

Nineteenth Judicial Circuit

Lake County

Arbitration Caseload FY 11	
Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	4,804
Cases Settled/Dismissed	3,455
Arbitration Hearings	404
Awards Accepted	108
Awards Rejected	217
Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	46

In December 1988, Lake County was approved by the Supreme Court to begin operating an arbitration program. The supervising judge is assisted by an arbitration program administrator and an administrative assistant. On average, 3,569 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 72 percent (3,455 of 4,804) of cases filed in the Lake County arbitration program during State Fiscal Year 2011 were disposed of by settlement or dismissal, which is slightly lower than the statewide average of 74 percent.

The data for Lake County's 2011 arbitration operations are reflected in the graphs below. In Lake County, less than one percent of cases (46 of 4,804) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

