

Twelfth Judicial Circuit

Will County

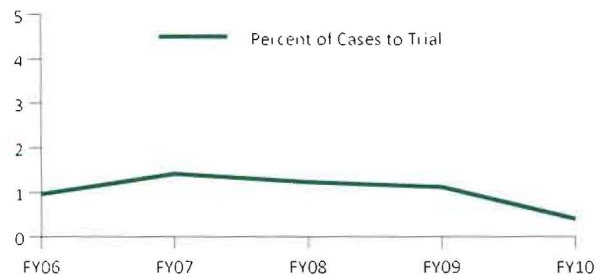
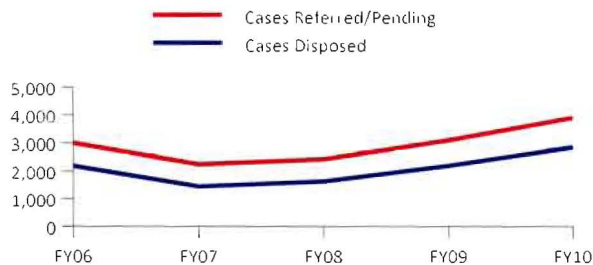
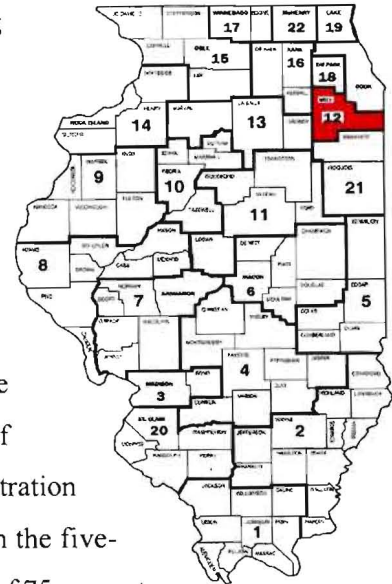
Arbitration Caseload FY 10	
Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	3,896
Cases Settled/Dismissed	2,865
Arbitration Hearings	194
Awards Accepted	61
Awards Rejected	81
Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	16

The Twelfth Judicial Circuit is one of five single-county circuits in Illinois. The Will County Arbitration Center is housed near the courthouse in Joliet, Illinois. After the Supreme Court approved its request, Will County began

hearing arbitration

cases in December of 1995. An arbitration supervising judge is assigned to oversee arbitration matters and is assisted by a trial court administrator and 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 proceeded to trial. Program data indicate that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 74 percent (2,865 of 3,896 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Will County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2010. This disposition rate is higher than the five-year average of 71 percent and slightly lower than the statewide average of 75 percent.



On average, 2,934 cases per year have been referred to, or are pending in, arbitration over the past five state fiscal years. The data for Will County's 2010 arbitration operations are reflected in the above graphs. In Will County, less than one percent (16 of 3,896) of cases filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.