LRMA 5.3. CONDUCT OF HEARING - WITNESSES - RULES OF EVIDENCE

- (a) Oath or Affirmation. The arbitrator shall place a witness under oath or affirmation, substantially in the following form, before the witness presents testimony: "Do you solemnly swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, that the testimony you give in this matter will be the truth?"
- (b) Recording. The hearing may be recorded electronically or otherwise by any party at his or her expense, providing that the means of recording do not interfere with conduct of the hearing.
- (c) Rules of Evidence Generally. The Rules of Evidence, to the extent determined by the arbitrator to be applicable, should be liberally construed to promote justice and economical dispute resolution.

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