

18.1 Administration of Mandatory Arbitration

- (a) The Chief Judge shall appoint a Supervising Judge for Arbitration in each Municipal District, who shall have the powers and responsibilities set forth in these rules and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Chief Judge.
- (b) The Chief Judge shall appoint an Arbitration Administrator who shall have the authority and responsibilities set forth in these rules, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Chief Judge.
- (c) Clerical and support staff necessary for the effective administration of the arbitration program shall be appointed by the Chief Judge. The number of clerical and support personnel, and the compensation paid to such employees, shall be approved by the Supreme Court.
- (d) Clerical and support personnel shall serve at the pleasure of the Chief Judge and may be removed by the Chief Judge.
- (e) The amount of compensation to be paid any Arbitration Administrator or clerical and support personnel shall be paid by the State.
- (f) No administrative, clerical or support personnel receiving compensation from any public funds under the provisions of these rules shall receive any compensation, gift, or gratuity whatsoever from any person, firm, or corporation for doing or refraining from doing any official act in any way connected with any proceeding then pending or yet to be instituted before any court or arbitration panel. Violation of this rule shall be grounds for immediate termination.

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