



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

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Information for Judicial Arbitrators

Court-connected, civil judicial arbitration services in Contra Costa County Superior Court are governed by Local Court Rules (online at: www.cc-courts.org/rules), and Code of Civil Procedure Sections 1141 et seq.

1. **Parties must prepare arbitration statements** **Local Rule 3.202 (f)**
Arbitration statements should not be more than five pages long, and must be submitted to the arbitrator at least 5 court days before the arbitration.
2. **Attendance at arbitration** **Local Rule 3.202 (e)**
As long as all trial attorneys, parties, and other people needed to present the case and answer the arbitrator's questions are included, the parties may choose who will attend arbitration.
3. **Fees** **Local Rule 3.202 (d)**
Under California Code of Civil Procedure, Section 1141.18, arbitrators in judicial arbitration cases are paid \$150 per case or \$150 per day, if the arbitration takes more than one day. All of the arbitrators on the court's panel have agreed either to donate their services, or to be paid by the parties at this rate.

When Arbitration Ends:

1. Your award (arbitrator's decision) must be filed with the court, with proof of service on each party to the arbitration, within 10 days of the last hearing. **California Rules of Court, Rule 1615 (b)**
2. The arbitration award becomes a court order unless the parties file for a Trial De Novo within 60 days or another time limit set by the judge.
3. The parties must notify the court if the case settles.