

**NEW YORK STATE
ATTORNEY - CLIENT
FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM**



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Attorney-Client Fee Dispute Resolution Program
Board of Governors**

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Introduction

Part 137 of the Rules of the Chief Administrator establishes a Statewide Attorney-Client Fee Dispute Resolution Program (FDRP). Part 137 applies to attorneys representing clients in most civil matters where representation commenced on or after January 1, 2002. In the event of a fee dispute between an attorney and client, the client may seek to resolve the dispute by arbitration. The attorney's participation is mandatory at the client's election. Arbitration awards become final and binding by operation of law if neither party seeks a trial de novo within 30 days or if both parties have consented in advance to be bound by an arbitrator's award.

Many bar associations in New York had long provided for arbitration and mediation of attorney-client fee disputes. The FDRP was designed to integrate these programs into a Statewide network, with additional support from District Administrative Judges' Offices where necessary. Hon. Guy James Mangano serves as Chair of the Board of Governors, which oversees the FDRP and is responsible for accrediting and monitoring local fee dispute resolution programs. For a roster of members who serve on the Board of Governors, please see Appendix A.

The Board ensures that fee dispute resolution services are available in every county in the State. Under Part 137, local fee dispute resolution programs are approved by the Board of Governors and the Presiding Justice of the appropriate Appellate Division.

Main Accomplishments

In its second full year of operation, the Board of Governors built on the success of its first year-and-a-half. It shifted its focus from establishing local programs to monitoring those programs and ensuring their efficient operation. The Board helped the local programs train volunteer arbitrators, assisted the local programs with outreach efforts by developing brochures for them, and responded to myriad legal and programmatic questions from program staff, attorneys and clients. Below is a brief summary of the FDRP's main accomplishments during 2004. Each item will be discussed in greater detail:

- The Board obtained an opinion letter from the Attorney General that approved defense and indemnification pursuant to Public Officers Law § 17 for neutrals who serve in the

FDRP. The Board amended its Standards and Guidelines to address concerns raised in the opinion letter.

- The Board published a brochure to promote the FDRP statewide as well as brochures for each local program.
- The Board developed an arbitrator training manual for the Part 137 Program. During 2004, local programs trained 144 arbitrators across the state.
- The Board advised local programs on a number of legal issues, including the scope of arbitrators' subpoena power and whether court system employees may serve as neutrals in the program.
- The Board implemented procedures to address complaints filed against FDRP arbitrators and mediators.
- The Board developed a database application to help local programs track and report caseload activity. During 2004, local programs across New York State addressed 579 complaints concerning attorney fees.

History

Since its first meeting in March 2001, the Board of Governors has met on a regular basis, convening at intervals of approximately two months. Subcommittees meet as often as necessary to accomplish their business. Below is a brief summary list of the Board of Governors' main accomplishments to date.

- The Board of Governors has approved 13 local programs providing fee dispute resolution services in every county of the State.
- The Board of Governors developed Standards and Guidelines implementing Part 137, which the Administrative Board of the Courts approved. The Standards and Guidelines established minimum training and qualification requirements for arbitrators. Arbitrators with no prior arbitration training and experience are required to complete a six-hour introductory training. Arbitrators with previous training or experience are required to complete a 90-minute orientation specific to Part 137 and the FDRP. The Standards and Guidelines specifically address local bar associations' questions concerning the selection and assignment of neutrals and the scope of assistance that local programs could appropriately provide to clients who prevailed in arbitration but were unable to recover previously paid fees from their attorneys. The Standards and Guidelines also established criteria for the provision of mediation pursuant to Part 137.
- The Board of Governors developed special training curricula for new and experienced arbitrators and has helped local programs train arbitrators around the State. To date, approximately 950 arbitrators have been trained to serve under Part 137.
- The Board of Governors developed model forms for use by attorneys, clients and local programs.

- In cooperation with the Unified Court System’s ADR Office, the Board of Governors created a website that provides the Bar and the public with all the necessary information for participating in the FDRP, including phone numbers, Part 137 rules, local program rules, forms and other informational materials. The web site also provides specific instructions to attorneys with regard to satisfying the notice requirements of 137, which has been a source of confusion to some attorneys (particularly the non-matrimonial attorneys who do not have the benefit of prior experience with Part 136).

Subcommittees

The Board of Governors operates with four subcommittees. Subcommittees meet independently of the Board of Governors. The Chair participates in subcommittee meetings. Each subcommittee has an appointed chairperson who makes progress reports to the full Board of Governors. The subcommittees’ work and recommendations are subject to review and approval by the full Board of Governors at plenary meetings. The subcommittees have benefitted from the able support of either Daniel M. Weitz, Esq., or Antonio E. Galvao, Esq., who have provided invaluable service as Co-counsel to the Board of Governors. The four subcommittees are:

- Program Approval
- Legal Issues
- Qualifications and Training for Neutrals
- Outreach & Education

Program Approval Subcommittee

The Program Approval Subcommittee reviews program proposals submitted to the Board of Governors by bar associations and Judicial District Administrative Offices. It also monitors approved local programs to ensure compliance with the Standards and Guidelines and Part 137.

The subcommittee presents proposals to the Board of Governors with recommendations for approval or other action. The guiding criteria for the Subcommittee and the full Board is whether the proposed program provides a fair and efficient process for the resolution of attorney-client fee disputes.

The Program Approval Subcommittee works closely with local bar associations and Judicial District Administrative Offices to help them craft proposals that are consistent with the Standards and Guidelines and Part 137. This collaboration minimizes the need to reject proposals outright and affords the Board of Governors the opportunity to learn about unique local needs and conditions. A table of dates that local programs were approved can be found in Appendix B.

Throughout its work, the Subcommittee and the Board of Governors have endeavored to avoid a “cookie cutter” approach to local programs. There has been a recognition of the need for flexibility with regard to program rules, reflecting the State’s diverse legal culture. Review and

approval of the many voluminous proposals submitted was a very labor-intensive process, and the Board of Governors is grateful to the members of the Program Approval Subcommittee, so ably led by Martha Gifford, Esq., for all of their hard work.

Legal Issues Subcommittee

The Legal Issues Subcommittee researches legal questions as they arise and provides guidance to the Board of Governors, local programs and arbitrators. Complex or weighty issues that merit extended discussion are brought to the attention of the full Board of Governors for consideration. The Board of Governors regularly brings important policy issues to the attention of the Administrative Board of the Courts for guidance and direction, particularly where local programs request amendments to or deviations from Part 137 or other applicable statutes or rules.

During 2004, the Legal Issues Subcommittee examined the following issues:

- How should local programs handle matrimonial fee disputes in which an attorney fails to provide a client with a written retainer agreement?
- Which courts have jurisdiction over trials *de novo*?
- May arbitrators address counterclaims?
- Under what conditions may UCS employees serve as neutrals in Part 137 cases?
- May attorneys recover additional legal fees for time spent preparing for and participating in a fee-dispute resolution process?
- Does incorporating the terms of a settlement into an arbitration award constitute a waiver of each party's right to a trial *de novo*?
- May attorneys who are not admitted to practice law in New York State represent a party in a Part 137 arbitration? May a party's non-attorney friend or relative represent the party in a Part 137 arbitration?
- Should a court hearing a trial *de novo* consider an arbitrator's award?

In some instances, the Board of Governors issued memos to local programs based on the work of the Legal Issue Subcommittee.

Qualifications and Training Subcommittee

Section 9 of the Standards and Guidelines prescribes minimal training requirements and addresses the qualifications and duties of Part 137 arbitrators. In developing these requirements, the Board sought to assure quality services and preserve local program flexibility without overburdening volunteer arbitrators. The Training Subcommittee developed training curricula for arbitrators to implement the Section 9 training requirements, including a 90-minute Part 137 orientation program for experienced arbitrators and a six-hour program for new arbitrators (inclusive of the orientation). The Subcommittee has provided a great deal of assistance to local programs with regard to organizing training programs for new and experienced arbitrators around the State.

The Board of Governors has to date approved two mediation programs (Joint Committee of Fee

Disputes and Conciliation and Brooklyn Bar Association), both of which follow generally accepted standards within the mediation field and are utilizing trained mediators whose credentials and qualifications have been approved under recognized court-annexed or community dispute resolution programs.

The Subcommittee provides logistical and other assistance to local programs in organizing the training sessions for arbitrators. During 2004, the Subcommittee oversaw the development of a training manual for new arbitrators. In many cases, the presenters have included Co-counsel Daniel Weitz, Jeremy Zeliger, and/or members of the Board of Governors. Over 950 volunteers have been trained to arbitrate pursuant to Part 137.

The following trainings were held during 2004:

25-May-2004	Administrative Judge, 9 th JD	6-hour training in Rockland County
23-July-2004	Federation of Bar Assns of the 4 th JD	6-hour training in Essex County
20-Oct-2004	Joint Committee (NYCLA et al)	6-hour training in New York County
3-Dec-2004	Federation of Bar Assns of the 4 th JD	6-hour training in Schenectady County

In December 2004, the Board of Governors convened a meeting of local program administrators in White Plains to respond to the administrators' questions and provide additional guidance on statewide policies.

Education and Outreach Subcommittee

This subcommittee's mandate is to educate the general public about the FDRP. The Education and Outreach Subcommittee published 20,000 brochures for local programs that describe how Part 137 works, answer frequently asked questions and endeavor to help clients decide whether the FDRP is right for their particular problem.

Caseload Activity

Based upon information solicited from local programs, the Board of Governors estimates that 904 requests for arbitration under Part 137 have been filed Statewide since the program's inception on January 1, 2002. The Board of Governors believes that the volume of requests will increase substantially over the next several years now that there are local programs functioning in every Judicial District in the State, as fee disputes finally begin to ripen for attorney-client representations commenced after the program's effective date, and as familiarity with the FDRP increases over time.

During 2004, the local programs reported receiving 579 requests for fee-dispute resolution services. Twenty-nine percent (169) of these cases were either dismissed for lack of jurisdiction or withdrawn by the filing party. Of the remaining 410 cases, 150 were settled prior to or during

either arbitration or mediation. A total of 243 cases were arbitrated in which an arbitrator (or panel of arbitrators) issued an award. The average amount in dispute was \$10,056.43, and the average amount awarded or settled was approximately half that value, \$5,088.22. A table of caseload activity can be found in Appendix C.

The Board of Governors maintains a Statewide telephone and e-mail presence staffed by members of the UCS ADR Office. The majority of calls are from clients and attorneys who are requesting information about the FDRP, including where to file requests for arbitration. Many attorneys call seeking clarification of their obligations under Part 137, particularly how to comply with the rule's notice requirements. Local program administrators and staff also call regularly with questions regarding program administration as well as interpretation of both Part 137 and the Standards and Guidelines.

Other Developments

Suffolk County Pilot

On February 28, 2003, the Administrative Board of the Courts approved the Suffolk County Bar Association's request to raise from \$1,000 to \$3,000 the minimum threshold for the Bar Association's fee dispute resolution program. The Administrative Board approved this request on a pilot basis. The District Administrative Judge's Office for Suffolk County administered the program for Part 137 disputes that fell between \$1,000 and \$3,000.

On November 22, 2004, the pilot concluded when the Suffolk County Bar Association agreed to administer the program for all fee disputes where the amount in dispute is at least \$1,000.

Funding

By letter dated December 20, 2004, Judge Lippman approved a request for fiscal support from the Joint Committee on Fee Disputes and Conciliation, which serves Bronx and New York Counties. Members of the Board of Governors have notified local program administrators and bar leaders that limited funds might be available to support local programs that are administered by bar associations.

Attorney General Request

On February 17, 2004, the Attorney General issued Formal Opinion Number 2004-F3 in response to a 2002 inquiry from the Board of Governors. The Attorney General concluded that the volunteers who serve as arbitrators and mediators in the program are eligible for State-provided defense and indemnification pursuant to Public Officers § 17. The Attorney General concluded, however, that neither the bar associations that administer local programs nor the local program administrators who work for those bar associations are eligible for such defense and indemnification. Pursuant to recommendations from the Attorney General, the Board of Governors revised the Standards and Guidelines to afford these protections to volunteer neutrals.

Looking Ahead

The Board of Governors continues to ensure that there are sufficient numbers of well-trained and qualified arbitrators around the State to preside over fee arbitrations in a fair and timely manner. The Board recognizes the importance of continued outreach so that judges, attorneys and clients remain aware of the FDRP.

The Board is cognizant of the fact that its oversight of bar association-administered local programs will likely change as some bar associations receive grant awards. The Board will likely reach out to units within the Office of Court Administration for assistance and guidance with this initiative.

Conclusion

The Board of Governors expresses its gratification at the high level of cooperation we have received, almost without exception, from county-level bar associations in New York State and from District Administrative Judges across the State. We have benefitted greatly from the highly motivated and hands-on lawyers and members of the public who have been appointed by you to serve as members of the Board of Governors. Virtually every one of them has evinced great dedication to their task of implementing Part 137 and working with local programs to ensure the success of this Program.

We, the members of the Board of Governors, greatly appreciate the interest, responsiveness and support we have received from the Administrative Board of the Courts. We believe that we continue to provide a process that guarantees the fair and speedy resolution of fee disputes and furthers the interests of the general public and the legal profession.

APPENDIX A – BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Member	Term Expires	Appointed By
Guy James Mangano	5/31/2006	Chief Judge Kaye
Andrew Thomas	5/31/2006	Chief Judge Kaye
Katherine Bifaro	5/31/2007	Chief Judge Kaye
Paul Michael Hassett, Esq.	5/31/2007	Chief Judge Kaye
Martha E. Gifford, Esq.	5/31/2005	Chief Judge Kaye
Corey B. Kaye, Esq.	5/31/2008	Chief Judge Kaye
William Dockery, Esq.	5/31/2006	Presiding Justice Sullivan
Lawrence D. McGovern, Esq.	5/31/2007	Presiding Justice Buckley
Susan Wernert Lewis	5/31/2005	Presiding Justice Williams
Carleton Irish	5/31/2006	Presiding Justice Prudenti
Abigail Wickham, Esq.	5/31/2007	Presiding Justice Prudenti
Steven Schlissel, Esq.	5/31/2005	Presiding Justice Prudenti
Sheri L. Townsend	5/31/2007	Presiding Justice Cardona
John Pennock, Esq.	5/31/2005	Presiding Justice Cardona
James L. Chivers, Esq.	5/31/2006	Presiding Justice Cardona
Linda Campbell	5/31/2006	Presiding Justice Pigott, Jr.
Thomas R. Cassano, Esq.	5/31/2007	Presiding Justice Pigott, Jr.
Susan Valenti	5/31/2005	Presiding Justice Pigott, Jr.

APPENDIX B – APPROVED PROGRAMS
PROGRAM APPROVAL STATUS – STATEWIDE OVERVIEW

As of December 31, 2004

District	Administrator	Status
First (Manhattan)	Joint Committee on Fee Disputes and Conciliation. Joint program of New York County Lawyers Assn, Bronx County Bar Assn, and Assn of the Bar of the City of New York. Program operates out of NYCLA headquarters.	Approved to administer program as of 3/4/2002
Second (Kings)	Brooklyn Bar Assn	Approved to administer program as of 8/20/2002
(Staten Island)	Richmond County Bar Assn	Approved to administer program as of 1/9/2003
Third (Albany, Schoharie, Rensselaer, Greene, Columbia, Ulster, Sullivan)	District Administrative Judge's Office. (Program covers entire District)	Approved to administer program as of 7/23/2002
Fourth (Schenectady, Saratoga, Montgomery, Fulton, Washington, Warren, Hamilton, Essex, St. Lawrence, Franklin, & Clinton)	Federation of the Bar Associations of the Fourth Judicial District, in association with the District Administrative Judge's Office. (Program covers entire District)	Approved to administer program as of 7/23/2002

Fifth (Onondaga, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, Oswego)	Onondaga County Bar Assn, in cooperation with the District Administrative Judge's Office (Program covers Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, and Onondaga Counties) Oneida County Bar Assn (Program covers Oneida and Herkimer Counties)	Approved to administer program as of 7/24/2002 Approved to administer program as of 10/16/2003
Sixth (Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Madison, Otsego, Schuyler, Tioga & Tompkins)	District Administrative Judge's Office (Program covers entire District)	Approved to administer program as of 4/16/2003
Seventh (Monroe, Cayuga, Livingston, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne & Yates)	Monroe County Bar Assn, in cooperation with the District Administrative Judge's Office. (Program to cover entire District)	Approved to administer program as of 10/1/2002
Eighth (Erie, Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans & Wyoming)	Bar Assn of Erie County. (Program covers entire District)	Approved to administer program as of 2/6/2002
Ninth (Westchester, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland)	District Administrative Judge's Office. (Program covers entire District)	Approved to administer program as of 2/24/2003

Tenth (Nassau)	District Administrative Judge's Office (Program covers Nassau County)	Approved to administer program as of 2/24/2003
(Suffolk)	Suffolk County Bar Assn (Pilot program approved as of 2/28/2003 to arbitrate disputes of \$3000 and above only in Suffolk County; District Administrative Judge's Office arbitrates disputes between \$1,000 and \$3,000. The pilot program ended on 11/22/2004; as of that date, the bar association arbitrates all Part 137 fee disputes.)	Approved to administer program as of 10/9/2002
Eleventh (Queens)	District Administrative Judge's Office	Approved to administer program as of 4/24/2003
Twelfth (Bronx)	Same as First District.	Same as First District.

APPENDIX C - CASELOAD DATA

The following pages summarize the caseload data that local programs reported.

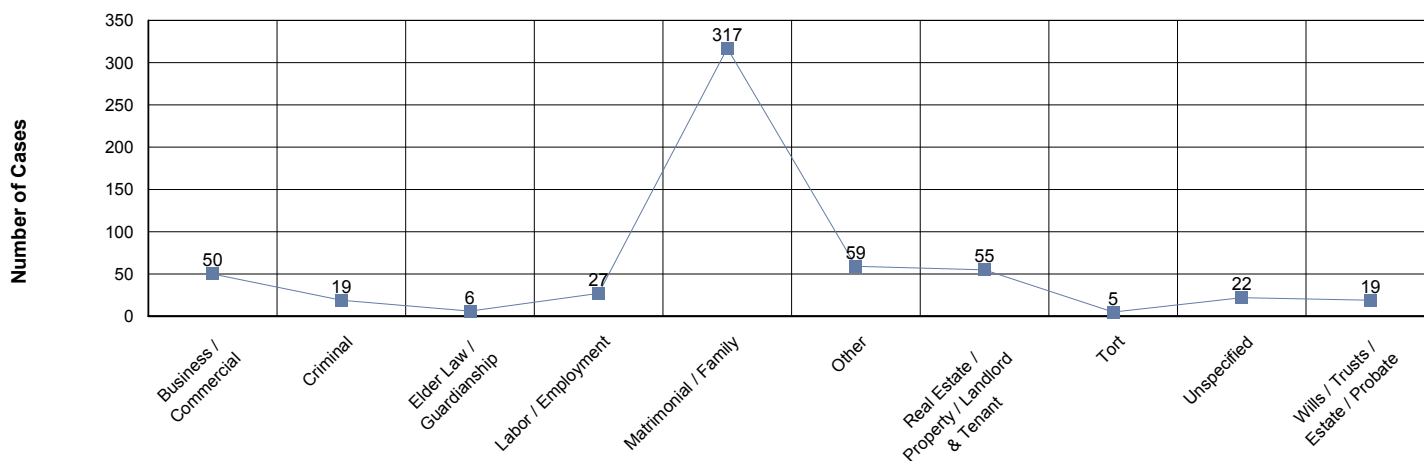
Please note that the statistical table reports only one volunteer for some programs. As of the date that this report was generated, those programs had not yet submitted their roster of arbitrators and mediators. The Board is working with those programs to compile this information.

All Programs

Quarterly Activity Report: 2004

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Total
Cases Closed	73	150	172	184	579
Average Number of Weeks from Intake to Disposition	11.1	11.9	15.1	14.6	13.6
Cases Assigned to One Arbitrator	25	39	56	57	177
Cases Assigned to Three Arbitrators	14	29	29	51	123
Total Admin. Fees Collected from Parties	\$1,750.00	\$3,080.00	\$4,425.00	\$7,360.00	\$16,615.00
Average Amount in Dispute	\$7,505.59	\$14,167.00	\$9,167.24	\$8,444.58	\$10,006.15
Average Amount of Award or Settlement	\$5,286.04	\$5,581.03	\$4,383.80	\$5,169.81	\$5,022.40
Total Amount Awarded or Settled	\$243,158.00	\$479,969.00	\$543,591.00	\$666,905.00	\$1,933,623.00

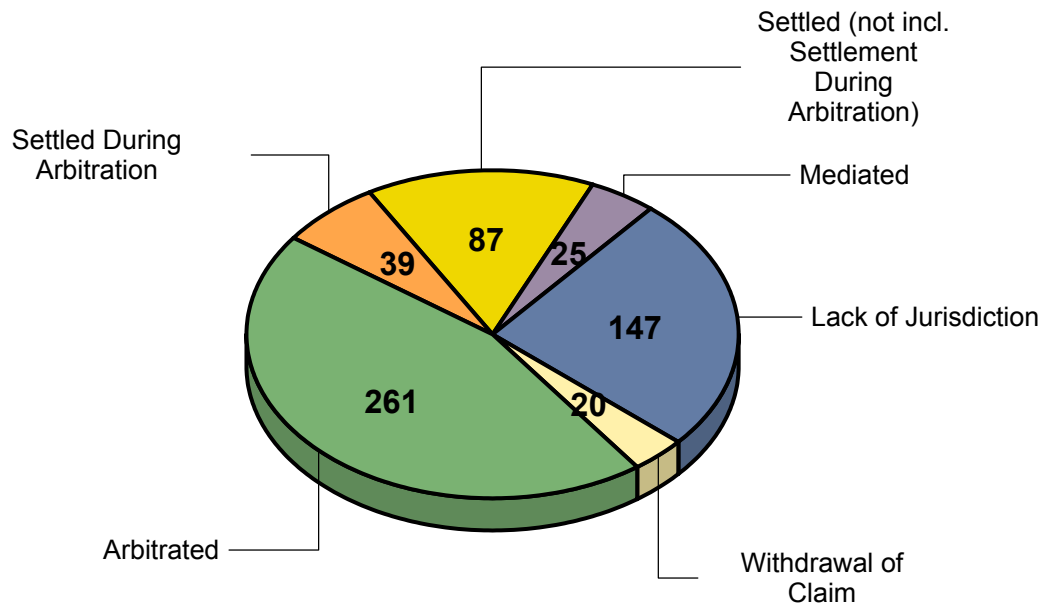
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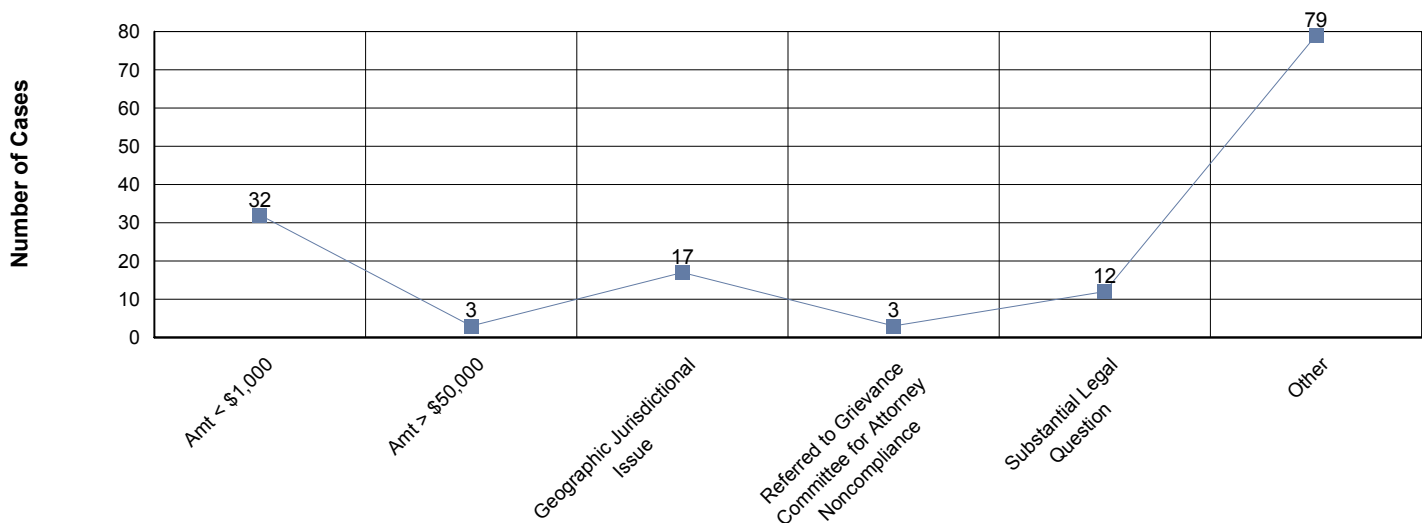
Filing Parties

	Attorney	Client	N/A
Number of Cases	17	545	17

Disposition Information



Cases Dismissed for Lack of Jurisdiction



	Statewide	1st & 12th JDs	2nd JD - Kings	2nd JD - Staten Island	3rd JD	4th JD	5th JD - Herkimer & Oneida	5th JD - Jeff/Lewis, Onondaga & Oswego	6th JD
<u>Disposition Information</u>									
Total Cases Closed	579	104	34	21	35	7	4	10	3
Total Cases Arbitrated	300	44	2	21	14	4	4	8	0
Cases Arbitrated With Awards Issued	246	43	0	21	13	4	3	8	0
Cases Settled During Arbitration	39	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
Arbitration Held But No Award Issued	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Cases Arbitrated by One Arbitrator</i>	177	19	1	14	10	4	4	8	0
<i>Cases Arbitrated by Three Arbitrators</i>	123	25	1	7	4	0	0	0	0
Total Cases Resolved Outside of Arbitration	112	41	5	0	6	1	0	2	0
Total Number of Settled Cases	87	29	4	0	6	1	0	2	0
Settlements Prior to Arbitration	84	26	4	0	6	1	0	2	0
Settlements Prior to Mediation	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Mediated Cases	25	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cases Mediated to Agreement	23	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cases Mediated With No Agreement	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cases Withdrawn and Dismissed for Lack of Jurisdiction	167	19	27	0	15	2	0	0	3
Cases Withdrawn	20	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Cases Dismissed for Lack of Jurisdiction	147	18	26	0	14	2	0	0	2
<u>Financial Information</u>									
Total Admin. Fees Collected From Parties	\$16,615	\$0	\$2,275	\$2,100	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$1,050	\$0
Average Amount in Dispute	\$10,006	\$17,145	\$8,964	\$7,209	\$18,827	\$2,282	\$3,646	\$4,351	\$3,597
Average Amount of Award or Settlement	\$5,022	\$7,395	\$4,672	\$5,937	\$2,818	\$2,357	\$1,450	\$2,040	\$0
Total Amount Awarded or Settled	\$1,933,623	\$525,032	\$28,030	\$124,674	\$59,172	\$11,783	\$5,798	\$20,398	\$0

	7th JD - MCBA	8th JD	9th JD	10th JD - SCBA	10th JD - Nassau JDAO	11th JD
<u>Disposition Information</u>						
Total Cases Closed	38	48	63	81	101	30
Total Cases Arbitrated	10	16	31	62	61	23
Cases Arbitrated With Awards Issued	9	14	30	38	43	20
Cases Settled During Arbitration	1	2	1	21	9	1
Arbitration Held But No Award Issued	0	0	0	3	9	2
<i>Cases Arbitrated by One Arbitrator</i>	6	12	16	34	30	19
<i>Cases Arbitrated by Three Arbitrators</i>	4	4	15	28	31	4
Total Cases Resolved Outside of Arbitration	3	4	19	6	22	3
Total Number of Settled Cases	0	4	10	6	22	3
Settlements Prior to Arbitration	0	4	10	6	22	3
Settlements Prior to Mediation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Mediated Cases	3	0	9	0	0	0
Cases Mediated to Agreement	3	0	8	0	0	0
Cases Mediated With No Agreement	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total Cases Withdrawn and Dismissed for Lack of Jurisdiction	25	28	13	13	18	4
Cases Withdrawn	0	7	4	3	0	2
Cases Dismissed for Lack of Jurisdiction	25	21	9	10	18	2
<u>Financial Information</u>						
Total Admin. Fees Collected From Parties	\$1,450	\$2,390	\$0	\$6,750	\$0	\$0
Average Amount in Dispute	\$5,175	\$2,794	\$8,948	\$9,539	\$9,780	\$5,007
Average Amount of Award or Settlement	\$1,587	\$1,483	\$6,564	\$5,067	\$5,232	\$4,004
Total Amount Awarded or Settled	\$20,625	\$29,665	\$229,732	\$349,600	\$429,026	\$100,088

**Attorney-Client Fee Dispute Resolution Program
Number of Neutrals Serving in Each Local Program**

NYCLA, ABCNY and Bronx Bar Association	Arbitrators	4
	Mediators	8
	Qualified to Arbitrate and Mediate	222
	Unspecified	10
	Number of Neutrals in This Program	244
Brooklyn Bar Association	Arbitrators	17
	Mediators	1
	Qualified to Arbitrate and Mediate	2
	Unspecified	0
	Number of Neutrals in This Program	20
Richmond County Bar Association	Arbitrators	21
	Mediators	0
	Qualified to Arbitrate and Mediate	0
	Unspecified	1
	Number of Neutrals in This Program	22
Third Judicial District Administrative Judge's Office	Arbitrators	106
	Mediators	0
	Qualified to Arbitrate and Mediate	0
	Unspecified	3
	Number of Neutrals in This Program	109
Federation of Bar Associations, Fourth Judicial District	Arbitrators	0
	Mediators	0
	Qualified to Arbitrate and Mediate	0
	Unspecified	1
	Number of Neutrals in This Program	1
Oneida County Bar Association	Arbitrators	6
	Mediators	0
	Qualified to Arbitrate and Mediate	0
	Unspecified	0
	Number of Neutrals in This Program	6
Onondaga County Bar Association	Arbitrators	65
	Mediators	0
	Qualified to Arbitrate and Mediate	0
	Unspecified	0
	Number of Neutrals in This Program	65
Sixth Judicial District Administrative Judge's Office	Arbitrators	16
	Mediators	6
	Qualified to Arbitrate and Mediate	0
	Unspecified	0
	Number of Neutrals in This Program	22

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Number of Neutrals Serving in Each Local Program**

Monroe County Bar Association	Arbitrators	10
	Mediators	0
	Qualified to Arbitrate and Mediate	46
	Unspecified	4
	Number of Neutrals in This Program	60
Bar Association of Erie County	Arbitrators	149
	Mediators	0
	Qualified to Arbitrate and Mediate	1
	Unspecified	2
	Number of Neutrals in This Program	152
Ninth Judicial District Administrative Judge's Office	Arbitrators	289
	Mediators	0
	Qualified to Arbitrate and Mediate	0
	Unspecified	3
	Number of Neutrals in This Program	292
Tenth Judicial District Administrative Judge's Office - Nassau	Arbitrators	70
	Mediators	0
	Qualified to Arbitrate and Mediate	11
	Unspecified	2
	Number of Neutrals in This Program	83
Suffolk County Bar Association	Arbitrators	102
	Mediators	0
	Qualified to Arbitrate and Mediate	0
	Unspecified	2
	Number of Neutrals in This Program	104
Eleventh Judicial District Administrative Judge's Office	Arbitrators	53
	Mediators	0
	Qualified to Arbitrate and Mediate	0
	Unspecified	0
	Number of Neutrals in This Program	53
All Programs	Arbitrators	908
	Mediators	15
	Qualified to Arbitrate and Mediate	282
	Unspecified	28
	Number of Neutrals in All Programs	1,233