

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
ATTORNEY CLIENT MEDIATION & ARBITRATION SERVICES**

**RULES FOR CONDUCT OF MANDATORY ARBITRATION OF FEE DISPUTES
PURSUANT TO BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS CODE § 6200 et seq.**

- 14. FEES AND REQUESTS FOR WAIVER OF FILING FEES IN CASES SUBJECT TO ARBITRATION**
- a) The Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles County Bar Association establishes the filing fee schedules. The schedules may be obtained by contacting the fee arbitration program staff.
 - b) The filing fee schedule for arbitration is based on the amount in dispute as follows:
 - i. Fifty dollars plus five percent (5%) of the amount in dispute when the total amount in dispute is less than \$10,000.
 - ii. Six percent (6%) of the amount in dispute when the total amount in dispute is \$10,000 or more but less than \$20,000.
 - iii. Seven percent (7%) of the amount in dispute when the total amount in dispute is \$20,000 or more, with a \$7,500 maximum filing fee.
 - c) Any party requesting mandatory arbitration that is financially unable to pay the filing fee may apply for a waiver of the filing fee. An application for waiver of the filing fee shall be made in writing on the Arbitration Committee's form. Program staff will apply fee waiver criteria to grant or deny the application or reduce the filing fee, and may allow the petitioner additional time in which to pay the filing fee, but that period of time shall not exceed 90 days without consent of all other parties subject to the approval of the Executive Director or his/her designee. The program staff shall communicate the decision in writing to all parties. A fee waiver decision made by the Executive Director or his/her designee may be appealed to the Arbitration Executive Committee on an annual basis. The decision of the Vice Chair shall be final.
 - d) An application for waiver of the filing fee shall accompany a completed and executed petition for mandatory arbitration. No party shall be required to respond until the application for waiver of the fees has been decided.
 - e) If petitioner is required to pay all or part of the fee and fails to pay the sum in full within the time provided in the Vice Chairperson's decision (or if no time is provided, within 30 days after service of the Vice Chairperson's decision), then the petition shall be dismissed without prejudice.
 - f) If the petitioner's request for a fee waiver is granted or the fee is reduced, the petitioner agrees to pay the amount waived or reduced to the extent of any refund awarded.