

Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit

McHenry County

Arbitration Caseload FY 11	
Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	1,973
Cases Settled/Dismissed	1,470
Arbitration Hearings	88
Awards Accepted	34
Awards Rejected	37
Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	15

In 1990, McHenry County was approved to operate an arbitration program as a component of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's operations. On December 4, 2006, legislation created the Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit, making McHenry County a single-county circuit and the newest judicial circuit in the state. The

supervising judge in McHenry County 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. On average, 1,631 cases have been referred to, or are pending in, arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.

Program data indicate that 75 percent (1,470 of 1,973) of cases filed in the McHenry County arbitration program during State Fiscal Year 2011 were disposed of by settlement or dismissal. This disposition rate is higher than the statewide average of 74 percent, and higher than the five-year average of 73 percent. The data for McHenry County's 2011 arbitration operations are reflected in the graphs below. In McHenry County, less than one percent of the cases (15 of 1,973) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

