



Arbitrator Ethics

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

Approved for 3.0 Ethics CLE credits.

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Washington State Bar Association

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DESCRIPTION

Participants will hear from experienced arbitrators who will share practical insights into the arbitration process, with a focus on ethical obligations, professional responsibility, and best practices.

The program equips attendees with the knowledge and tools necessary to serve effectively and ethically as arbitrators in civil cases. This three-hour continuing legal education program is designed to satisfy the training requirement under RCW 7.06.040(2).

CHAIR

Melissa Fuller - *Washington Arbitration & Mediation Services (WAMS), Seattle*

SCHEDULE

8:15 a.m. > Webcast Log-In Opens

8:25 a.m. > Welcome and Introductions by Program Chair

- **Melissa Fuller** - *Washington Arbitration & Mediation Services (WAMS), Seattle*

8:30 a.m. > Ethical Considerations for the Arbitration Process

90 minutes, 1.5 credits Ethics

This full panel discussion will provide an overview of the ethical responsibilities of arbitrators across all phases of the arbitration process. Topics include maintaining confidentiality, identifying and disclosing potential conflicts of interest, conducting preliminary conferences, managing arbitration hearings virtually and in person, issuing awards, and *de novo* review. The discussion will include focused analysis of RCW 7.06 and its practical implications for arbitrators.

- **Brian Esler** - *Miller Nash LLP, American Arbitration Association (AAA), WAMS, Seattle*
- **Judge Elizabeth Martin (Ret.)** - *WAMS, Seattle*
- **Saloni Mavani, Esq.** - *National Arbitration and Mediation (NAM), AAA, Seattle*
- **David M. Schoeggl** - *JAMS, Seattle*

10:00 a.m. > BREAK

10:15 a.m. > Navigating the Ethics Minefield

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A panel discussion with interactive Q&A designed to explore a range of ethical considerations involved in maintaining a fair and impartial arbitration process. Topics will include addressing claims beyond the scope of the arbitration clause, the role of independent research, punitive damages, attorneys' fees, decision-making practices, and post-award issues.

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11:45 a.m. > Complete Online Evaluations • Adjourn

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