

Circuit Court of Cook County

| Arbitration Caseload FY 11 | |
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| Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration | 15,771 |
| Cases Settled/Dismissed | 10,861 |
| Arbitration Hearings | 6,681 |
| Awards Accepted | 1,466 |
| Awards Rejected | 3,676 |
| Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial | 434 |

The Circuit Court of Cook County is the largest unified general jurisdiction court in the nation. The Supreme Court authorized the implementation of an arbitration program in Cook County in January 1990. The arbitration center is located in downtown Chicago. A supervising judge oversees arbitration program matters and is

assisted by an arbitration program administrator and deputy administrator.

While the number of cases referred to Cook County's arbitration program vary annually, on average, 13,583 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 69 percent (10,861 of 15,771) of cases filed in the Cook County arbitration program during State Fiscal Year 2011 were disposed of by settlement or dismissal. This disposition rate is lower than the five-year average of 78 percent and the statewide average of 74 percent.



The data for Cook County's 2011 arbitration operations are reflected in the graphs below. In Cook County less than three percent of the cases (434 of 15,771) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

