

Florida Rules for Court-Appointed Arbitrators

Rule 11.010 Qualification

The chief or sole arbitrator must be, and have been for the preceding five years, a member of The Florida Bar in good standing, unless the parties agree in writing that the chief or sole arbitrator may be an individual who has been for the preceding five years a member in good standing and eligible to practice law in any United States jurisdiction, which includes the District of Columbia and any state, commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States. An individual who is not licensed to practice law in any United States jurisdiction and who is not currently disbarred or suspended from practice in any jurisdiction may serve as a non-chair arbitrator on an arbitration panel with the written agreement of all parties.

Rule 11.020 Training

All arbitrators, except as noted below, shall attend 4 hours of training in a program approved by the Supreme Court of Florida. This rule shall not preclude the parties from agreeing to use the services of an arbitrator who has not completed the required training. Any former Florida trial judge who has not completed the training shall be exempt from the training requirements upon submission of documentation of such experience to the chief judge. The Supreme Court or chief justice may grant a waiver of the training requirement to any group possessing special qualifications which obviate the necessity of such training.