

Fixed-Rate Mediation Program for Claims \$100,000 and Under

Eligibility

This Program is available in all regions. It will be offered on cases filed as arbitrations that convert to mediation and cases that are filed as mediations where the amount in controversy is \$100,000 or less and involves two parties. If the parties request to add additional parties to a case with claims less than \$100,000 they may do so provided all parties agree that the mediation can conclude in one day.

Mediators agreeing to serve on these cases will be compensated at a fixed rate of \$1,200 per case (\$600.00 per Party). This will cover one pre-mediation conference call, review of any and all pre-mediation statements, and one day of mediation conference.

Mediators agreeing to serve on these cases will receive a special panel code.

Criteria for Arbitration Conversions

The Fixed-Rate Mediation Program is available on all commercial/construction cases with claims and counterclaims up to and inclusive of \$100,000. Counterclaims that exceed \$100,000 will not be eligible for this program.

There is no additional administrative fee for arbitration conversions opting to use the Fixed-Rate Mediation Program; therefore the AAA® will not add \$75 to the fixed compensation rate of \$1,200. Both parties will be invoiced \$600 each.

If a case converted from arbitration to mediation is settled or withdrawn after a pre-mediation conference call is held, and/or after the submission of pre-mediation statements, but prior to the mediation conference, the mediator shall be compensated at half of the fixed rate of compensation, or \$600 split equally amongst the parties. The remaining \$600 of the mediator's compensation shall be refunded to the paying party(s).

If a converted mediation is settled or withdrawn prior to the confirmation of the appointment of the mediator, and/or prior to the pre-mediation conference being held, and/or prior to the submittal of pre-mediation statements, the mediator shall not be compensated. The mediator's compensation of \$1,200 shall be refunded to the paying party(s).

Criteria for Mediation Submissions

The Fixed-Rate Mediation Program is available on all commercial/construction mediation cases with claims up to and inclusive of \$100,000.

Parties will be invoiced a total of \$1,500 or \$750 per party (includes \$300 for AAA's non-refundable filing fee and \$1,200 for the mediator's fixed rate of compensation). The parties will share these costs equally unless they agree otherwise.



If the mediation is settled or withdrawn after a pre-mediation conference call is held, and/or after the submission of pre-mediation statements, but prior to the mediation conference, the mediator shall be compensated at half of the fixed rate of compensation, or \$600 split equally amongst the parties. The remaining \$600 of the mediator's compensation shall be refunded to the paying party(s).

The AAA's mediation filing fee of \$300 is non-refundable.

If the mediation is settled or withdrawn prior to the confirmation of the appointment of the mediator, and/or prior to the pre-mediation conference being held, and/or prior to the submittal of pre-mediation statements, the mediator shall not be compensated. The AAA non-refundable filing fee of \$300 will not be refunded. The mediator's compensation of \$1,200 shall be refunded to the paying party(s).



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