

Twentieth Judicial Circuit

(St. Clair County)

Arbitration Program Information

The Twentieth Judicial Circuit is comprised of five counties: St. Clair, Perry, Monroe, Randolph and Washington. The Supreme Court approved the request of St. Clair County to begin an arbitration program in May of 1993 and the first hearings were held in February 1994. The arbitration center is located across the street from the St. Clair County Courthouse. A supervising judge is assigned to oversee arbitration matters and is assisted by arbitration program staff.

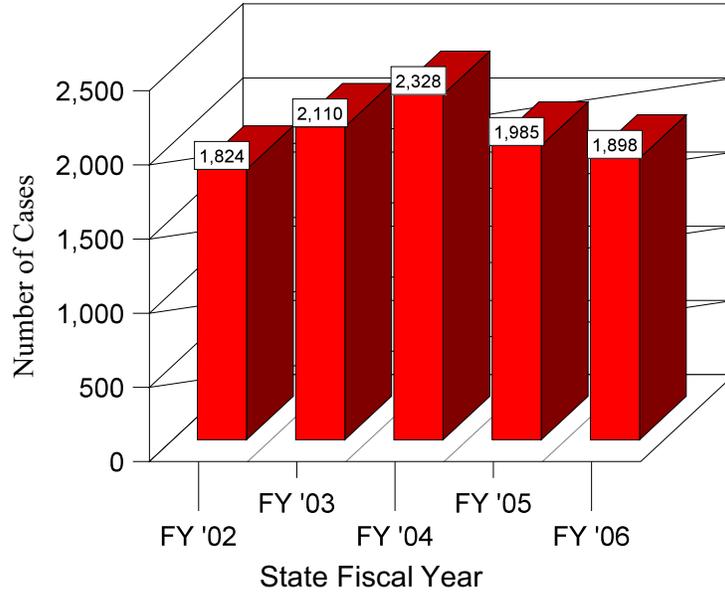
DATA PROFILES

St. Clair County

Following are charts and diagrams which contain data from State Fiscal Year 2006.

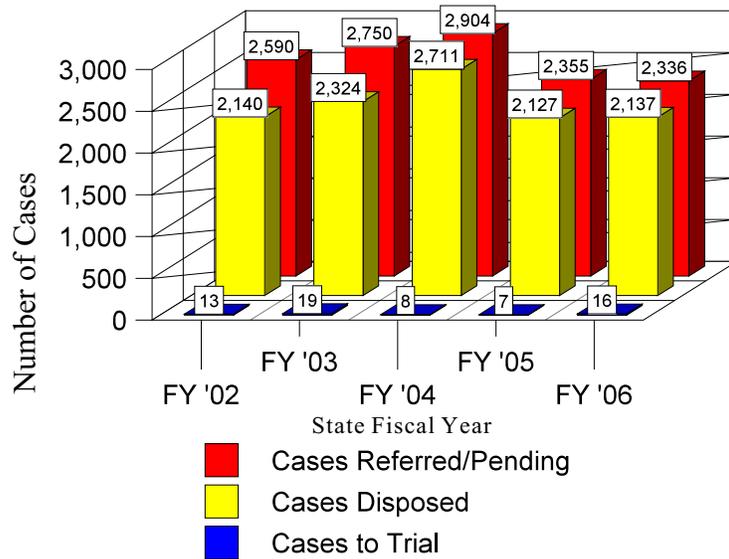
State Fiscal Year 2006	
St. Clair County	
At A Glance Arbitration Caseload Information	
Number of Cases Pending / Referred to Arbitration	2,336
Number of Cases Settled /Dismissed	2,153
Number of Cases Pending	183
Number of Arbitration Hearings	159
Number of Awards Accepted	45
Number of Awards Rejected	58
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration which Proceeded to Trial	16

St. Clair County Cases Referred to Mandatory Arbitration Five - Year Trend



While cases referred to St. Clair County's arbitration program vary annually, an average of 2,029 cases per year were referred to arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.

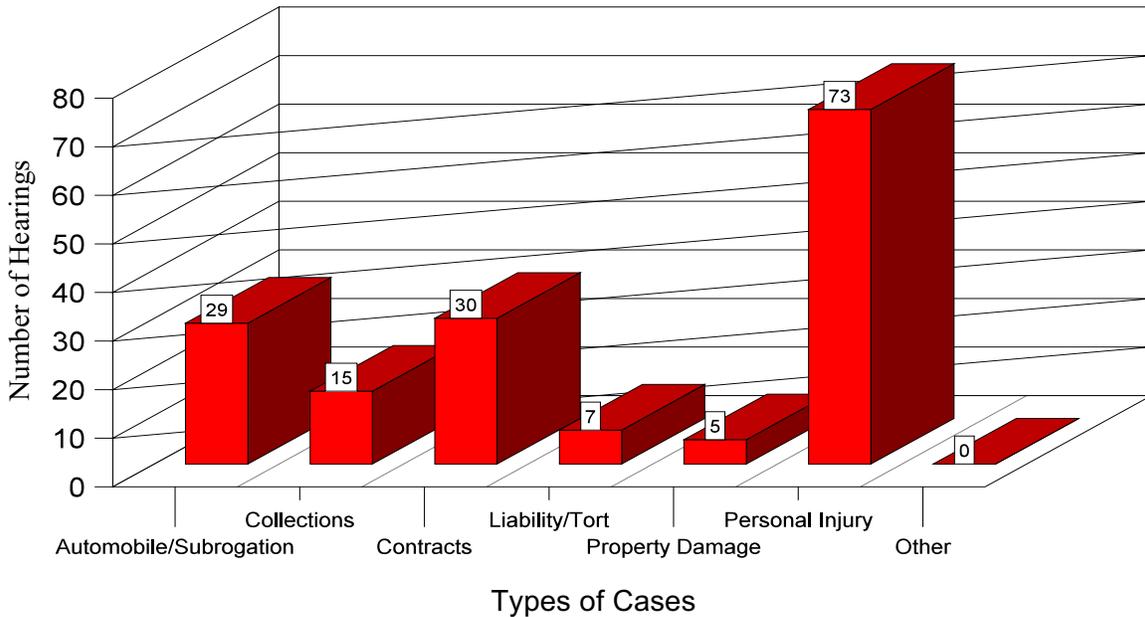
St. Clair County Five-Year Disposition Trend



The chart above presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which yielded either a disposition or, ultimately went to trial. Program data indicates that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 91% (2,137 of 2,336 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the St. Clair County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2006. This disposition rate is slightly higher than the five year average of 88% and is above the statewide average of 86%.

In St. Clair County, less than 1% of cases (16 of the 2,336) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

St. Clair County
Types of Cases that Proceeded to Hearing



The graph above provides information on the types of cases that are heard in arbitration. The data indicates that personal injury cases account for a majority (46%) of the arbitration hearings in St. Clair County.

St. Clair County
Average Award for Arbitration Hearing and
Average Age (Number of Days) Pending in
Arbitration System by Case Type

<i>Case Type</i>	<i>Average Award</i>	<i>Average Age (Days)</i>
Automobile/Subrogation	\$10,661	305
Collections	\$10,333	274
Contracts	\$10,061	383
Liability/Torts	\$17,922	272
Property Damage	\$1,400	422
Personal Injury	\$12,587	323
Other	-0-	-0-

The table above offers information on the types of cases processed in mandatory arbitration and the average award granted at the time of the hearing. The table also presents data regarding the average amount of time each case type remains pending in the arbitration system. When all of the county's arbitration cases are combined, the average period that an arbitration case pends is 327 days.