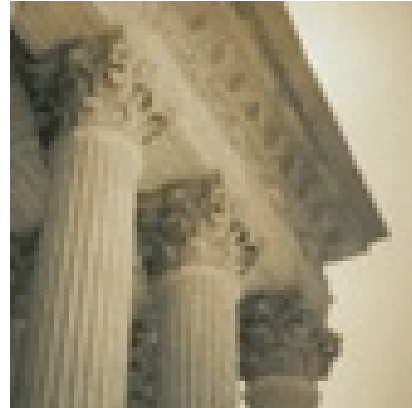


New Developments in State Fiscal Year 2008



- ❖ As part of its projects and priorities delineated by the Supreme Court, the Alternative Dispute Resolution Coordinating Committee of the Illinois Judicial Conference created a *Uniform Arbitrator Reference Manual*. The manual will be utilized to train new attorneys wishing to serve as arbitrators as well as retrain existing arbitrators.
- ❖ In a continued effort to enrich data collection and analysis in the arbitration program, and to improve program operations and outcomes, the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts convened a workgroup to examine the current data collection methodologies. As a result, the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit is piloting an initiative that will provide comparative data from arbitration awards and jury verdicts. The intent is to create a data driven tool to assist parties in settling cases. The first reports from this pilot will be used to determine the expansion of similar data collection in all program sites.