio, TX (2); San Diego, CA (2); Boston, MA
	1	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	New Orleans, LA
	6	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	San Diego, CA; New Orleans, LA; Chicago, IL; Vergennes, VT; Washington, DC; Portland, OR
	10	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Upper Marlboro, MD; Bel Air, MD; Annapolis, MD (2); Ellicott City, MD; Eastern Shore, MD (city not specified); St. Mary's County, MD; Elkton, MD; Washington, DC; Charlottesville, VA
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>26</b>		
	4	Circuit or district meetings, activities	White Sulphur Springs, WV (4)
	3	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Chicago, IL; Philadelphia, PA; San Francisco, CA
	2	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	Chicago, IL; San Diego, CA
	6	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	San Diego, CA; San Francisco, CA; Marina del Rey, CA; Memphis, TN; Whitefish, VT; Washington, DC
	3	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Coeur d'Alene, ID; Charlottesville, VA (2)
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>18</b>		

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Destination (number of trips)
Virginia (Eastern) 5 judges			
	16	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Charlottesville, VA (4); Hot Springs, VA (5); Richmond, VA; Irvington, VA (5); Norfolk, VA
	6	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Boston, MA (2); Richmond, VA; Washington, DC; Marina del Rey, CA; Los Angeles, CA
	1	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	Boston, MA
	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	
	3	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Virginia Beach, VA; Charlottesville, VA (2)
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>26</b>		
	15	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Williamsburg, VA (5); White Sulphur Springs, WV (5); Irvington, VA (5)
	6	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Richmond, VA; Chicago, IL (3); San Francisco, CA; San Antonio, TX
	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	
	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	
	6	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Hot Springs, VA; Washington, DC; Hilton Head, SC; Charlottesville, VA; Fairfax, VA; Richmond/Roanoke, VA
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>27</b>		

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Destination (number of trips)
Mississippi (Southern and Northern) <sup>d</sup> 3 judges			
	3	Circuit or district meetings, activities	New Orleans, LA (3)
	3	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Boston, MA; Pasadena, CA; San Antonio, TX
	7	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	New Orleans, LA (2); Atlanta, GA; Washington, DC (3); Boston, MA
	2	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	San Diego, CA; Washington, DC
	11	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Atlanta, GA; Baton Rouge, LA; Memphis, TN (3); Jackson, MS (3); Washington, DC; Traverse City, MI; Laguna Niguel, CA
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>26</b>		
	3	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Ft. Worth, TX (3)
	6	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	San Francisco, CA (3); San Antonio, TX; Washington, DC; Philadelphia, PA
	3	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	Washington, DC (2); San Diego, CA
	3	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	San Francisco, CA; Monterey, CA; Williamsburg, VA
	9	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Memphis, TN (3); Jackson, MS (2); Washington, DC; San Destin, FL; Hilton Head, SC; Amelia Island, FL
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>24</b>		

<sup>d</sup>Travel data for the judges in the northern and southern districts of Mississippi were combined since the requested judgeship is to be shared.

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Destination (number of trips)
Michigan (Eastern) 4 judges			
	4	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Asheville, NC (4)
	12	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Orlando, FL (3); San Antonio, TX (3); Chattanooga, TN; Cincinnati, OH; Detroit, MI (3); Marina del Rey, CA
	4	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	Boston, MA (2); New Orleans, LA (2)
	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	
	16	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Traverse City (4); Troy, MI (2); Southfield, MI; Atlanta, GA; Columbus, OH; Memphis, TN (2); Baltimore, MD; Washington, DC (2); Virginia Beach, VA; Clayton, OH
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>36</b>		
	4	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Mackinac Island, MI (4)
	10	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	San Francisco, CA (3); Pasadena, CA; Cincinnati, OH (2); San Antonio, TX; Detroit, MI (2); Philadelphia, PA
	3	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	Lake Tahoe, NV (2); San Diego, CA
	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	
	19	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Troy, MI (2); Traverse City, MI (3); Harbor Springs, MI (4); Bellaire, MI; Cincinnati, OH; Chicago, IL (2); Birmingham, AL; Palm Springs, CA; Columbus, OH; Washington, DC; Clearwater Beach, FL; Jackson, MS
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>36</b>		

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Destination (number of trips)
Tennessee (Western) <sup>e</sup> 4 judges			
	6	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Asheville, NC (3); Chattanooga, TN; Cincinnati, OH (2)
	6	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Washington, DC; San Antonio, TX (3); Boston, MA; Portland, OR
	1	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	New Orleans, LA
	4	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	Key West, FL; New York, NY; San Francisco, CA; Washington, DC
	8	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Atlanta, GA; Park City, UT; Nashville, TN (3); Knoxville, TN; Phoenix, AZ; Traverse City, MI
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>25</b>		
	3	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Mackinac Island, MI (3)
	17	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Washington, DC (2); Nashville, TN (5); Memphis, TN; San Antonio, TX (2); San Francisco, CA; Oxford, MS; Atlanta GA (2); Tarrytown, NY (2); Philadelphia, PA
	2	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	San Diego, CA (2)
	1	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	Greensboro, NC
	13	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Nashville, TN (6); Memphis, TN (3); Jackson Hole, WY; Birmingham, AL; Washington, DC; Hilton Head, SC
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>36</b>		

<sup>e</sup>We received travel data from three of the four authorized judges because one judgeship was vacant for an extended period of time during 1995 and 1996. The position was filled in 1997.

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Destination (number of trips)
California (Central) 21 judges			
	56	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Avalon, CA (2); Catalina, CA (9); Riverside, CA (17); San Francisco, CA (7); Maui, HI (19); Phoenix, AZ; Snoqualmie Falls, WA
	36	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Boston, MA (11); Washington, DC (6); Marina del Rey, CA (2); Los Angeles, CA; Philadelphia, PA; Portland, OR; San Antonio, TX (14)
	7	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	Atlanta, GA; Chicago, IL; New Orleans, LA (2); San Antonio, TX; San Francisco, CA (2)
	2	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	Bigfork, MT; Williamsburg, VA
	31	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Atlanta, GA; Bangor, ME; Chicago, IL; Columbus, OH; Washington, DC (8); Hawk's Cay, FL; Honolulu, HI; Indian Wells, CA (5); Los Angeles, CA; Palm Springs, CA; San Diego, CA (2); San Francisco, CA (3); San Antonio, TX; Romania; Ukraine (2); Warsaw, Poland
1995 total	132		

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Destination (number of trips)
California (Central) continued			
	35	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Ojai, CA (12); Sacramento, CA; San Francisco, CA (7); Portland, OR (2); Reno, NV (2); Sun Valley, ID (11)
	36	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Atlanta, GA (5); Chicago, IL (4); Washington, DC (5); Miami, FL; Pasadena, CA; San Francisco, CA (6); Philadelphia, PA (9); San Antonio, TX (5)
	3	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	San Diego, CA (2); San Francisco, CA
	1	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	Washington, DC
	32	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Baltimore, MD; Bratislava, Slovakia; Washington, DC (2); Fresno, CA; Los Angeles, CA; Olympic Valley, CA (4); Miami, FL; New York, NY; Orlando, FL; Palm Springs, CA; Rancho Mirage, CA; Sacramento, CA; San Diego, CA (3); San Francisco, CA (2); Philadelphia, PA; Phoenix, AZ; Romania (3); Santa Ana, CA; Squaw Creek, CA; Squaw Valley, CA; Santa Fe, NM (2); Ukraine
1996 total	107		

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Destination (number of trips)
<b>California (Eastern) 6 judges</b>			
	35	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Lake Tahoe, CA (5); Monterey, CA (6); San Diego, CA; San Francisco, CA (6); Yosemite, CA (10); Maui, HI (6); Snoqualmie, WA
	9	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Boston, MA (5); Orlando, FL (2); Portland, OR; San Antonio, TX
	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	
	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	
	12	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Fresno, CA (4); Indian Wells, CA (4); San Francisco, CA (3); Tahoe City, CA
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>56</b>		
	32	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Bass Lake, CA (6); South Lake Tahoe, CA (2); Pasadena, CA; Sacramento, CA (2); San Francisco, CA (6); Squaw Creek, CA (2); Reno, NV; Sun Valley, ID (6); Yosemite, CA (6)
	16	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Chicago, IL; Kansas City, MO; Los Angeles, CA (2); Sacramento, CA (2); San Francisco, CA (2); Philadelphia, PA (4); San Antonio, TX (4)
	1	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	San Francisco, CA
	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	
	10	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Fresno, CA (4); Squaw Creek, CA (5); San Antonio, TX
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>59</b>		

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Destination (number of trips)
Florida (Southern) 5 judges			
	6	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Amelia Island, FL; Asheville, NC (5)
	8	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Key West, FL; Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Orlando, FL (2); San Diego, CA; Boston, MA; San Antonio, TX (2)
	2	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	Hilton Head, SC; New Orleans, LA
	0	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	
	4	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Orlando, FL; Washington, DC; Amelia Island, FL; Tampa\Miami, FL
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>20</b>		
	6	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Ponte Verde, FL; Bay Point, FL; Panama City Beach, FL (4)
	7	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Philadelphia, PA (3); San Antonio, TX; San Francisco, CA (2); Chicago, IL
	1	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	San Diego, CA
	2	Judicial Conference meetings, activities	Memphis, TN; San Francisco, CA
	5	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Czech Republic; Republic of Slovenia; Thailand; Austin, TX; Tampa, FL
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>21</b>		

Source: GAO analysis of bankruptcy judges' travel data.

INFORMATION ON ORGANIZATIONS THAT PAID FOR BANKRUPTCY  
JUDGES' NONCASE-RELATED TRAVEL

This enclosure contains information on the organizations that paid for bankruptcy judges' noncase-related travel in calendar years 1995 and 1996 in the districts for which the Judicial Conference requested additional bankruptcy judgeships in 1997.

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Paying organization (number of trips)
New York (Eastern) <sup>a</sup> 6 judges			
	0	Circuit or district meetings, activities	
	2	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (2)
	1	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	Judge personally
	0	Judicial conference activities	
	0	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>3</b>		
	2	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (2)
	6	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (6)
	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	
	0	Judicial conference activities	
	0	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>8</b>		

<sup>a</sup>Five judges in New York (Eastern) had no noncase-related travel in 1995, and one of these judges also had no noncase-related travel in 1996.

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Paying organization (number of trips)
New York (Northern) 2 judges			
	1	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (1)
	2	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (2)
	4	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	NACTT (2); NCBJ (2)
	0	Judicial conference activities	
	1	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Central Region Bankruptcy Bar Association
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>8</b>		
	7	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (7)
	6	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (6)
	1	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	NACTT
	0	Judicial conference activities	
	3	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Capital Region Bankruptcy Bar Association (2); Farm Ranch Bankruptcy Institute
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>17</b>		

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Paying organization (number of trips)
New York (Southern) <sup>b</sup> 9 judges			
	0	Circuit or district meetings, activities	
	8	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (8)
	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	
	0	Judicial conference activities	
	9	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	INSOL International (2); National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys; American Law Institute (3); Toy Manufacturers of America; American Bankruptcy Institute; Georgetown University
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>17</b>		
	7	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (7)
	8	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (8)
	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	
	0	Judicial conference activities	
	8	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Georgetown University (2); American Bar Association; Commercial Law League; American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bankruptcy Institute and judge personally; World Bank Group; Bankruptcy Seminars of Iowa
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>23</b>		

<sup>b</sup>Seven of the nine authorized judges in New York (Southern) provided travel data.

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Paying organization (number of trips)
New Jersey <sup>c</sup> 8 judges			
	6	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (6)
	9	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (9)
	6	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	NCBJ (5); Judge personally
	0	Judicial conference activities	
	0	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>21</b>		
	0	Circuit or district meetings, activities	
	7	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (7)
	4	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	NCBJ (3); Judge personally
	0	Judicial conference activities	
	1	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Stetson University
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>12</b>		

<sup>c</sup>One judge in New Jersey did not provide data on dates of travel, costs, or paying organization, so this judge's data are not included in the districtwide totals.

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Paying organization (number of trips)
Pennsylvania (Eastern) 5 judges			
	5	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (5)
	6	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (6)
	1	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	NACTT
	0	Judicial conference activities	
	3	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Norton Bankruptcy Institute; Georgetown University; National Consumer Law Center
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>15</b>		
	0	Circuit or district meetings, activities	
	7	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (7)
	1	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	NCBJ
	0	Judicial conference activities	
	2	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Pennsylvania Bar Institute; American Bankruptcy Institute
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>10</b>		

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Paying organization (number of trips)
Pennsylvania (Middle) 2 judges			
	3	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (3)
	2	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (2)
	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	
	0	Judicial conference activities	
	0	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>5</b>		
	1	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary
	4	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (4)
	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	
	0	Judicial conference activities	
	0	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>5</b>		

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Paying organization (number of trips)
Maryland 4 judges			
	4	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (4)
	5	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (5)
	1	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	NCBJ
	6	Judicial conference activities	Federal Judiciary (6)
	10	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Maryland State Bar Association (8); Virginia Continuing Legal Education; Georgetown University
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>26</b>		
	4	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (4)
	3	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (3)
	2	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	NCBJ (2)
	6	Judicial conference activities	Federal Judiciary (6)
	3	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Idaho Bar Association; Virginia Continuing Legal Education (2)
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>18</b>		

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Paying organization (number of trips)
Virginia (Eastern) 5 judges			
	16	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (16)
	6	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (6)
	1	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	NACTT
	0	Judicial conference activities	
	3	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Virginia State Bar Association; American Bankruptcy Institute and Virginia State Bar Association jointly; Virginia Law Foundation
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>26</b>		
	15	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (15)
	6	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (6)
	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	
	0	Judicial conference activities	
	6	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Fairfax Bar Association; Georgetown University; Virginia Law Foundation (3); American Bankruptcy Institute
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>27</b>		

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Paying organization (number of trips)
Mississippi (Southern and Northern) <sup>d</sup> 3 judges			
	3	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (3)
	3	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (3)
	7	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	NCBJ (5); NACTT; Judge personally
	2	Judicial conference activities	Federal Judiciary (2)
	11	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Louisiana State University; Memphis Bar Association (2); Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference (2); University of Mississippi; Mississippi College of Law; American Bankruptcy Institute (3); Judge personally
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>26</b>		
	3	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (3)
	6	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (6)
	3	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	NCBJ (3)
	3	Judicial conference activities	Federal Judiciary (3)
	9	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Memphis Bar Association (2); Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference (2); University of Mississippi; American Bankruptcy Institute (2); VISA, USA, Inc.; Mississippi Bar Association and Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference jointly
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>24</b>		

<sup>d</sup>Travel data for the judges in the northern and southern districts of Mississippi were combined since the judgeship requested for the southern district is to be shared.

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Paying organization (number of trips)
Michigan (Eastern) 4 judges			
	4	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (4)
	12	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (12)
	4	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	NACTT (2); NCBJ; American Bankruptcy Law Journal
	0	Judicial conference activities	
	16	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	American Bankruptcy Institute (5); Professional Education Systems, Inc.; Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute; Memphis Bar Association (2); Columbus Bar Association; National Bar Association; Tidewater Bar Association; Georgetown University; Institute for Continuing Legal Education (2); Office of U.S. Trustees
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>36</b>		
	4	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (4)
	10	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (10)
	3	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	NABT (2); NCBJ
	0	Judicial conference activities	
	19	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Professional Education Systems, Inc. (2); American Bankruptcy Institute (3); Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Seminar, Inc.; Association of Insolvency Accountants; Seniors Men's Club of Birmingham, MI; Ford Motor Co.; Western District Federal Bar Association (4); Columbus Bar Association; National Bar Association; Mississippi Bar Association; Georgetown University; Stetson University; E.D. Library Fund
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>36</b>		

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Paying organization (number of trips)
Tennessee (Western) <sup>e</sup> 4 judges			
	6	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (6)
	6	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (6)
	1	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	NCBJ
	4	Judicial conference activities	Federal Judiciary (4)
	8	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute; Norton Bankruptcy Law Institute; Tennessee Bar Association (3); LRP Publications; American Bankruptcy Institute; U.S. Department of Justice
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>25</b>		
	3	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (3)
	17	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (17)
	2	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	NCBJ (2)
	1	Judicial conference activities	Federal Judiciary
	13	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	American Bankruptcy Institute; Mid-South Commercial Law Institute (3); American Bar Association; Norton Bankruptcy Law Institute; Tennessee Bar Association (3); Memphis Bar Association; Samford University; University of Memphis; National Bankruptcy Review Commission
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>36</b>		

<sup>e</sup>We received travel data from three of the four authorized judges in Tennessee (Western) because one judgeship was vacant for an extended period of time during 1995 and 1996. The position was filled in 1997.

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Paying organization (number of trips)
California (Central) 21 judges			
	56	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (56)
	36	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (36)
	7	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	American Bankruptcy Law Journal; NCBJ (4); NABT (2)
	2	Judicial conference activities	Federal Judiciary (2)
	31	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	California Bankruptcy Forum (7); American Bankruptcy Institute (2); U.S. Agency for International Development (8); American Bar Association and NCBJ jointly; American Bar Association and its Standing Committee on Federal Judicial Improvements; American Bankruptcy Law Journal; Hawaii State Bar; Practising Law Institute (3); Bar Association of San Francisco; Federal Bar Association (2); Southern Florida Bar Association; Columbus Bar Association; Continuing Education of the Bar; Turnaround Management Association
1995 total	132		

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Paying organization (number of trips)
California (Central) continued			
	35	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (35)
	36	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (36)
	3	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	American Bankruptcy Law Journal; NCBJ (2)
	1	Judicial conference activities	Federal Judiciary
	32	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	California Bankruptcy Forum (4); California Bankruptcy Forum and judge personally; American Bankruptcy Institute (4); U.S. Agency for International Development (5); American Bar Association and NCBJ jointly; New York Law School; California State Bar Association; American Bar Association and its Committee on Federal Judicial Improvements jointly (2); American Bankruptcy Institute and American College of Bankruptcy jointly; American Bankruptcy Law Journal; National Association of Credit Management; State Bar of Nevada; Central California Bankruptcy Institute; Commercial Law League of America; Sacramento Bar Association; Turnaround Management Association (2); Norton Bankruptcy Institute; National Bankruptcy Review Commission; no expenses (2)
1996 total	107		

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Paying organization (number of trips)
California (Eastern) 6 judges			
	35	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (35)
	9	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (9)
	0	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	
	0	Judicial conference activities	
	12	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	American Bar Association; California Bankruptcy Forum (4); Central California Bankruptcy Institute (4); Anthony Kennedy Inn of Court; Placer County Bar Association; Association of Insolvency Accountants
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>56</b>		
	32	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (32)
	16	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (16)
	1	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	NACTT
	0	Judicial conference activities	
	10	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	American Bankruptcy Law Journal; California Bankruptcy Forum (5); Central California Bankruptcy Institute (4)
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>59</b>		

District/ number of judges/year	Number of trips each year	Purpose	Paying organization (number of trips)
Florida (Southern) 5 judges			
	6	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (6)
	8	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (8)
	2	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	NABT; NCBJ
	0	Judicial conference activities	
	4	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	Orlando Bar Association; U.S. Agency for International Development; Florida Bar Association (2)
<b>1995 total</b>	<b>20</b>		
	6	Circuit or district meetings, activities	Federal Judiciary (6)
	7	AOUSC or FJC workshops, seminars, activities	Federal Judiciary (7)
	1	NCBJ, NABT, or NACTT conferences	NCBJ
	2	Judicial conference activities	Federal Judiciary (2)
	5	Other (e.g., law school seminars, bar association meetings)	U.S. Agency for International Development (2); American Bankruptcy Institute and Government of Thailand jointly; Florida Bar; National Association of Attorneys General
<b>1996 total</b>	<b>21</b>		

Source: GAO analysis of bankruptcy judges' travel data.

ABBREVIATIONS

AOUSC	Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts
FJC	Federal Judicial Center
NABT	National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees
NACIT	National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees
NCBJ	National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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