



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 experienced presenters and gain practical knowledge in the ethical and professional considerations for serving as an arbitrator.

AGENDA

1 Ethical Considerations for the Arbitration Process

This full panel discussion will provide an overview of the ethical responsibilities of arbitrators across all phases of the arbitration process. Topics include maintaining confidentiality, identifying and disclosing potential conflicts of interest, conducting preliminary conferences, managing arbitration hearings virtually and in person, issuing awards, and de novo review. The discussion will include focused analysis of RCW 7.06 and its practical implications for arbitrators.

2 Navigating the Ethics Minefield

A panel discussion with interactive Q&A designed to explore a range of ethical considerations involved in maintaining a fair and impartial arbitration process. Topics will include addressing claims beyond the scope of the arbitration clause, the role of independent research, punitive damages, attorneys' fees, decision-making practices, and post-award issues.

PRESENTER

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