

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

IN THE MATTER OF ACCESS TO
UNPUBLISHED INFORMATION OF
ELIGIBLE ARBITRATORS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2023-139

The clerk or court administrator, under the supervision of the presiding superior court judge, is required by Rule 73(c) of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure to maintain a list of eligible arbitrators. The list of eligible persons must include: 1) all county residents who have been active members of the State Bar of Arizona for at least 4 years; 2) all other members of the State Bar of Arizona residing in other counties who have agreed to serve as arbitrators in the county where the court is located; and 3) all members of any other federal court or state bar who have agreed to serve as arbitrators in the county where the court is located.

The State Bar maintains a current street address, email address, and telephone number for every person licensed to practice law in this state with the exception of inactive, retired, suspended, judicial or affiliate members. Active members are also required to notify the State Bar of any change in information within 30 days of the change. The rule further provides that the State Bar must forward to the court, on a quarterly basis, a current list of membership of the Bar. See, Arizona Supreme Court Rule 32(c)(4)(iii).

Maricopa County Superior Court Local Rule 2.10 requires attorneys to provide the Clerk of the Superior Court and the Court Administrator, separately and in writing, of their office addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, or law firm affiliations if the information is different from that listed in the current Directory of the State Bar of Arizona or is omitted from the directory.

In an effort to digitize the list of eligible arbitrators under Rule 73 of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, the State Bar of Arizona, the Maricopa County Clerk of Court, and this Court have agreed that the State Bar will send, and the Court will electronically receive, information from the State Bar regarding eligible arbitrators. However, when providing information to the State Bar, attorneys may request that their information is not published or listed in the Directory of the State Bar.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that all attorney information received by the Court from the State Bar and maintained for the purpose of appointing individuals as arbitrators under Rule 73 of the Rules of Civil Procedure are deemed closed and confidential records

and may not be released without a court order, except that the Court may provide attorney email addresses to parties and counsel to facilitate the appointment of arbitrators and the arbitration process.

Dated this 19th day of September, 2023.

/s/ Joseph C. Welty
Hon. Joseph C. Welty
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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