

Administrative filing fee: \$350 per party/hearing day – Nonrefundable
Arbitrator time billed hourly at the rates below (and subject to minimum hearing fees)

ARBITRATOR RATES AND POLICIES

Monte Bersante	\$575	Scott Holte	\$585
Carolyn Cairns	\$600	Margo Keller	\$600
John Cooper	\$750	Hon. Ronald B. Leighton (Ret.)	\$575
Michelle Corsi	\$430	Hon. Elizabeth P. Martin (Ret.)	\$575
Don G. Daniel	\$430	Thomas R. Merrick	\$575
J. Patrick Duffy	\$430	Cynthia Morgan	\$530
Jack Follis	\$460	Hon. Susan K. Serko (Ret.)	\$530
Cliff Freed	\$600	David “Mac” Shelton	\$460
Harry Goldman	\$460	Jill Haavig Stone	\$430
Kevin Hanchett	\$430	Kathleen Wareham	\$575

- 1) Payment Requirement** The applicable administrative filing fee is due at the time of case referral. Projected hearing fees must be pre-collected and failure to prepay by the required deadline constitutes a failure to proceed and requires cancellation of the hearing or a revised fee allocation.
- 2) Award of Arbitration Fees** Unless the parties agree otherwise in writing, the arbitrator may assess arbitration fees as part of an award.
- 3) Settlement or Withdrawal** If a case is withdrawn from the arbitration process for any reason after scheduling has occurred, the administrative filing fee will be allocated to the parties in accordance with their fee agreement, **regardless of which party cancels the hearing.**
- 4) Minimum Hearing Fee** Arbitration hearings are subject to a minimum hearing fee equal to the time reserved on the calendar (**4 or 8 hours per hearing day**) plus the applicable nonrefundable filing fee. A **\$75/hr** staffing surcharge applies to hearing time past 6:00 p.m. or on weekends at WAMS.
- 5) Hearing Cancellation/Rescheduling Policy** – (a) If a **Single Day Hearing** cancels or reschedules less than **ten (10) business days** before the hearing, a late cancellation fee equal to the minimum hearing fee will be charged according to the parties’ fee agreement, unless a substitute matter can be scheduled; (b) If a **Multiple Day Hearing** cancels or reschedules less than **fifteen (15) business days** before the first hearing date (or utilizes fewer days than reserved), a late cancellation fee equal to the minimum hearing fee will be charged for each day reserved but unused, unless substitute matters can be scheduled. If a dispute arises concerning cancellation fee responsibility, the arbitrator can determine the fee allocation. The cancellation fee is in addition to the arbitrator’s charges for time and expenses incurred before the hearing. Other cancellation policies may apply to cases involving extraordinary travel, review or scheduling requirements. **The hearing date is not counted for late cancellation fee purposes.**
- 6) Hourly Administrative Billing** Excessive scheduling or other pre-hearing requests may result in a **\$150/hr** administrative surcharge.