

# Seventeenth Judicial Circuit

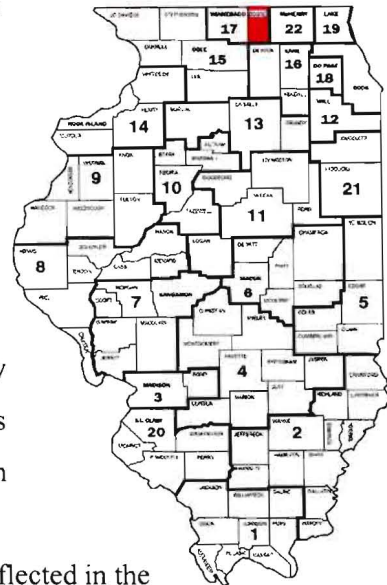
## Boone County

Arbitration Caseload FY 10	
<b>Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration</b>	<b>260</b>
<b>Cases Settled/Dismissed</b>	<b>196</b>
<b>Arbitration Hearings</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Awards Accepted</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Awards Rejected</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial</b>	<b>0</b>

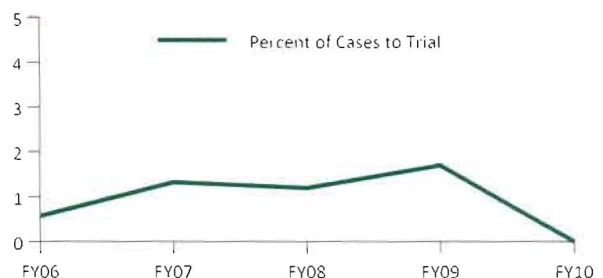
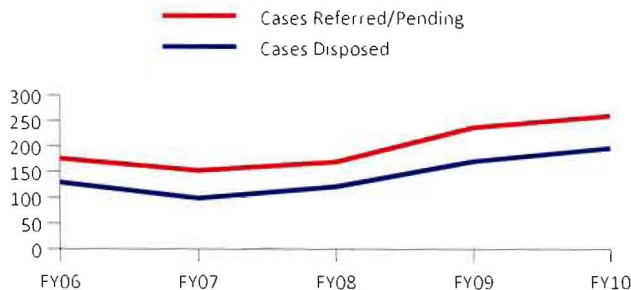
The Seventeenth Judicial Circuit consists of Boone and Winnebago Counties. The circuit's arbitration center is located near the courthouse in Rockford, Illinois. The Boone County program began hearing arbitration-eligible matters in February 1995. A supervising judge from

each county is assigned to oversee the arbitration programs and is assisted by an arbitration administrator.

The table presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which were either resolved during the arbitration process, or ultimately went to trial. Program data indicate that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 75 percent (196 of 260 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Boone County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2010. This disposition rate is slightly higher than the five-year average of 72 percent and consistent with the statewide average of 75 percent.



The data for Boone County's 2010 arbitration operations are reflected in the graphs below. In Boone County, none of the cases filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.



## Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Winnebago County

Arbitration Caseload FY 10	
<b>Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration</b>	<b>1,573</b>
<b>Cases Settled/Dismissed</b>	<b>1,079</b>
<b>Arbitration Hearings</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Awards Accepted</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Awards Rejected</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial</b>	<b>9</b>

In the fall of 1987, court-annexed mandatory arbitration was instituted as a pilot program in Winnebago County, making it the oldest court-annexed arbitration system in the state.

While cases referred to Winnebago County's arbitration program vary annually, on average, 1,390 cases per year have been

referred to, or are pending in, arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.

The table presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which were either resolved during the arbitration process, or ultimately went to trial. Program data indicate that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 69 percent (1,079 of 1,573 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Winnebago County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2010. This disposition rate is lower than the five-year average of 72 percent and the statewide average of 75 percent.



The data for Winnebago County's 2010 arbitration operations are reflected in the graphs below. In Winnebago County, less than one percent of cases (9 of 1,573) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

