

Seventeenth Judicial Circuit

Boone County

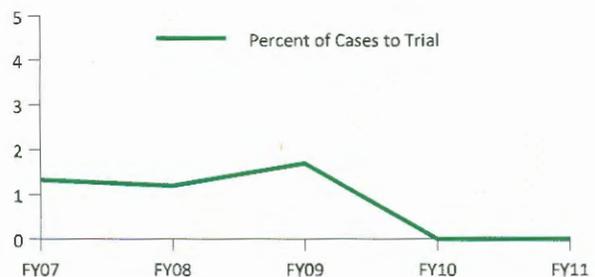
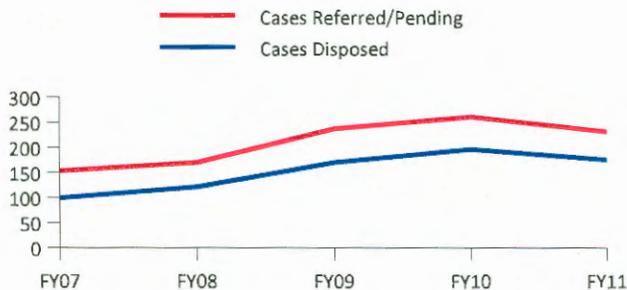
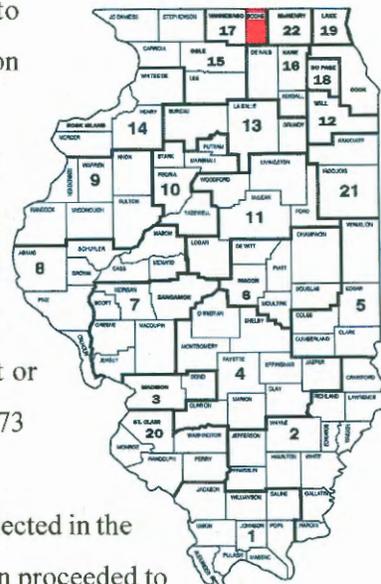
Arbitration Caseload FY 11	
Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	231
Cases Settled/Dismissed	175
Arbitration Hearings	14
Awards Accepted	5
Awards Rejected	4
Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	0

The Seventeenth Judicial Circuit consists of Boone and Winnebago Counties. The circuit's arbitration center is located near the courthouse in Rockford, Illinois. The Boone County program began hearing arbitration-eligible matters in February 1995. A supervising judge from each county is assigned to

oversee the arbitration programs and is assisted by an arbitration 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 76 percent (175 of 231) of cases filed in the Boone 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 73 percent and higher than the statewide average of 74 percent.

The data for Boone County's 2011 arbitration operations are reflected in the graphs below. In Boone County, none of the 231 cases filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.



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Winnebago County

Arbitration Caseload FY 11	
Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	1,474
Cases Settled/Dismissed	1,053
Arbitration Hearings	118
Awards Accepted	37
Awards Rejected	55
Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	11

In the fall of 1987, court-annexed mandatory arbitration was instituted as a pilot program in Winnebago County, making it the oldest court-annexed arbitration system in the state.

On average, 1,382 cases per year have been referred to, or are pending in, arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.

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 71 percent (1,053 of 1,474) of cases filed in the Winnebago County arbitration program during State Fiscal Year 2011 were disposed of by settlement or dismissal. This disposition rate is slightly higher than the five-year average of 70 percent and lower than the statewide average of 74 percent.

The data for Winnebago County's 2011 arbitration operations are reflected in the graphs below. In Winnebago County, less than one percent of cases (11 of 1,474) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

