

Nineteenth Judicial Circuit

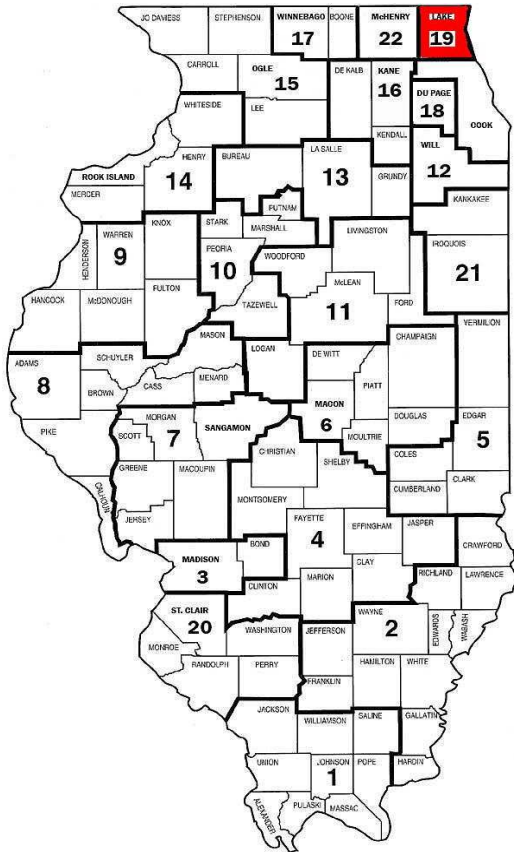
(Lake County)

Arbitration Program Information

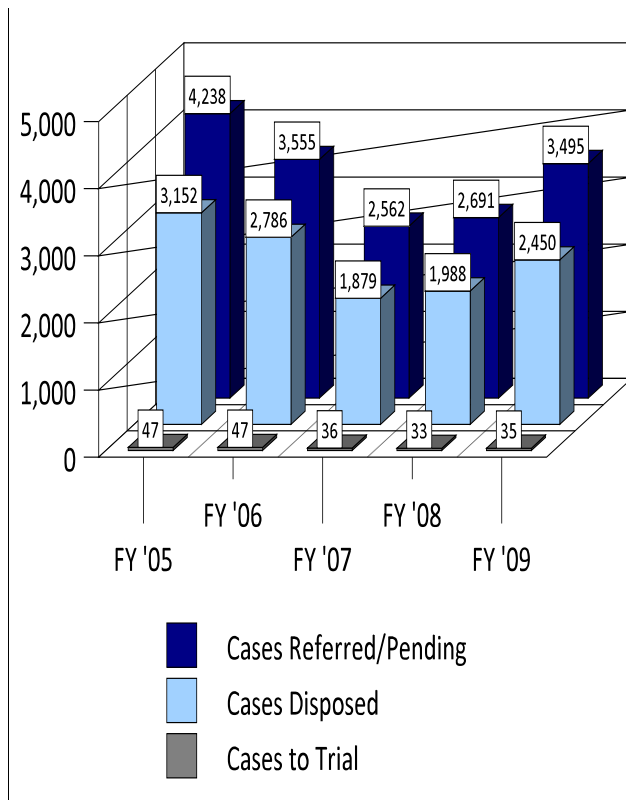
In December 1988, Lake County was approved by the Supreme Court to begin operating an arbitration program. The supervising judge is assisted by an arbitration program administrator and an administrative assistant. Arbitration hearings are conducted in a facility across the street from the Lake County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

While cases referred to Lake County's arbitration program vary annually, an average of 3,308 cases per year were referred or pending in arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.

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. Program data indicate that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 70 percent (2,450 of 3,495 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Lake County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2009. This disposition rate is lower than the five-year average of 74 percent and the statewide average of 78 percent.



Lake County
Five-Year Disposition Trend



Lake County

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

Number of Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	3,495
Number of Cases Settled/Dismissed	2,450
Number of Arbitration Hearings	427
Number of Awards Accepted	94
Number of Awards Rejected	255
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	35

The data for Lake County's 2009 arbitration operations are reflected in the chart to the left. In Lake County one percent of cases (35 of the 3,495) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

