

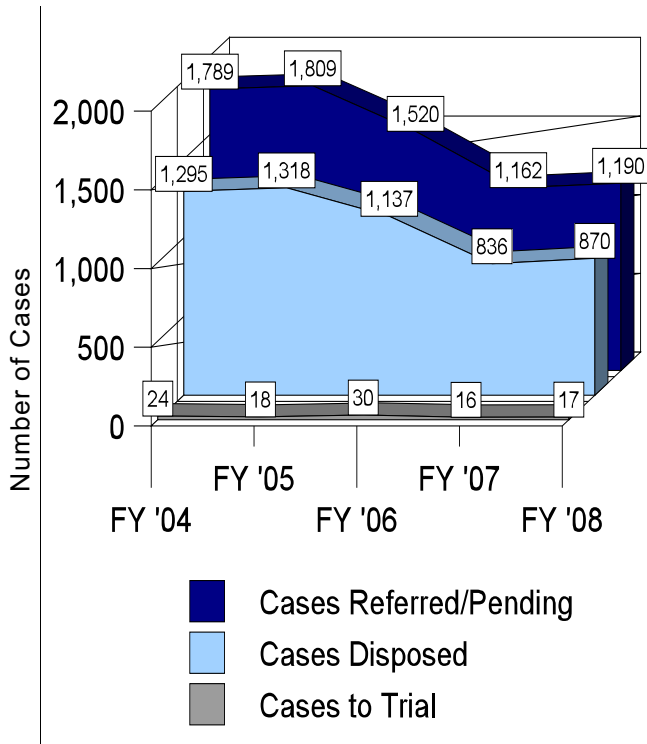
## Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit

### McHenry County

#### Arbitration Program Information

In 1990, McHenry County was approved to operate an arbitration program as a component of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's operations. On December 4, 2006, enacted legislation separated Lake and McHenry counties and created the Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit (McHenry County), which is the newest judicial circuit in the state. The supervising judge in McHenry County is assisted by the arbitration program personnel from the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. Arbitration hearings are conducted in the McHenry County Courthouse in Woodstock.

**McHenry County**  
Five Year Disposition Trend



The chart to the left presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which were resolved during the arbitration process or ultimately went to trial. Program data indicates that 73% (870 of 1,190) of the cases filed in the McHenry County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2008 were disposed. This disposition rate is consistent with the five year average of 73% and lower than the statewide average of 78%.

**McHenry County**

**State Fiscal Year 2008  
McHenry County  
At a Glance Arbitration Caseload  
Information**

Number of Cases Pending / Referred to Arbitration .....	1,190
Number of Cases Disposed .....	870
Number of Arbitration Hearings .....	99
Number of Awards Accepted .....	29
Number of Awards Rejected .....	40
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration which Proceeded to Trial .....	17

While cases referred to McHenry County's arbitration program increased from 2004 through 2005, the same cannot be said for 2006 and 2007. The decrease in cases referred to arbitration may be influenced by Supreme Court Rule 281 which, effective January 1, 2006, raised small claims jurisdiction from \$5,000 to \$10,000. From 2004 through 2008, an annual average of 1,494 cases have been referred to arbitration.

The data for McHenry County's 2008 arbitration operations is reflected in the chart to the left. In McHenry County, slightly more than 1% of the cases (17 of the 1,190) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.