

# **Florida Rules for Court-Appointed Arbitrators**

## **Part I Arbitrator Qualifications**

### **Rule 11.010 Qualification**

Arbitrators shall be members of The Florida Bar, except where otherwise agreed by the parties. The chief arbitrator shall have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least five years. Individuals who are not members of The Florida Bar may serve as arbitrators only on an arbitration panel and then only upon 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.