

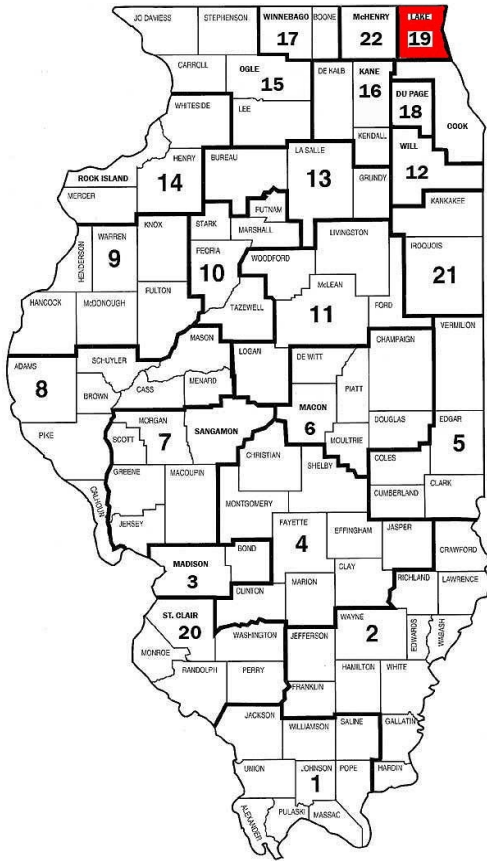
## Nineteenth Judicial Circuit (Lake County)

### Arbitration Program Information

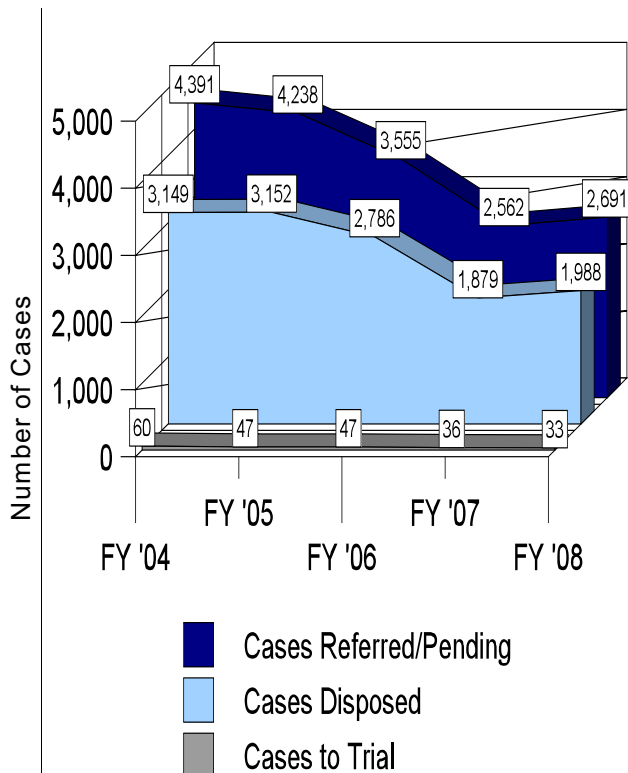
In December 1988, Lake County was approved by the Supreme Court to begin operating an arbitration program. The supervising judge is assisted by an arbitration program administrator and an administrative assistant. Arbitration hearings are conducted in a facility across the street from the Lake County Courthouse in Waukegan.

While cases referred to Lake County's arbitration program vary annually, an average of 3,487 cases per year were referred to arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.

The chart to the left presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which were resolved during the arbitration process or ultimately went to trial. Program data indicates that 74% (1,988 of 2,691) of the cases filed in the Lake County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2008 were disposed. This disposition rate is consistent with the five year average of 74% and lower than the statewide average of 78%.



**Lake County  
Five Year Disposition Trend**



**State Fiscal Year 2008  
Lake County  
At A Glance Arbitration Caseload  
Information**

Number of Cases Pending / Referred to Arbitration . . . . .	2,691
Number of Cases Disposed . . . . .	1,988
Number of Arbitration Hearings . . . . .	407
Number of Awards Accepted . . . . .	71
Number of Awards Rejected . . . . .	250
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration which Proceeded to Trial . . . . .	33

The data for Lake County's 2008 arbitration operations is reflected in the chart to the left. In Lake County, slightly more than 1% of cases (33 of the 2,691) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.