

Eighteenth Judicial Circuit

DuPage County

Arbitration Caseload FY 11	
Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	4,601
Cases Settled/Dismissed	4,258
Arbitration Hearings	391
Awards Accepted	70
Awards Rejected	186
Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	27

The Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, the second most populous jurisdiction in Illinois, is a suburban jurisdiction serving the residents of DuPage County. Since its initial Supreme Court authorization in December 1988, court-annexed arbitration has become an important resource for assisting the judicial system in the adjudication of

civil matters. 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 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, 4,972 cases have been referred to, or are pending in, arbitration over the past five state fiscal years. Program data indicate that 93 percent (4,258 of 4,601) of cases filed in the DuPage County arbitration program during State Fiscal Year 2011 were disposed of by settlement or dismissal. This disposition rate is higher than the five-year average of 85 percent and the statewide average of 74 percent. The data for DuPage County's 2011 arbitration operations are reflected in the graphs below. In DuPage County, less than one percent of cases (27 of 4,601) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

