

## Eighteenth Judicial Circuit

### DuPage County

Arbitration Caseload FY 10	
<b>Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration</b>	<b>5,212</b>
<b>Cases Settled/Dismissed</b>	<b>4,439</b>
<b>Arbitration Hearings</b>	<b>360</b>
<b>Awards Accepted</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Awards Rejected</b>	<b>209</b>
<b>Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial</b>	<b>39</b>

The Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, the second most populous jurisdiction in Illinois, is a suburban jurisdiction serving the residents of DuPage County. Court-annexed arbitration has become an important resource for assisting the judicial system in the adjudication of civil matters. The Supreme Court approved an arbitration

program for the circuit in December 1988. 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, 5,071 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 85 percent (4,439 of 5,212 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the DuPage County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2010. This disposition rate is slightly higher than the five-year average of 83 percent and the statewide average of 75 percent. The data for DuPage County's 2010 arbitration operations are reflected in the graphs below. In DuPage County, less than one percent of cases (39 of 5,212) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

