

## Fourteenth Judicial Circuit

### Henry County

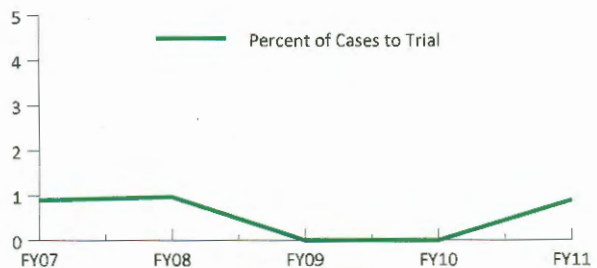
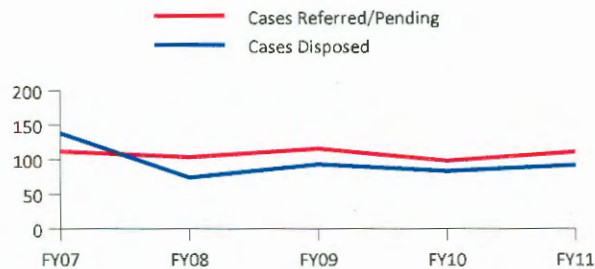
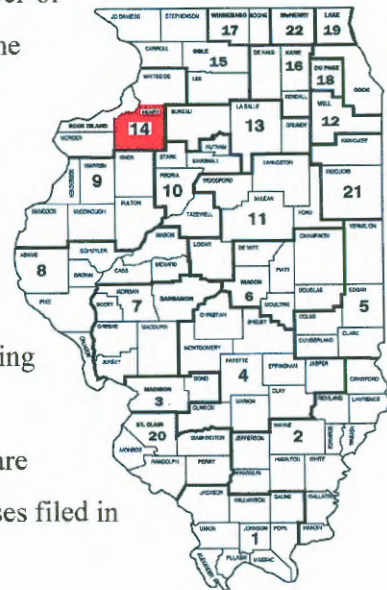
Arbitration Caseload FY 11	
Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	111
Cases Settled/Dismissed	92
Arbitration Hearings	5
Awards Accepted	1
Awards Rejected	0
Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	1

The Fourteenth Judicial Circuit is comprised of Henry, Mercer, Rock Island and Whiteside Counties. In November 1999, the Supreme Court authorized the inception of the program in all four counties of the circuit, and arbitration hearings began in October 2000. This circuit is the first to receive permanent authorization to hear cases with damage claims

up to \$50,000. 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 83 percent (92 of 111) of cases filed in the Henry County arbitration program during State Fiscal Year 2011 were disposed of by settlement or dismissal. This disposition rate is higher than the five-year average of 79 percent and the statewide average of 74 percent.

On average, 108 cases per year have been referred to, or are pending in, arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.

The data for Henry County's 2011 arbitration operations are indicated in the graphs below. In Henry County, only one of the 111 cases filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.



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## Mercer County

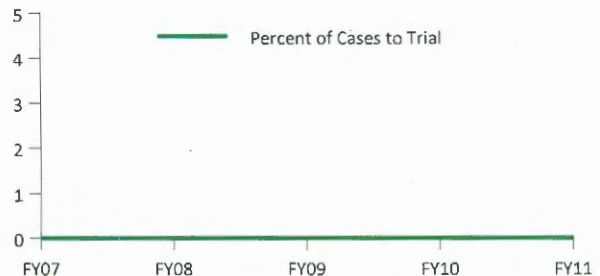
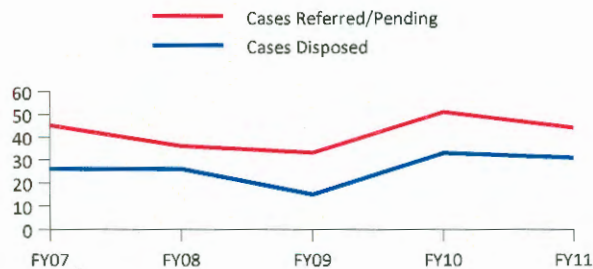
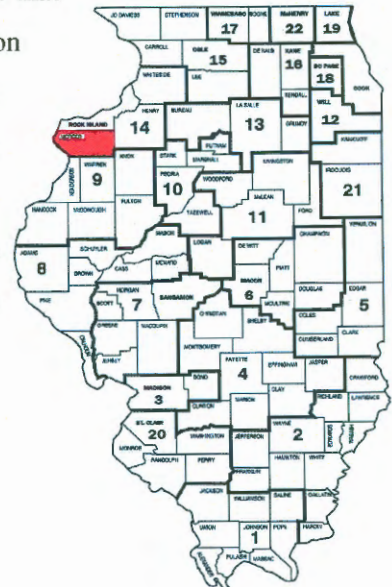
Arbitration Caseload FY 11	
Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	44
Cases Settled/Dismissed	31
Arbitration Hearings	2
Awards Accepted	2
Awards Rejected	0
Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	0

While the number of cases referred to Mercer County's arbitration program vary annually, on average, 42 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 70 percent (31 of 44) of cases filed in the Mercer County arbitration program during State Fiscal Year 2011 were disposed of by settlement or dismissal. This disposition rate is higher than the five-year average of 63 percent and lower than the statewide average of 74 percent.

The data for Mercer County's 2011 arbitration operations are reflected in the graphs below. In Mercer County, none of the cases litigated in arbitration since 2007 have proceeded to trial.



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### Rock Island County

Arbitration Caseload FY 11	
<b>Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration</b>	<b>490</b>
<b>Cases Settled/Dismissed</b>	<b>285</b>
<b>Arbitration Hearings</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Awards Accepted</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Awards Rejected</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial</b>	<b>2</b>

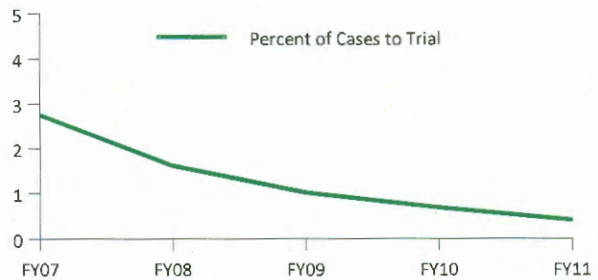
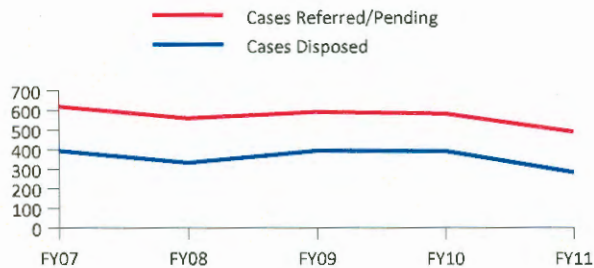
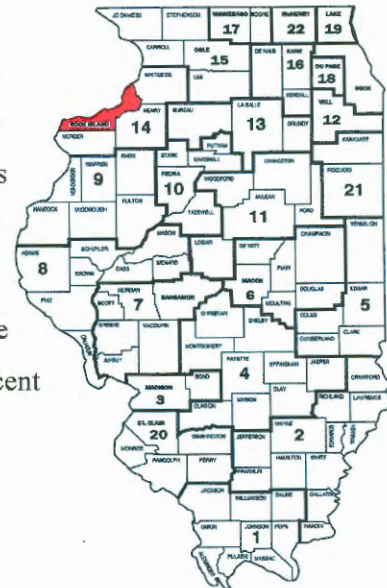
An average of 568 cases per year have been referred to, or are pending in, arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.

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 58 percent (285 of 490) of cases filed in the Rock Island County arbitration program during State Fiscal Year 2011 were disposed of by settlement or dismissal. This disposition rate is lower than the five-year average of 63 percent and the statewide average of 74 percent.

The data for Rock Island County's 2011 arbitration operations are reflected in the graphs below. In Rock Island County, less than one percent of the cases (2 of 490) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.



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### Whiteside County

Arbitration Caseload FY 11	
Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	228
Cases Settled/Dismissed	190
Arbitration Hearings	6
Awards Accepted	0
Awards Rejected	1
Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	0

While the number of cases referred to Whiteside County's arbitration program vary annually, on average, 225 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 83 percent (190 of 228) of cases filed in the Whiteside County arbitration program during State Fiscal Year 2011 were disposed of by settlement or dismissal. This disposition rate is higher than the five-year average of 70 percent and the statewide average of 74 percent.

The data for Whiteside County's 2011 arbitration operations are reflected in the graphs below. In Whiteside County, none of the 228 cases filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

