

Nineteenth Judicial Circuit

(Lake and McHenry Counties)

Arbitration Program Information

For the period reflected in this report, the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit consists of Lake and McHenry Counties. In December 1988, Lake County was approved by the Supreme Court to begin operating an arbitration program. In 1990, the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit became the first multi-county circuit-wide arbitration program when the McHenry County arbitration program was approved.

A supervising judge is assigned in each county to oversee arbitration matters. The arbitration program staff, situated in Lake County, administers both programs. Lake County arbitration hearings are conducted in a facility across the street from the Lake County Courthouse in Waukegan and, for McHenry County, the hearings are conducted at the McHenry County Courthouse in Woodstock.

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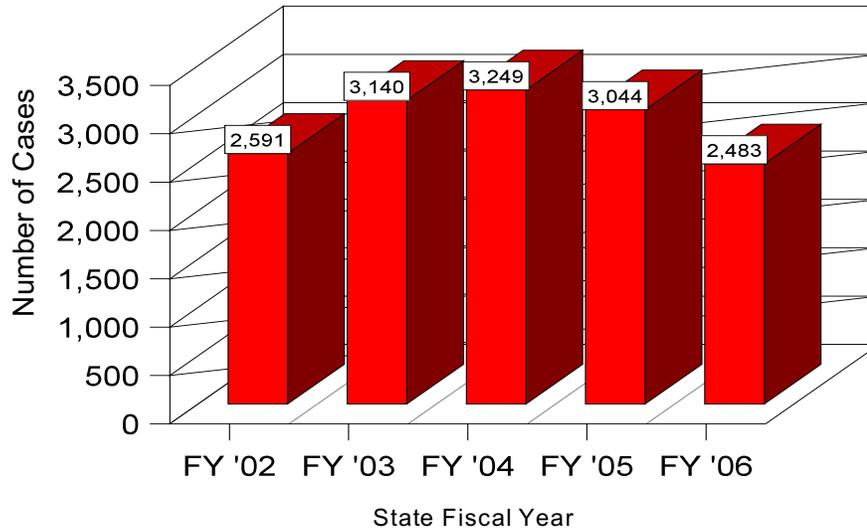
Lake County

Following are charts and contain data from State Fiscal Year 2006.

State Fiscal Year 2006 Lake County At A Glance Arbitration Caseload Information	
Number of Cases Pending / Referred to Arbitration	4,141
Number of Cases Settled / Dismissed	3,409
Number of Cases Pending	732
Number of Arbitration Hearings	367
Number of Awards Accepted	92
Number of Awards Rejected	209
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration which Proceeded to Trial	47

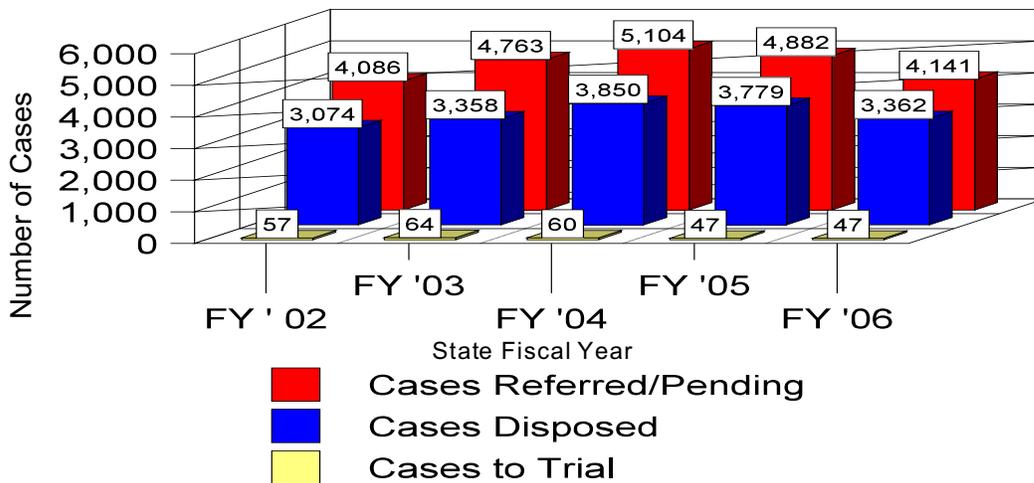
Lake County Cases Referred to Mandatory Arbitration

Five - Year Trend



While cases referred to Lake County's arbitration program vary annually, an average of 2,901 cases per year were referred to arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.

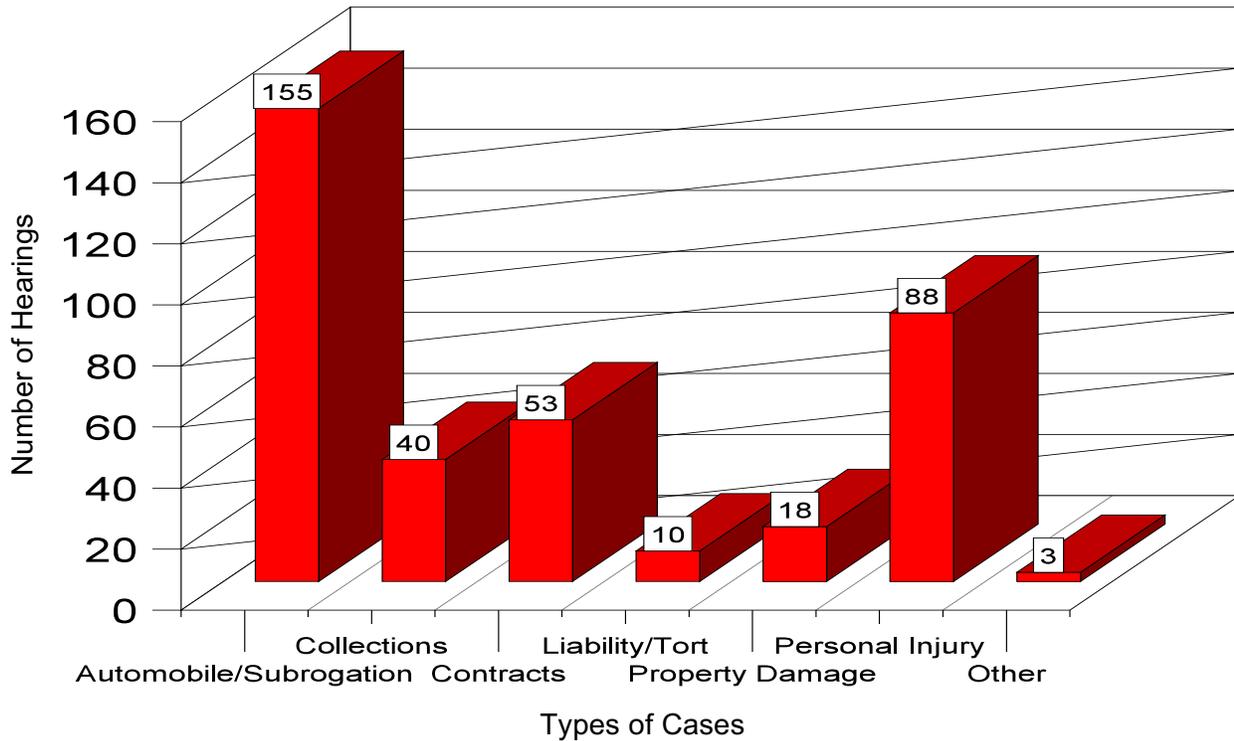
Lake County Five-Year Disposition Trend



The chart above presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which yielded either a disposition or, ultimately went to trial. Program data indicates that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 81% (3,362 of 4,141 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Lake County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2006. This disposition rate is slightly higher than the five year average of 76% and is less than the statewide average of 86%.

In Lake County, 1% of cases (47 of the 4,141) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

Lake County Types of Cases that Proceeded to Hearing



The graph above provides information on the types of cases that are heard in arbitration. The data indicates that automobile/subrogation cases account for a majority (42%) of the arbitration hearings in Lake County.

Lake County Average Award for Arbitration Hearing and Average Age (Number of Days) Pending in Arbitration System by Case Type

Case Type	Average Award	Average Age (Days)
Automobile/Subrogation	\$ 6,900	245
Collections	\$10,359	278
Contracts	\$ 7,267	350
Liability/Torts	\$14,697	338
Property Damage	\$ 4,742	232
Personal Injury	\$12,738	310
Other	\$ 6,000	162

The table above offers information on the types of cases processed in mandatory arbitration and the average award granted at the time of the hearing. The table also presents data regarding the average amount of time each case type remains pending in the arbitration system. When all of the county's arbitration cases are combined, the average period that an arbitration case pends is 281 days.

McHenry County

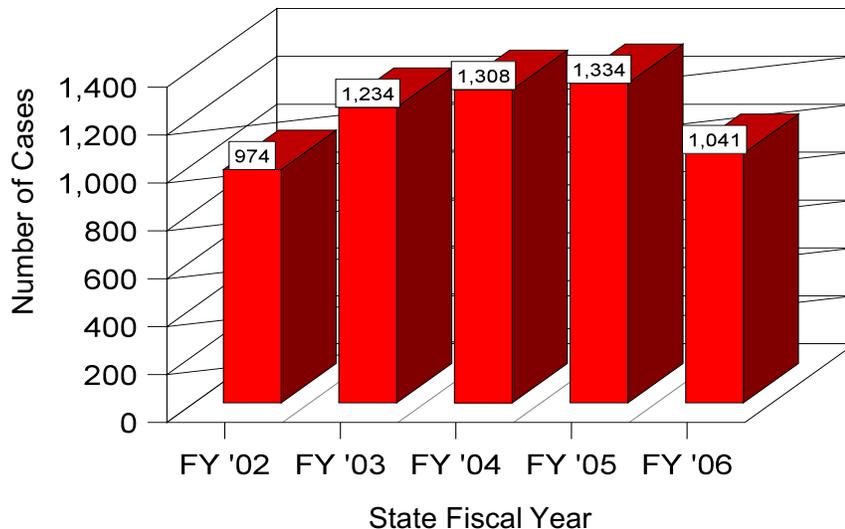
Following are charts and diagrams which contain data from State Fiscal Year 2006.

State Fiscal Year 2006 McHenry County At a Glance Arbitration Caseload Information	
Number of Cases Pending / Referred to Arbitration	1,744
Number of Cases Settled / Dismissed	1,387
Number of Cases Pending	357
Number of Arbitration Hearings	139
Number of Awards Accepted	39
Number of Awards Rejected	81
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration which Proceeded to Trial	30

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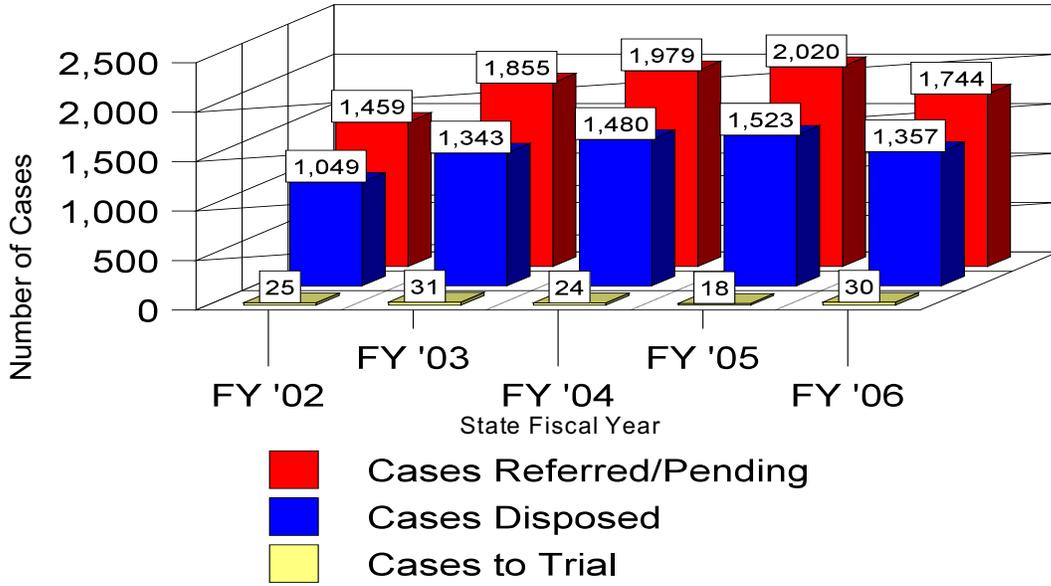
Cases Referred to Mandatory Arbitration

Five - Year Trend



Since State Fiscal Year 2002, cases referred to McHenry County's arbitration program have increased annually, until 2006. The decrease in cases referred to arbitration may be directly attributable to Supreme Court Rule 281 which raised small claims jurisdiction to \$10,000 hereby reducing the number of cases eligible for mandatory arbitration. From 2002 through 2006, an annual average of 1,178 cases have been referred to arbitration.

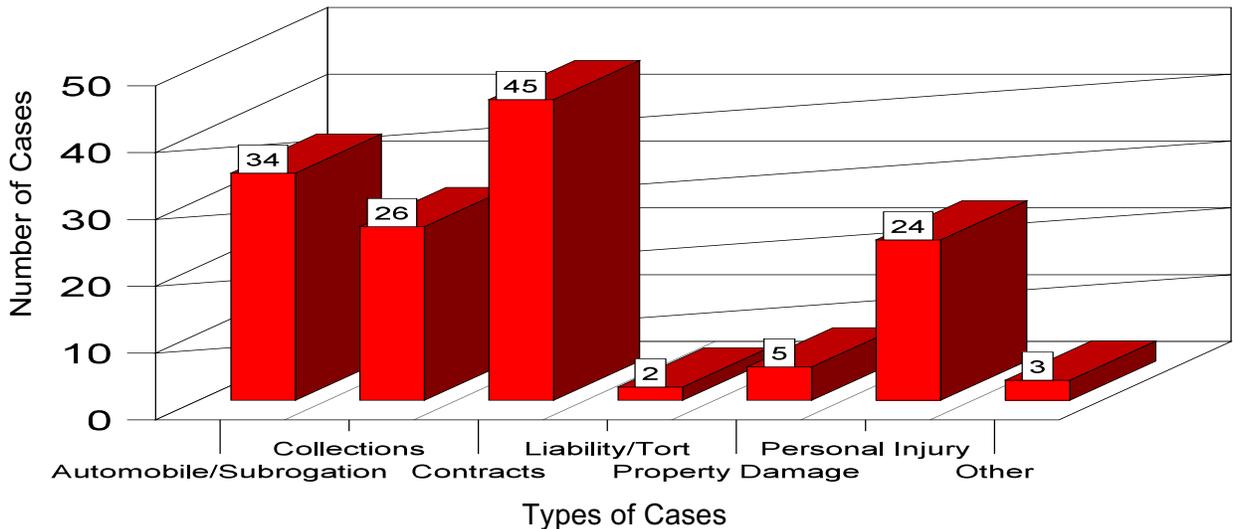
McHenry County Five - Year Disposition Trend



The chart above presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which yielded either a disposition or, ultimately went to trial. Program data indicates that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 78% (1,357 of 1,744 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the McHenry County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2006. This disposition rate is slightly higher than the five year average of 75% and is less than the statewide average of 86%.

In McHenry County, less than 2% of cases (30 of the 1,744) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

McHenry County Types of Cases in Arbitration



The graph above provides information on the types of cases that are heard in arbitration. The data indicates that contract cases account for a majority (32%) of the arbitration hearings in Lake County.

McHenry County
 Average Award for Arbitration Hearing and
 Average Age (Number of Days) Pending in
 Arbitration System by Case Type

Case Type	Average Award	Average Age (Days)
Automobile/Subrogation	\$ 7,096	198
Collections	\$ 9,330	266
Contracts	\$ 8,626	343
Liability/Tort	\$ 9,000	380
Property Damage	\$ 1,163	134
Personal Injury	\$10,564	348
Other	Cases Pending	N/A

The table above offers information on the types of cases processed in mandatory arbitration and the average award granted at the time of the hearing. The table also presents data regarding the average amount of time each case type remains pending in the arbitration system. When all of the county's arbitration cases are combined, the average period that an arbitration case pends is 286 days.