

Arbitrator Ethics



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DESCRIPTION

This program covers three hours of ethics and is intended to meet the requirement under RCW 7.06.040(2). Hear from esteemed presenters and gain practical knowledge in the ethical and professional considerations for serving as an arbitrator.

AGENDA

1 Ethical Considerations for the Arbitration Process

A full panel discussion that will dive into ethical considerations for the arbitrator when addressing confidentiality, identifying conflicts and making disclosures, holding preliminary conferences, managing the arbitration hearing, issuing the arbitration award and requirements for de novo review. Special attention will be paid to revised RCW 7.06.

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3 Navigating the Ethics Minefield

A full panel Q and A intended to dig deeper into the scope of private arbitration and the myriad of related ethical issues that arise when conducting a fundamentally fair and impartial process. Topics will include handling claims asserted that are outside of the arbitration clause, disclosing insurance policy limits, independent research, punitive damages, attorneys' fees, decision making and post-award issues.

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