

Sixteenth Judicial Circuit

(Kane County)

Arbitration Program Information

The Sixteenth Judicial Circuit consists of DeKalb, Kane and Kendall Counties. During Fiscal Year 1994, the Supreme Court approved the request of Kane County to begin operating a court-annexed mandatory arbitration program. Initial arbitration hearings were held in June 1995. The arbitration center is located in the courthouse in Kane County. A supervising judge is assigned to oversee arbitration matters and is assisted by arbitration program staff.

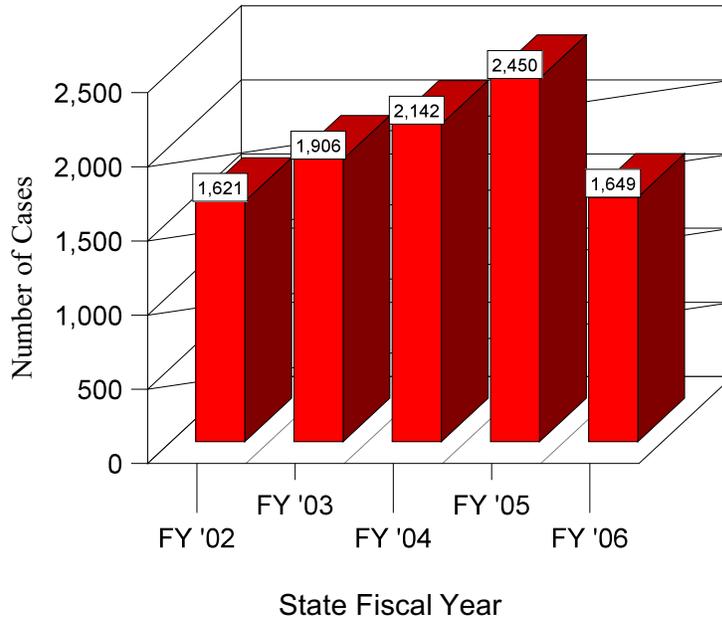
DATA PROFILES

Kane County

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

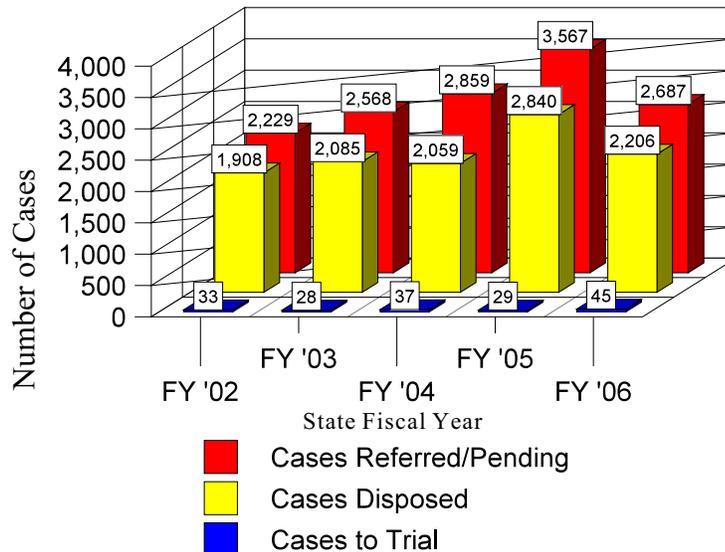
State Fiscal Year 2006 Kane County At A Glance Arbitration Caseload Information	
Number of Cases Pending / Referred to Arbitration	2,687
Number of Cases Settled /Dismissed	2,251
Number of Cases Pending	436
Number of Arbitration Hearings	205
Number of Awards Accepted	44
Number of Awards Rejected	126
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration which Proceeded to Trial	45

Kane County Cases Referred to Mandatory Arbitration Five - Year Trend



Since State Fiscal Year 2002, cases referred to Kane County's arbitration program have increased annually, until 2006. The decrease in cases referred to arbitration may be directly attributable to Supreme Court Rule 281 which raised the small claims jurisdiction to \$10,000 thereby reducing the number of cases eligible for mandatory arbitration. From 2002 through 2006, an annual average of 1,954 cases have been referred to arbitration.

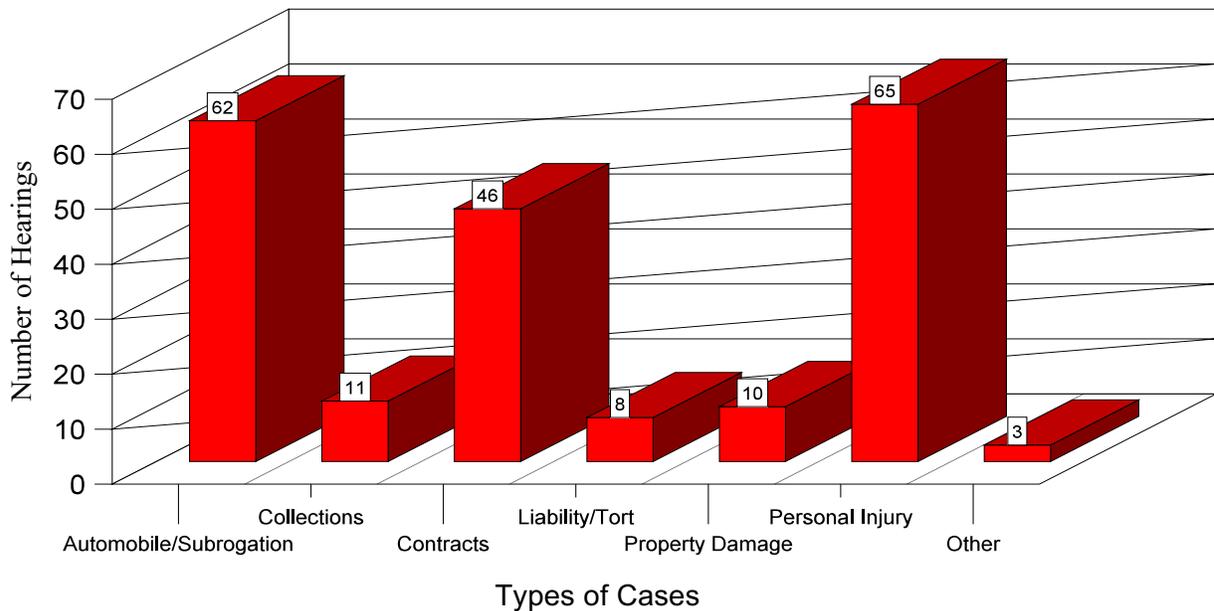
Kane County Five - Year Disposition Trend



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 82% (2,206 of 2,687 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Kane County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2006. This disposition rate is slightly higher than the five year average of 80% and is less than the statewide average of 86%.

In Kane County, only 2% of the cases (45 of the 2,687) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

Kane 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 personal injury cases (32%) and automobile/subrogation cases (30%), account for a majority of the arbitration hearings in Kane County.

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

<i>Case Type</i>	<i>Average Award</i>	<i>Average Age (Days)</i>
Automobile/Subrogation	\$6,680	319
Collections	\$8,133	260
Contracts	\$5,086	383
Liability/Torts	\$5,586	364
Property Damage	\$1,612	214
Personal Injury	\$11,632	456
Other	-0-	-0-

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 371 days.