RULE 3.2 AUTHORITY OF ARBITRATORS

An arbitrator has the authority to:

- (a) Determine the time, place and procedure to present a motion before the arbitrator.
- (b) Require a party or attorney advising such party or both to pay the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees, caused by the failure of such party or attorney or both to obey an order of the arbitrator unless the arbitrator finds that the failure was substantially justified or that other circumstances make an award of expenses unjust. The arbitrator shall make a special award for such expenses and shall file such award with the clerk of the superior court, with proof of service on each party. The aggrieved party shall have 10 days thereafter to appeal the award of such expense in accordance with the procedures described in RCW 2.24.050. If within 10 days after the award is filed no party appeals, a judgment shall be entered in a manner described generally under MAR 6.3.
- (c) Award attorney's fees as authorized by these rules, by contract or by law.
- (d) Arbitrators shall have immunity to the same extent as provided for superior court judges in Washington State.