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What to Expect in Arbitration

Parties who engage in arbitration should have the opportunity to select parameters that meet their unique needs and preferences.

With Laura's assistance, the parties and their legal counsel customize the arbitration process to effectively address the specific case while saving time, energy and resources.

Arbitration can be as short or long, simple or complex, and as formal or informal as the parties wish. The parties may choose to place limits on the time frame and type and amount of discovery to promote efficiency. They may forgo or limit the number of depositions or agree to voluntarily exchange documents and answer inquiries, rather than filing interrogatories and formal requests for production of documents.

To streamline the arbitration hearing, the parties may agree to limit the number of witnesses, present a specified number of joint exhibits, or submit solely documents and affidavits, with no witness testimony.

During arbitration, Laura reviews relevant documents, hears testimony of witnesses and renders a fair and well-reasoned decision in a timely manner. Depending on the nature of the controversy, the issues and the parties' wishes, she may arrange for observation or an independent evaluation of the setting in which the dispute arose or the matter in controversy.

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