Local Mandatory Arbitration Rule 2.3
ASSIGNMENT TO ARBITRATOR

(a) Generally; Stipulations. When a case is transferred to arbitration, but not less than ninety (90) days following filing and service on all parties subject to arbitration, a list of five proposed arbitrators will be furnished to all 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. If the parties stipulate to an arbitrator who is not one of the five proposed arbitrators, they must obtain the arbitrator's consent to appointment prior to submitting the stipulation to the Court.

(b) Response by Parties. Each party may, within 10 court days of the date mailed by the court, after a list of proposed arbitrators is furnished to the parties, nominate one or two arbitrators and strike one or two arbitrators from the list. If both parties respond, an arbitrator nominated by both parties will be appointed. If no arbitrator is nominated by both parties, the court 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 10 court days of the date mailed by the court, the court administrator will appoint an arbitrator nominated by that party.

(d) No Response. If neither party responds within 10 court days of the date mailed by the court, the court administrator will randomly select and appoint one of the five proposed arbitrators.

(e) Additional Arbitrators for Additional Parties. If there are more than two adverse parties, at least two additional proposed arbitrators shall be added to the list with the above principles of selection to be applied. The number of adverse parties shall be determined by the court administrator, subject to review by a superior court judge.

(f) List of Proposed Arbitrators. Parties do not have to serve choices upon each other and the court administrator must keep selections confidential. The court administrator must retain returned lists of proposed arbitrators until the time for appeal has expired or a request for trial de novo is received, whichever is sooner.

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