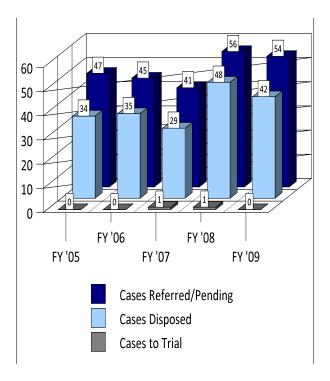


Ford County
Five - Year Disposition Trend



# **Eleventh Judicial Circuit**

(Ford and McLean Counties)

**Arbitration Program Information** 

### **Ford County**

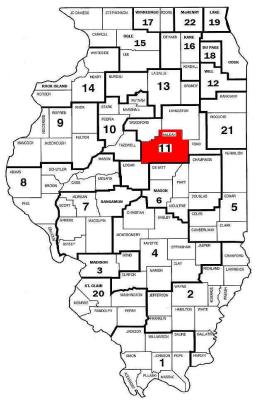
In March of 1996, the Supreme Court of Illinois entered an order which authorized Ford and McLean Counties in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit to begin operating arbitration programs. The arbitration program center for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit is located near the McLean County Law and Justice Center in Bloomington, Illinois which hosts hearings for both counties. A supervising judge from each county is assigned to oversee arbitration matters and both are assisted by an arbitration program administrator.

The chart to the left 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 78 percent (42 of 54 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Ford County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2009. This disposition rate tracks the five-year average of 78 percent and the statewide average of 78 percent.

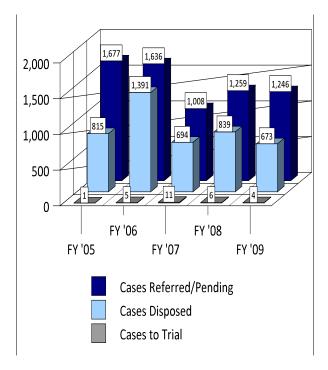
# State Fiscal Year 2009 Ford County At-a-Glance Arbitration Caseload Information

Number of Cases Pending/Referred
to Arbitration54
Number of Cases Settled/Dismissed $\dots 42$
Number of Arbitration Hearings
Number of Awards Accepted 2
Number of Awards Rejected $\ldots0$
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration
that Proceeded to Trial0

The data for Ford County's 2009 arbitration operations are reflected in the chart to the left. In Ford County, none of the cases filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.



McLean County
Five - Year Disposition Trend



# **Eleventh Judicial Circuit**

(Ford and McLean Counties)

### **McLean County**

While cases referred to McLean County's arbitration program vary annually, an average of 1,365 cases per year were referred or pending in arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.

The chart to the left presents information on a five-year trend for 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 54 percent (673 of 1,246 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the McLean County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2009. This disposition rate is significantly lower than the five-year average of 65 percent, and the statewide average of 78 percent.

# State Fiscal Year 2009 McLean County At-a-Glance Arbitration Caseload Information

Number of Cases Pending/Referred
to Arbitration 1,246
Number of Cases Settled/Dismissed 673
Number of Arbitration Hearings 87
Number of Awards Accepted 43
Number of Awards Rejected 16
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration
that Proceeded to Trial 4

The data for McLean County's 2009 arbitration operations are reflected in the chart to the left. In McLean County, less than one percent of the cases litigated in arbitration proceeded to trial.