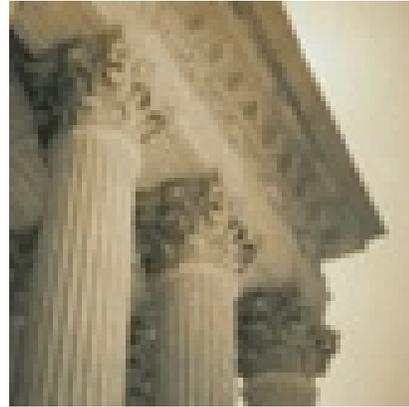


New Developments in State Fiscal Year 2007



- ❖ At its January 2007 Term, the Supreme Court adopted an amendment to Supreme Court Rule 87, *Appointment, Qualification and Compensation of Arbitrators*, effective February 1, 2007. The amendment increased the compensation for each arbitrator from \$75.00 per hearing to \$100.00 per hearing. (See Appendix 5)
- ❖ At its November 2006 Term, the Supreme Court approved a petition by the Third Judicial Circuit to commence operations, effective July 1, 2007, of a court-annexed mandatory arbitration program in Madison County.
- ❖ The Administrative Office convened a workgroup to examine the current data collection/statistical reporting requirements of the arbitration programs for the purpose of enriching data analysis and improving program operations and outcomes.
- ❖ A new table (Appendix 4) is included in this year's report. The table contains information concerning the number of arbitration-eligible cases as a percentage of the total civil case filings for each county with a mandatory arbitration program. In sum, the data suggests that arbitration eligible cases comprise from 2% to 10% of a jurisdiction's civil filings.
- ❖ In this year's report, numbers for the cases referred/pending and cases disposed were recalculated to more accurately depict the arbitration caseload.