

**LCAR III - ARBITRATORS**  
**RULE 3.1 QUALIFICATIONS**

**(a) Arbitration Panel.** There shall be a panel of arbitrators in such numbers as the Superior Court judges may from time to time determine. A person desiring to serve as an arbitrator shall complete an information sheet on the form prescribed by the court. A list showing the names of arbitrators available to hear cases and the information sheets will be available for public inspection in the Director's office. The oath of office on the form prescribed by the court must be completed and filed prior to an applicant being placed on the panel.

(1) An arbitrator must be a member of the Washington State Bar Association in good standing who has been admitted to the Bar for a minimum of five (5) years; or who is a retired Superior Court Judge or Commissioner. [Amended effective September 1, 2021]

(2) An arbitrator must have completed a minimum of three credits of Washington State Bar approved continuing education credits on arbitrator professional and ethical considerations per RCW 7.06.040(2)(a). [Amended effective September 1, 2021]

**(b) Refusal; Disqualification.** The appointment of an arbitrator is subject to the right of that person to refuse to serve. An arbitrator must notify the Director immediately if refusing to serve or if any cause exists for the arbitrator's disqualification from the case upon any of the grounds of interest, relationship, bias or prejudice set forth in CJC Canon 3(c) governing the disqualification of judges. If disqualified, the arbitrator must immediately return all materials in a case to the Director.