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## 2011 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 extraordinary administrative 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	\$400	No
Paul Chemnick	\$400	No	William Joyce	\$450	No
John Cooper	\$475	No	Margo Keller	\$375	No
Hon. Nancy Curington	\$350	Yes	Stanley Kempner	\$350	Yes
J. Patrick Duffy	\$375	No	Efrem Krisher	\$350	Yes
Cliff Freed	\$375	No	Judy Massong	\$350	Yes
Hon. Judit Gebhardt	\$350	Yes	Cynthia Morgan	\$350	Yes
Donald Grant	\$350	No	William Rush	\$350	No
Alan Gunter	\$350	No	Michele Sales	\$375	No
Kevin Hanchett	\$400	No	David "Mac" Shelton	\$375	No
Hon. David Hansen	\$350	No	Jill Stone	\$350	Yes
Thomas Harris	\$450	No	Hal Vhugen	\$400	No
Scott Holte	\$400	No	Kathleen Wareham	\$375	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- 3) **Settlement or Withdrawal** - If a case is withdrawn from the arbitration process for any reason after scheduling has occurred, the administrative filing fee will be billed to the parties in accordance with their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 cancels or reschedules less than **ten (10) business days** before 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 another 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 pre-hearing time incurred by the arbitrator before the arbitration hearing. *The hearing date is not counted for late cancellation purposes.*
- 6) **Multiple Day Hearing Cancellation Policy** – Multiple day hearings have an additional five (5) business days’ notice per day, added to the ten (10) business days cancellation policy for the first hearing date. A hearing that cancels or reschedules within the applicable cancellation period will be assessed a cancellation fee ***for each day reserved***, in addition to charges for pre-hearing time spent by the arbitrator, unless other matters can be scheduled on the cancelled dates. Other cancellation policies 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/hr administrative surcharge.

Rates effective for cases referred for arbitration after January 1, 2011