

## Twelfth Judicial Circuit

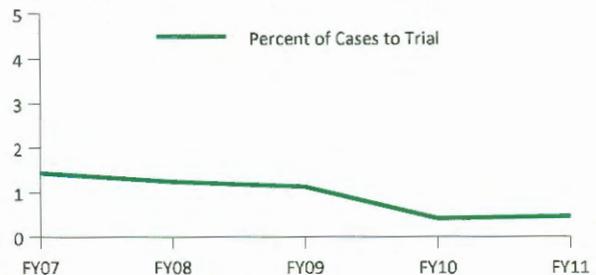
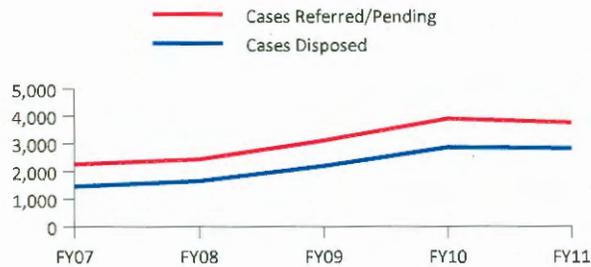
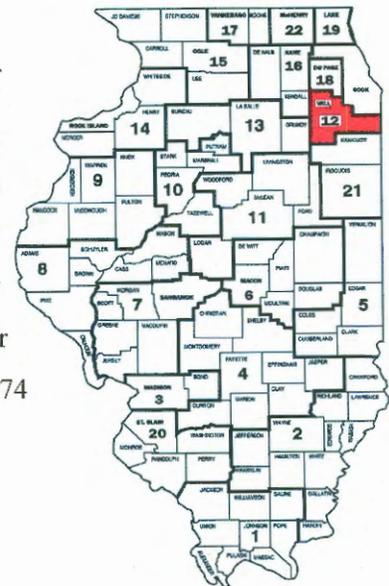
### Will County

Arbitration Caseload FY 11	
<b>Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration</b>	<b>3,763</b>
<b>Cases Settled/Dismissed</b>	<b>2,838</b>
<b>Arbitration Hearings</b>	<b>146</b>
<b>Awards Accepted</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Awards Rejected</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial</b>	<b>17</b>

The Twelfth Judicial Circuit is one of five single-county circuits in Illinois. The Will County Arbitration Center is housed near the courthouse in Joliet, Illinois. Will County began hearing arbitration cases in December of 1995. An arbitration supervising judge is assigned to oversee arbitration matters and is assisted by a trial

court administrator and an arbitration program assistant.

The table presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which were either resolved during the arbitration process, or ultimately proceeded to trial. Program data indicate that 75 percent (2,838 of 3,763) of cases filed in the Will 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 72 percent and slightly higher than the statewide average of 74 percent.



On average, 3,086 cases per year have been referred to, or are pending in, arbitration over the past five state fiscal years. The data for Will County's 2011 arbitration operations are reflected in the above graphs. In Will County, less than one percent (17 of 3,763) of cases filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.