

2008 Arbitration Fee Schedule

ADMINISTRATIVE FILING FEE: *\$250 PER PARTY/HEARING DAY – CHARGED AS A CONDITION OF SCHEDULING

*The administrative filing fee above is in addition to hourly billing for excess pre-hearing activity or late cancellation charges

HOURLY ARBITRATOR FEES: Pre-hearing, hearing, post-hearing and travel time billed at the rates below

ARBITRATOR RATES AND POLICIES

Neutral	Hourly Rate	Flat Fee Available	Neutral	Hourly Rate	Flat Fee Available
Crane Bergdahl	\$350	No	Hon. Donald Horowitz	\$385	No
Paul Chemnick	\$350	No	William Joyce	\$450	No
John Cooper	\$475	No	Margo Keller	\$350	No
Hon. Nancy Curington	\$350	Yes	Stanley Kempner	\$350	Yes
J. Patrick Duffy	\$350	No	Efrem Krisher	\$350	Yes
Cliff Freed	\$350	No	Judy Massong	\$350	Yes
Hon. Judit Gebhardt	\$350	Yes	Cynthia Morgan	\$350	Yes
Harry Goldman	\$350	No	William Rush	\$350	No
Donald Grant	\$350	No	Michele Sales	\$350	No
Alan Gunter	\$350	No	David "Mac" Shelton	\$350	No
Hon. David Hansen	\$350	No	Jill Stone	\$350	Yes
Thomas Harris	\$450	No	Hal Vhugen	\$385	No
Scott Holte	\$385	No	Kathleen Wareham	\$350	Yes
			Gary Williams	\$350	Yes

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1) **Payment Requirement** – The applicable administrative filing fee is due at the time of case referral, however, WAMS may bill all fees at the conclusion of case activity to a single fee guarantor. Projected hearing fees must be pre-collected if there are no payment guarantors for all parties. 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** - The WAMS Commercial Arbitration Rules allow an arbitrator to assess the arbitration fees as part of an award unless the parties agree otherwise in writing.

3) **Settlement or Withdrawal** - If a case is withdrawn from the arbitration process for any reason after scheduling has occurred, the administrative filing fee will be billed to the parties in accordance with their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 filing fee. A \$75/hr staffing surcharge applies to hearing time past 6:00 p.m. or on weekends at WAMS.

5) **Single Day Hearing Cancellation Policy** - If a hearing is cancelled or rescheduled less than **ten (10) business days** prior to the hearing date, a late cancellation fee equal to the minimum hearing fee will be charged to the parties in accordance with their arbitration fee agreement, unless an alternative matter can be scheduled for the arbitrator. If a dispute arises concerning responsibility for the cancellation fee, the issue can be referred to the arbitrator for allocation. The late cancellation fee is in addition to charges for time incurred by the arbitrator in advance of the arbitration hearing. *The hearing date is not counted for late cancellation purposes.*

6) **Multiple Day Hearing Cancellation Policy** - A hearing scheduled for more than one day is normally subject to an additional five (5) business days' prior notice, which is added to the normal ten (10) business days cancellation policy for the first hearing date described in paragraph 5) above. A hearing that is cancelled or rescheduled within the applicable cancellation period will be assessed a cancellation fee **for each day reserved**, in addition to any charges for time spent by the arbitrator prior to the hearing, unless other matters can be scheduled on the cancelled dates. Different cancellation policies may apply to cases involving extraordinary travel, review or scheduling requirements.

7) **Hourly Administrative Billing** – Excessive rescheduling requests or pre-hearing discovery disputes will result in imposition of a \$150 per hour administrative surcharge. The fee will be assessed to all parties equally unless allocated otherwise by the arbitrator.