



CIRCUIT COURT OF OREGON

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CLACKAMAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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The Arbitration Commission Board members of the Clackamas County Circuit Court (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") has made a number of changes to the Arbitration Program in Clackamas County for the purpose of efficiency and judicial economy. Those changes are as follows:

1. **Updating List of Eligible Arbitrators:**
 - A. **Current Arbitrators:** Current Arbitrators have until **June 1, 2010** to return the attached revised application to the Court.¹
 - B. **New Arbitrators:** The Board will accept new applications for attorneys interested in serving as arbitrators in Clackamas County. The Board will consider the new applications and will fill positions on the approved arbitrator list as space becomes available.
 - C. **Revised Application:** All attorneys seeking to serve on the Clackamas County Arbitrators' List shall acknowledge the Clackamas County Local Rules and Arbitration Rules relating to Court Ordered Arbitrations. (i.e. Compensation of Arbitrators set at a rate of \$125 per hour, not to exceed \$1,000, except upon showing of extraordinary conditions and approval of Presiding Court; arbitrations to be held in Clackamas County unless stipulated; Duties of Arbitrator; Impact of New Court Fees on Arbitrators)
2. **New Mandatory Training:** All arbitrators serving on the Clackamas County Arbitrators' List shall certify that he or she has **completed the two hour mandatory training by June 1, 2010.** (Order regarding Training attached.) Thereafter, Arbitrators shall complete two hours of ongoing training within every subsequent two (2) calendar years. (*A training session will be held

If the application has not been returned by the deadline, the arbitrator will be removed from the list of approved arbitrators. This removal does not preclude attorneys who are interested in continuing to serve as arbitrators from re-applying at a later date.

on **Thursday, April 29, 2010** through the Clackamas County Bar Association. The training is open to both arbitrators and their staff and will include checklists for arbitrators as well as updated rules and forms.)

Additional information regarding the Arbitration Application and the Mandatory Training can be located on the Internet at:

Court's Website - Resources Tab: <http://courts.oregon.gov/Clackamas/>
Clackamas County Bar Association: www.clackamas-bar.org

If you are interested in serving as a Clackamas County Arbitrator, please return the attached revised application by June 1, 2010.

Sincerely,



Ronald D. Thom
Circuit Court Judge
Chair of Clackamas County Arbitration Commission