

Sixteenth Judicial Circuit

Kane County

| Arbitration Caseload FY 11 | |
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| Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration | 3,078 |
| Cases Settled/Dismissed | 2,246 |
| Arbitration Hearings | 169 |
| Awards Accepted | 52 |
| Awards Rejected | 99 |
| Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial | 17 |

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

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 went to trial. Program data indicate that 73 percent (2,246 of 3,078) of cases filed in the Kane 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 68 percent but slightly lower than the statewide average of 74 percent. On average, 2,664 cases per year have been referred to, or are pending in, arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.



The data for Kane County's 2011 arbitration operations are illustrated in the graphs below. In Kane County, less than one percent of the cases (17 of 3,078) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

