

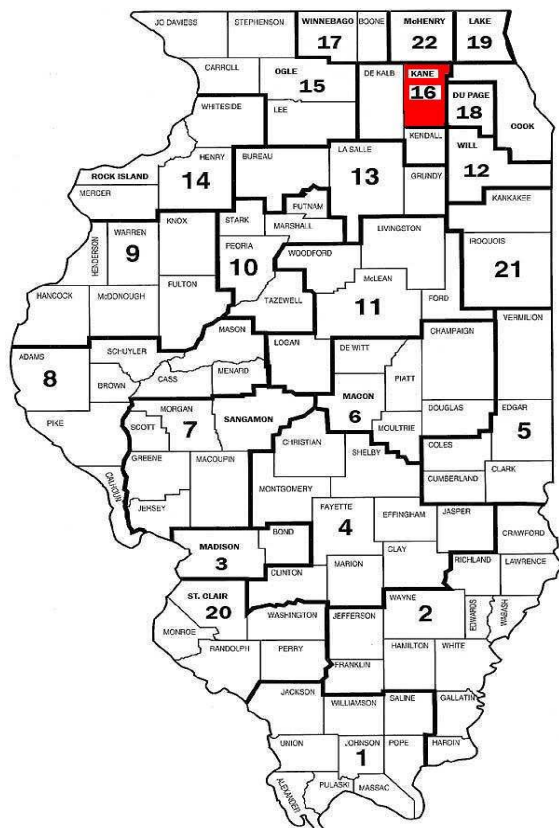
## Sixteenth Judicial Circuit

(Kane County)

### Arbitration Program Information

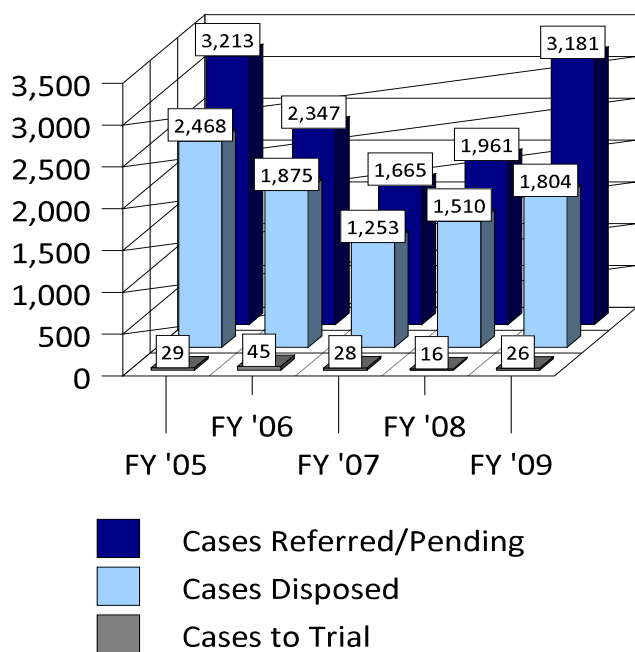
The Sixteenth Judicial Circuit consists of DeKalb, Kane and Kendall Counties. During Fiscal Year 1994, the Supreme Court approved the request of Kane County to begin operating a court-annexed mandatory arbitration program. Initial arbitration hearings were held in June 1995. The arbitration center is located in the courthouse in Kane County. A supervising judge is assigned to oversee arbitration matters and is assisted by an arbitration program assistant.

The chart to the left presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which were either resolved during the arbitration process, or ultimately went to trial. Program data indicate that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 57 percent (1,804 of 3,181 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Kane County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2009. This disposition rate is significantly lower than the five-year average of 72 percent and the statewide average of 78 percent. From 2005 through 2009, an annual average of 2,473 cases were referred to or are pending in arbitration.



### Kane County

#### Five - Year Disposition Trend



Kane County

**State Fiscal Year 2009  
Kane County  
At-a-Glance Arbitration Caseload  
Information**

Number of Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration . . . . .	3,181*
Number of Cases Settled/Dismissed . . . . .	1,804
Number of Arbitration Hearings . . . . .	239
Number of Awards Accepted . . . . .	50
Number of Awards Rejected . . . . .	143
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial . . . . .	26

\*For State Fiscal Year 2009, the arbitration program in Kane County reconciled its caseload statistics with the Circuit Clerk's office. Over the past fiscal years, the full complement of the pending cases in arbitration have been unknown. The numbers for 2009 are accurate and will track future trends.

The data for Kane County's 2009 arbitration operations are reflected in the chart to the left. In Kane County, less than one percent of the cases (26 of the 3,181) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

