LMAR 2.3
Assignment to Arbitrator

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

(1) Response by Parties. Within fourteen (14) days after the list of the proposed arbitrators is furnished to the parties, each party shall nominate two arbitrators and strike two arbitrators from the list. If both parties respond, an arbitrator nominated by both parties shall be appointed. If no arbitrator has been nominated by both parties, an arbitrator shall be appointed from among those not stricken by either party.

(2) Response by Only One Party. If only one party responds within fourteen (14) days, an arbitrator shall be appointed from that party's response.

(3) No Response. If neither party responds within fourteen (14) days, the arbitrator shall be randomly appointed from the five proposed arbitrators.

(4) Additional Arbitrators for Additional Parties. If there are more than two adverse parties all represented by different counsel, one additional proposed arbitrator 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 department, subject to review by the Presiding Judge.

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