

# Twelfth Judicial Circuit

(Will County)

## Arbitration Program Information

The Twelfth Judicial Circuit is one of only three single-county circuits in Illinois. The Will County Arbitration Center is housed near the courthouse in Joliet, Illinois. After the Supreme Court approved its request, Will County began hearing arbitration cases in December of 1995. An arbitration supervising judge is assigned to oversee arbitration matters and is assisted by arbitration program staff.

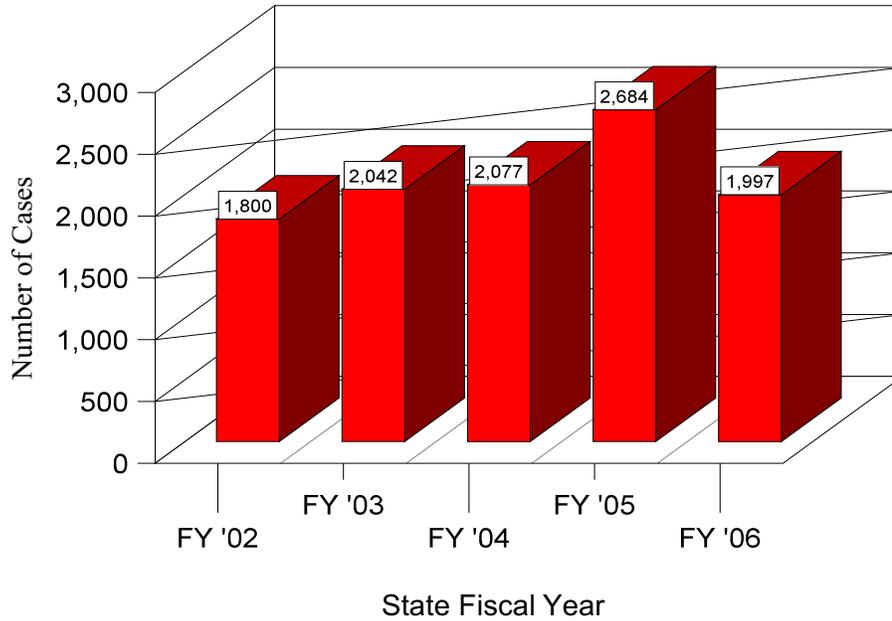
## DATA PROFILES

### Will County

Following are charts and diagrams which contain data from State Fiscal Year 2006.

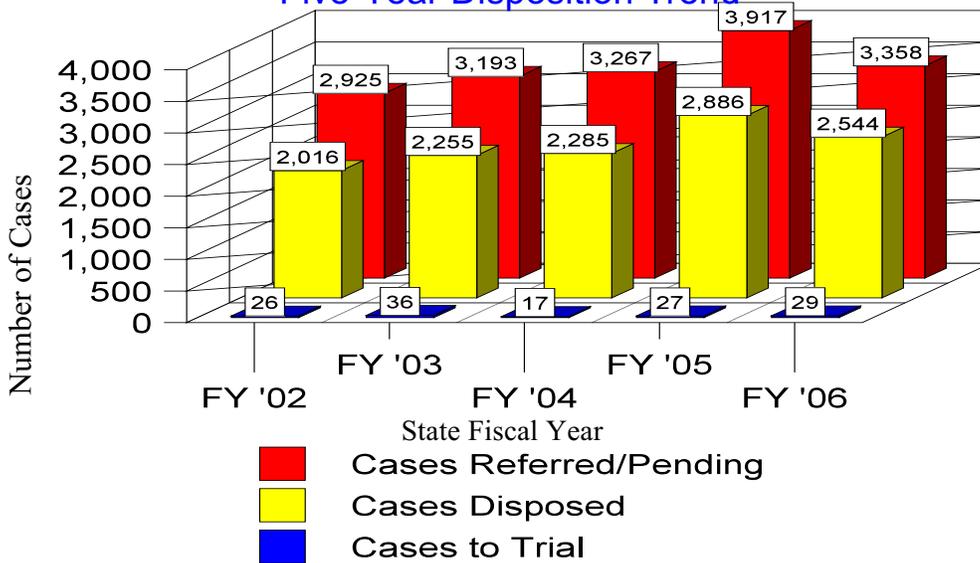
<b>State Fiscal Year 2006 Will County At A Glance Arbitration Caseload Information</b>	
Number of Cases Pending / Referred to Arbitration .....	3,358
Number of Cases Settled /Dismissed .....	2,573
Number of Cases Pending .....	785
Number of Arbitration Hearings .....	239
Number of Awards Accepted .....	65
Number of Awards Rejected .....	115
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration which Proceeded to Trial .....	29

**Will County**  
**Cases Referred to Mandatory Arbitration**  
**Five - Year Trend**



Since State Fiscal Year 2002, cases referred to Will County's arbitration program have increased annually. From 2002 through 2006, an annual average of 2,120 cases have been referred to arbitration.

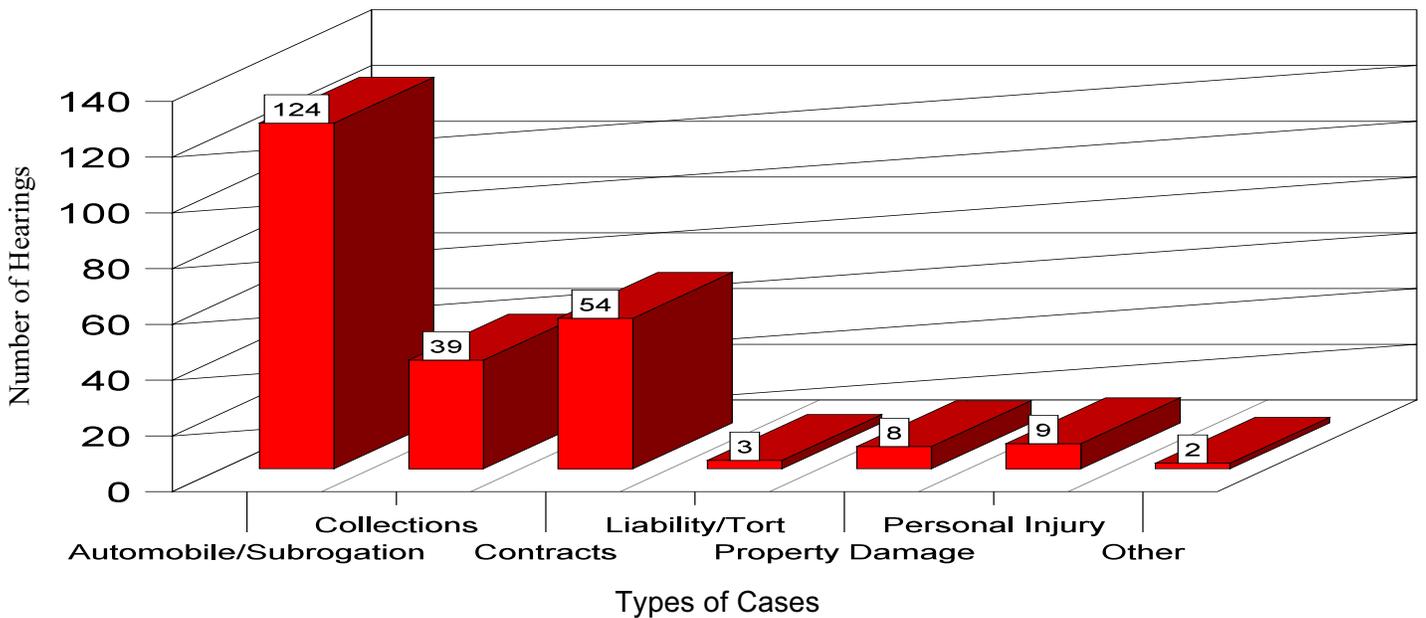
**Will County**  
**Five-Year Disposition Trend**



The chart above presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which yielded either a disposition or, ultimately went to trial. Program data indicates that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 76% (2,544 of 3,358 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Will County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2006. This disposition rate is slightly higher than the five year average of 72% and is less than the statewide average of 86%.

In Will County, less than one percent of cases filed in arbitration proceeded to trial. This percentage is consistent with the average percent of cases which proceeded to trial over the past five state fiscal years.

### Will County Types of Cases that Proceeded to Hearing



The graph above provides information on the types of cases that are heard in arbitration. The data indicates that automobile/subrogation cases account for a majority (52%) of the arbitration hearings in Will County.

**Will County**  
**Average Award for Arbitration Hearing and**  
**Average Age (Number of Days) Pending in**  
**Arbitration System by Case Type**

<b><i>Case Type</i></b>	<b><i>Average Award</i></b>	<b><i>Average Age (Days)</i></b>
Automobile/Subrogation	\$10,506	627
Collections	\$8,054	444
Contracts	\$5,965	525
Liability/Torts	\$6,226	605
Property Damage	\$8,253	488
Personal Injury	\$7,084	1,000
Other	\$6,000	791

The table above offers information on the types of cases processed in mandatory arbitration and the average award granted at the time of the hearing. The table also presents data regarding the average amount of time each case type remains pending in the arbitration system. When all of the county's arbitration cases are combined, the average period that an arbitration case pends is 585 days.