LMAR 2.3
ASSIGNMENT TO ARBITRATOR

(a) Generally; Stipulations. When a case is set for arbitration, a list of five proposed arbitrators will be furnished to the parties.* A master list of arbitrators will be made available upon request. The parties are encouraged to stipulate to an arbitrator.** In the absence of a stipulation, the arbitrator will be chosen from among the five proposed arbitrators in the manner defined by this rule.

(b) Response by Parties. Each party may, within 14 days after the list of proposed arbitrators is furnished to the parties, nominate one or two arbitrators and strike two arbitrators from the list. If both parties respond, an arbitrator nominated by both parties will be appointed. If no arbitrator has been nominated by both parties, the Arbitration Administrator will randomly appoint an arbitrator from among those not stricken by either party.

(c) Response by Only One Party. If only one party responds within 14 days, the Arbitration Administrator will appoint an arbitrator nominated by that party.

(d) No Response. If neither party responds within 14 days, the Arbitration Administrator will randomly appoint one of the five proposed arbitrators.

(e) Additional Arbitrators for Additional Parties. If there are more than two adverse parties, all represented by different counsel, two additional proposed arbitrators shall be added to the list for each additional party so represented with the above principles of selection to be applied. The number of adverse parties shall be determined by the Arbitration Administrator, subject to review by the Presiding Judge.