

Eleventh Judicial Circuit

Ford County

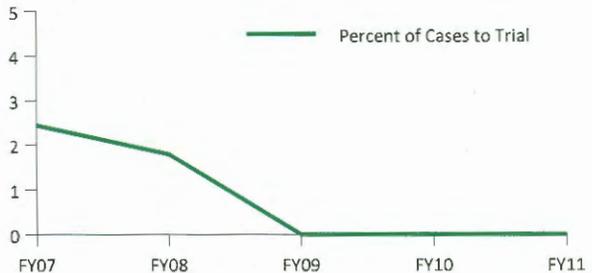
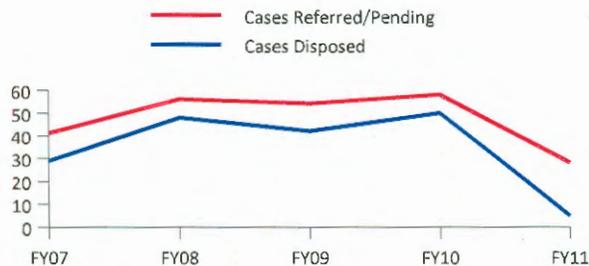
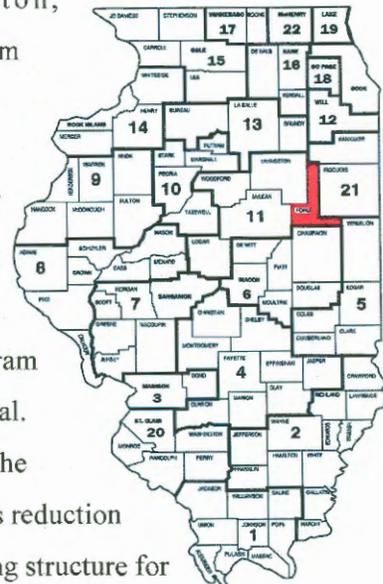
Arbitration Caseload FY 11	
Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	28
Cases Settled/Dismissed	5
Arbitration Hearings	1
Awards Accepted	1
Awards Rejected	0
Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	0

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 Law and 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 18 percent (5 of 28) of cases filed in the Ford County arbitration program during State Fiscal Year 2011 were disposed of by settlement or dismissal.

When comparing FY 2011 information with FY 2010 data, the number of cases referred to arbitration has decreased significantly. This reduction in cases referred may be an artifact of the recently implemented reporting structure for arbitration program statistics. Future data will continue to be closely monitored to track caseload volume.



The data for Ford County's 2011 arbitration operations are reflected in the above graphs. In Ford County, none of the 28 cases filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

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McLean County

Arbitration Caseload FY 11	
Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	492
Cases Settled/Dismissed	91
Arbitration Hearings	7
Awards Accepted	5
Awards Rejected	2
Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	0

While the number of cases referred to McLean County's arbitration program vary annually, on average, 1,093 cases per year have been referred to, or are pending in, arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.

Program data indicate that 18 percent (91 of 492) of cases filed in the McLean County arbitration program during State Fiscal

Year 2011 were disposed of by settlement or dismissal.

The data for McLean County's 2011 arbitration operations are reflected in the graphs below. In McLean County, none of the 492 cases litigated in arbitration proceeded to trial.

When comparing FY 2011 information with FY 2010 data, the number of cases referred to arbitration has decreased significantly. This reduction in cases referred may be an artifact of the recently implemented reporting structure for arbitration program statistics. The decrease may also be a function of cases that historically were referred to arbitration are now being diverted to the Eleventh Judicial Circuit's Small Claims Mediation Program. Future data will continue to be closely monitored to track caseload volume.

