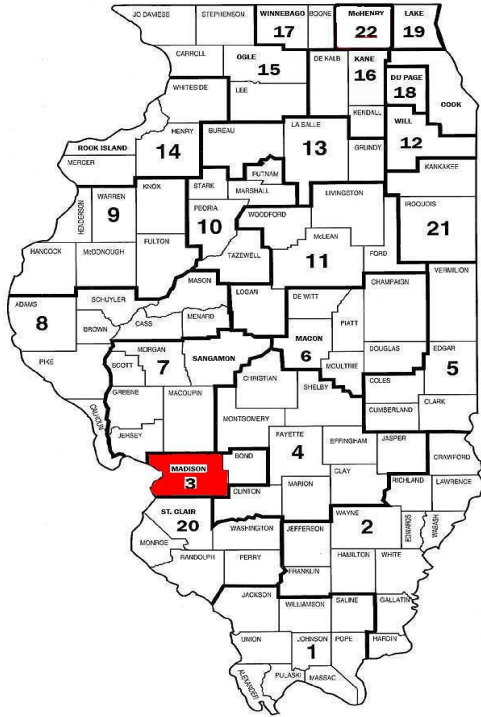


Third Judicial Circuit

(Madison County)

Arbitration Program Information

Madison County is one of two counties which forms the Third Judicial Circuit. Madison County is the most recent county to petition the Supreme Court for authorization to implement a court-annexed mandatory arbitration program. During its November 2006 Term, the Supreme Court authorized Madison County to commence operations, effective July 1, 2007. With the assistance of the AOIC, a location was identified, equipment purchased, and staff hired. The Madison County Arbitration Center is located in Wood River, Illinois, and became fully operation this fiscal year. In Madison County, an arbitration supervising judge is assigned to oversee arbitration matters and is assisted by an arbitration program administrator.



State Fiscal Year 2008 Madison County At A Glance Arbitration Caseload Information

Number of Cases Pending* / Referred to Arbitration	1,209
Number of Cases Disposed	786
Number of Arbitration Hearings	109
Number of Awards Accepted	58
Number of Awards Rejected	28
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration which Proceeded to Trial	4

* "Cases Pending" includes those cases docketed to arbitration before the July 1, 2007, initiation of the program

The chart to the left presents information on the first set of data available from the arbitration program in Madison County. The numbers represent the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which were resolved during the arbitration process or ultimately proceeded to trial. Program data indicates that 65% (786 of 1,209) of the cases filed in the Madison County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2008 were disposed. In Madison County, less than 1% percent (4 of 1,209) of cases filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.