

# Nineteenth Judicial Circuit

## Lake County

Arbitration Caseload FY 10	
Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	4,293
Cases Settled/Dismissed	3,233
Arbitration Hearings	411
Awards Accepted	88
Awards Rejected	209
Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	43

In December 1988, Lake County was approved by the Supreme Court to begin operating an arbitration program. The supervising judge is assisted by an arbitration program administrator and an administrative assistant. Arbitration hearings are conducted in a facility adjacent to

the Lake County Courthouse in Waukegan.

While the number of cases referred to Lake County's arbitration program vary annually, on average, 3,319 cases per year have been referred to, or are pending in, arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.

The table 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 75 percent (3,233 of 4,293 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Lake County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2010. This disposition rate is slightly higher than the five-year average of 74 percent and consistent with the statewide average of 75 percent.

The data for Lake County's 2010 arbitration operations are reflected in the graphs below. In Lake County, one percent of cases (43 of 4,293) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

