

Twentieth Judicial Circuit

St. Clair County

Arbitration Caseload FY 11	
Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	2,587
Cases Settled/Dismissed	2,068
Arbitration Hearings	147
Awards Accepted	52
Awards Rejected	61
Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	15

The Twentieth Judicial Circuit is comprised of five counties: St. Clair, Perry, Monroe, Randolph and Washington. The Supreme Court approved St. Clair County's request to begin an arbitration program in May 1993, and the first hearings were held in February 1994. A supervising judge is assigned to oversee arbitration matters and is

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 80 percent (2,068 of 2,587) of cases filed in the St. Clair 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 79 percent and higher than the statewide average of 74 percent. An average of 2,409 cases per year have been referred to, or are pending in, arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.

The data for St. Clair County's 2011 arbitration operations are reflected in the graphs below. In St. Clair County, less than one percent of cases (15 of 2,587) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

