

Becoming an Arbitrator in Snohomish County

Per Snohomish County Local Mandatory Arbitration Rule 3.1:

Qualifications:

1. An arbitrator must be a member of the Washington State Bar Association who has been admitted to the Bar for a minimum of five (5) years, or who is a retired Superior Court Judge or Commissioner.
2. An arbitrator must have completed a minimum of three credits of Washington State BAR Association approved continuing legal education on arbitrator professional and ethical considerations RCW 7.06.040(2)(a). Completion of this training is mandatory only if you have ruled on less than 5 arbitration hearings in Snohomish County.

By stipulation the parties to a case may agree to an arbitrator not on the Snohomish County Arbitration Panel if the arbitrator so chosen is a duly qualified member of an arbitration panel established under Local Mandatory Arbitration Rules of another county in the State of Washington.

The parties may stipulate to a non-lawyer arbitrator upon approval of the Arbitration Coordinator.

New arbitration applications are accepted on an as needed basis. All approved arbitrators must renew at the direction of court administration.

To apply: Click [here](#) for the Arbitrator Application and Oath.

Mail Arbitrator Application, Oath and resume/CV to:
Snohomish County Superior Court
Attn: Arbitration Coordinator
3000 Rockefeller Ave., M/S 502
Everett, WA 98201-4060

Compensation:

Per SCLMAR Rule 8.6, Arbitrators shall be compensated in the same amount and manner as judges pro tempore of the Superior Court. Hearing time and reasonable preparation time are compensable, and reasonable costs incurred by the arbitrator are reimbursable.

When the award is filed, the arbitrator shall submit to the Arbitration Coordinator a request for payment on the [form](#) prescribed by the Court. Compensation to the arbitrator shall not exceed \$1250 and costs reimbursement shall not exceed \$50 without special approval by the Presiding Judge.

The hourly compensation rate is reviewed and established annually by the Administrative Office of the Courts.