

Twentieth Judicial Circuit St. Clair County

Arbitration Caseload FY 10	
Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	2,621
Cases Settled/Dismissed	1,895
Arbitration Hearings	142
Awards Accepted	56
Awards Rejected	54
Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	15

The Twentieth Judicial Circuit is comprised of five counties: St. Clair, Perry, Monroe, Randolph and Washington. The Supreme Court approved St. Clair County's request to begin an arbitration program in May 1993, and the first hearings were held in February 1994. The arbitration center is adjacent to the St. Clair County Courthouse. A

supervising judge is assigned to oversee arbitration matters and is assisted by an arbitration program administrator.

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 72 percent (1,895 of 2,621 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the St. Clair County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2010. This disposition rate is lower than the five-year average of 81 percent and the statewide average of 75 percent. An average of 2,316 cases per year have been referred to, or are pending in, arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.



The data for St. Clair County's 2010 arbitration operations are reflected in the graphs below. In St. Clair County, less than one percent of cases (15 of 2,621) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

