

Eleventh Judicial Circuit

Ford County

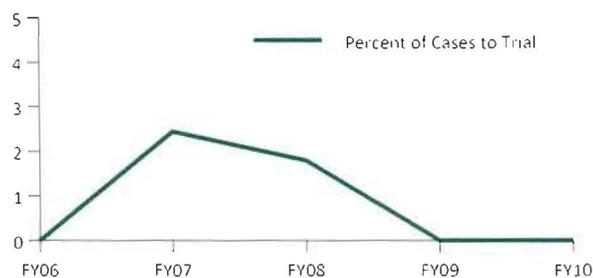
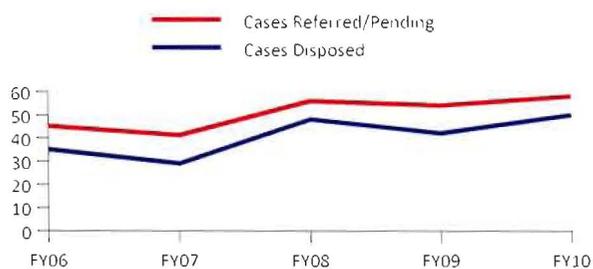
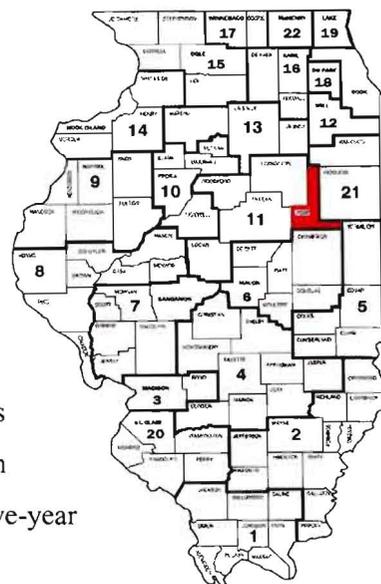
Arbitration Caseload FY 10	
Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	58
Cases Settled/Dismissed	50
Arbitration Hearings	2
Awards Accepted	2
Awards Rejected	0
Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	0

In March of 1996, the Supreme Court of Illinois entered an order which authorized Ford and McLean Counties in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit to begin operating arbitration programs. The arbitration program center for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit is located near the McLean County

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Justice Center in Bloomington, Illinois, which hosts hearings for both counties. A supervising judge from each county is assigned to oversee arbitration matters and both are 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. Program data indicate that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 86 percent (50 of 58 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Ford County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2010. This disposition rate is higher than the five-year average of 80 percent and the statewide average of 75 percent.



The data for Ford County's 2010 arbitration operations are reflected in the above graphs. In Ford County, none of the cases filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

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McLean County

Arbitration Caseload FY 10	
Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	1,459
Cases Settled/Dismissed	1,043
Arbitration Hearings	66
Awards Accepted	48
Awards Rejected	19
Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	3

While the number of cases referred to McLean County's arbitration program vary annually, on average, 1,322 cases per year 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 71 percent (1,043 of 1,459 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the McLean County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2010. This disposition rate is slightly higher than the five-year average of 70 percent and lower than the statewide average of 75 percent.

The data for McLean County's 2010 arbitration operations are reflected in the graphs below. In McLean County, less than one percent (3 of 1,459) of the cases litigated in arbitration proceeded to trial.

