

How to become a Part 137 Arbitrator

Part 137 Attorney-Client Fee Dispute Resolution Program arbitrators resolve disputes between clients and their attorneys over fees. They hear arguments, weigh evidence and issue an award on the merits after an expedited hearing. The arbitrator's decision addresses only the reasonableness of the fee. Part 137 arbitrators may not consider cases where attorney misconduct or malpractice is at issue.

Lawyers and non-lawyers may become volunteer arbitrators for the Part 137 Program after completing a minimum of six hours of fee dispute arbitration training approved by the Board of Governors. Fee Arbitration Trainings are offered through [Part 137 local program](#) providers throughout the state.

If you have already completed an arbitration training, you may be eligible to become an arbitrator after completing a 90-minute orientation to the Program. Eligibility under these circumstances is at the discretion of the Board in consultation with the [local program](#).

Please contact a Part 137 [local program](#) provider to ask if a training is scheduled in your area.

Attorneys who attend a Part 137 arbitration training are entitled to 6 Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Credits. However, pursuant to [CLE](#) Rules of New York State, attorney-arbitrators may not receive CLE credit for arbitrating cases.