

Eighteenth Judicial Circuit

(DuPage County)

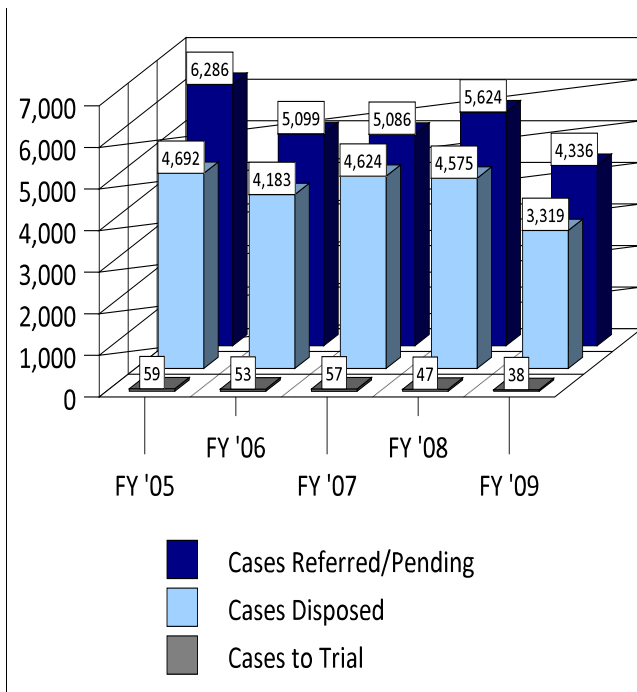
Arbitration Program Information

The Eighteenth Judicial Circuit is a suburban jurisdiction serving the residents of DuPage County. Court-annexed arbitration has become an important resource for assisting the judicial system in the adjudication of civil matters. The Supreme Court approved an arbitration program for the circuit in December 1988. During State Fiscal Year 2002, the Supreme Court authorized DuPage County's arbitration program to permanently operate at the \$50,000 jurisdictional limit. A supervising judge oversees arbitration matters and is assisted by an arbitration program administrator.

The chart to the left presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which were either resolved during the arbitration process, or ultimately went to trial. From 2005 through 2009, an annual average of 5,286 cases were referred to or are pending in arbitration. Program data indicate that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 77 percent (3,319 of 4,336 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the DuPage County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2009. This disposition rate is lower than the five-year average of 81 percent and the statewide average of 78 percent.



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Five-Year Disposition Trend



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**State Fiscal Year 2009
DuPage County
At-a-Glance Arbitration Caseload
Information**

Number of Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	4,336
Number of Cases Settled/Dismissed	3,319
Number of Arbitration Hearings	406
Number of Awards Accepted	96
Number of Awards Rejected	227
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	38

The data for DuPage County's 2009 arbitration operations are reflected in the chart to the left. In DuPage County, less than one percent of cases (38 of the 4,336) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

