

Sixteenth Judicial Circuit

Kane County

| Arbitration Caseload FY 10 | |
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| Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration | 3,436 |
| Cases Settled/Dismissed | 2,198 |
| Arbitration Hearings | 214 |
| Awards Accepted | 45 |
| Awards Rejected | 132 |
| Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial | 25 |

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

Geneva courthouse in Kane County. A supervising judge is assigned to oversee arbitration matters and is assisted by an arbitration program assistant.

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 64 percent (2,198 of 3,436 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Kane County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2010. This disposition rate is lower than the five-year average of 69 percent and the statewide average of 75 percent. On average, 2,518 cases per year have been referred to, or are pending in, arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.



The data for Kane County's 2010 arbitration operations are reflected in the graphs below. In Kane County, less than one percent of the cases (25 of 3,436) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

