

Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit

McHenry County

Arbitration Caseload FY 10	
Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	2,135
Cases Settled/Dismissed	1,585
Arbitration Hearings	118
Awards Accepted	40
Awards Rejected	55
Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	10

In 1990, McHenry County was approved to operate an arbitration program as a component of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's operations. On December 4, 2006, legislation created the Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit, making McHenry County a single-county circuit and the newest judicial circuit in the state. The

supervising judge in McHenry County is assisted by the arbitration program personnel from the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit (Lake County). Arbitration hearings are conducted in the McHenry County Courthouse in Woodstock.

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. On average, 1,540 cases have been referred to, or are pending in, arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.

Program data indicate that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 74 percent (1,585 of 2,135 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the McHenry County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2010. This disposition rate is slightly higher than the five-year average of 73 percent and slightly lower than the statewide average of 75 percent. The data for McHenry County's 2010 arbitration operations are reflected in the graphs below. In McHenry County, less than one percent of the cases (10 of 2,135) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

