

Why Institute a Wargo & French Arbitration Program?

In a 2003 survey, a majority of in-house counsel indicated that arbitration was less expensive than litigation and 78% of those surveyed indicated that arbitration led to a faster resolution of disputes than litigation.¹ In a recent study conducted by the American Bar Association, over two-thirds of trial lawyers also believed arbitration provides for faster resolution of disputes than litigation.²

These surveys provide a compelling reason for your company to consider using the Wargo & French Arbitration Program. We are experienced in handling all aspects of arbitration — from preparation of enforceable arbitration clauses through the confirmation of arbitration awards. We literally have spent more than 10 years developing a streamlined process, including our comprehensive database, to ensure that matters are resolved as quickly as possible. This process can be used regardless of the number or size of disputes facing your company.

Wargo & French offers your company the best opportunity to maximize the well-recognized benefits of arbitration. We look forward to discussing with you how we may customize a program to fit your company's needs.

¹ Michael T. Burr, The Truth About ADR, 14 Corporate Legal Times 44, 45 (2004).

² Scott J. Atlas et al., Survey on Arbitration, 2003 A.B.A. Sec. of Litig. Task Force on ADR Effectiveness I, 4.

Firm History

Wargo & French LLP is a full service law firm with attorneys practicing in the areas of general and complex commercial litigation, alternative dispute resolution, class action litigation, securities law, banking, intellectual property, technology, labor and employment, general corporate and securities, creditors' rights and bankruptcy and real estate.

Learn more about our firm at www.wargofrench.com.

Additional Information

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Arbitration Program

How an Arbitration Program Will Benefit Your Company

"Our arbitration program allows us to exercise full control over our business disputes throughout the country and resolve those disputes in the most cost-effective way possible."

Paul B. Nix
Vice President, General Counsel
and Secretary
Lanier Worldwide, Inc.

The Arbitration Alternative

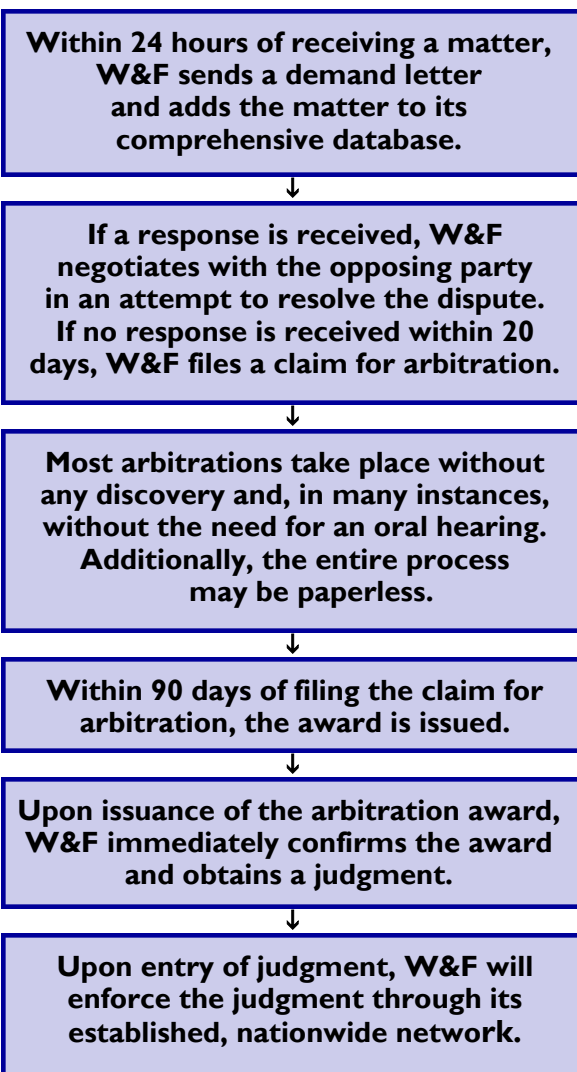
Hiring legal counsel to handle litigation across the country is expensive and time-consuming. Arbitration is an alternative to litigation and is a cost-effective way to handle business disputes in a centralized and streamlined manner. By inserting arbitration clauses into business contracts, your business will control costs by imposing certain requirements in all of its business disputes. Those requirements include holding all arbitration proceedings in one location, limiting or eliminating discovery and limiting the amount of time an arbitration proceeding may take from inception to the issuance of the award. Moreover, the arbitration process is private and confidential.

Benefits of Arbitration

- Centralized control - through arbitration clauses, all disputes may be arbitrated in the venue of your choice. Thus, your company is able to eliminate the need to hire and manage local counsel throughout the country.
- Cost savings - limited or no discovery, less travel and a compressed schedule (as specified in the arbitration clause) lead to reduced attorneys' fees and costs.
- Efficiency - unlike court proceedings that last for years, arbitration proceedings may be completed in months.
- Binding and final - a carefully drafted arbitration clause is binding on both parties to a contract. Further, an arbitration award may be overturned by a court in only exceptional circumstances.

The W&F Arbitration Process

The Wargo & French Arbitration Program was developed to minimize the amount of time clients spend addressing business disputes, thereby allowing them to focus on running their business. A brief description of the Wargo & French Arbitration Program is as follows:



Customized Client Reports

We provide reports to keep clients current on the status of all arbitration matters. These reports can be customized to include specific information necessary to meet the client's needs. Reports may include an analysis of pending arbitration matters by size, state, region, date referred, number and type of matters referred.

Experience Matters

Wargo & French is the premier firm of its size in Atlanta and is committed to providing the highest level of service to its clients. Attorneys at Wargo & French have experience implementing successful arbitration programs and have pursued literally thousands of arbitration matters. Our attorneys and professionals work solely with an assigned client, thereby allowing us to respond to specific client needs and business demands. This one-on-one relationship ensures a seamless and efficient process.

Other Services Provided

In assessing matters for arbitration, Wargo & French is often called upon to assist clients with a variety of other matters. These matters include:

- Anticipated breaches of contract
- Bankruptcy issues
- Repossession and foreclosure issues
- Defending the client when it is faced with lawsuits or potential claims