

## **Qualifications for Neutral Arbitrators for the OIA's Mandatory Arbitration System**

1. Neutral arbitrators shall be active members of the State Bar of California, or active members of the state bar of another state with extensive practice in California during the past five years.
2. Neutral arbitrators shall successfully complete an application provided by the Independent Administrator.
3. Neutral arbitrators shall
  - (a) have been admitted to practice for at least ten years, with substantial litigation and/or arbitration experience; AND
  - (b) have had at least three civil trials or arbitrations within the past five years in which they have served as either (i) the lead attorney or have equivalent experience for one of the parties or (ii) an arbitrator; OR
  - (c) have been a state or federal judge; OR
  - (d) have completed within the last five years a program designed specifically for the training of arbitrators.
4. Neutral arbitrators shall provide satisfactory evidence of ability to act as an arbitrator based upon judicial, trial, or legal experience.
5. Neutral arbitrators shall not have served as party arbitrators on any matter involving Kaiser Permanente, or any affiliated organization or individual, within the last three years.
6. Neutral arbitrators shall not presently serve as attorney of record or an expert witness or a consultant for or against Kaiser Permanente, or any organization or individual affiliated with Kaiser Permanente, or have had any such matters at anytime within the past three years.
7. Neutral arbitrators shall not have received public discipline or censure from the state bar of California or any other state bar in the past five years. In the case of former judges, they shall not have received public discipline or censure from any government body that has authority to discipline judges in the past five years.
8. Neutral arbitrators shall agree to follow applicable arbitration statutes, substantive law of the issues addressed, and the rules and procedures of the Independent Administrator.
9. Neutral arbitrators shall administer Kaiser arbitrations in a fair and efficient manner.