

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**APPLICATION TO BECOME AN APPROVED ARBITRATOR**

To be approved as an arbitrator, you must meet the following qualifications and agree to be bound by the following:

1. Arbitrators must be approved by the Chief Judge and must be listed on the roster of the American Arbitration Association, the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, or a similar reputable arbitration service, or must be lawyers, licensed to practice in the State of Tennessee, and admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee.
2. Arbitrators, except those approved as non-lawyer arbitrators, must have practiced law at least five years;
3. Arbitrators shall take the oath or affirmation described in 28 U.S.C. § 453 and shall complete any training required by the court.
4. Arbitrators must be available to conduct at least one arbitration per year without compensation.
5. Arbitrators must agree that they will be available to conduct at least one arbitration per year without compensation.
6. Arbitrators must commit to at least one year of service on the arbitration panel.
7. Arbitrators must agree to comply with 28 U.S.C. §§ 654-658, the provisions of this rule and of any Standing Order which may be entered in any division of this court for purposes of implementing this rule.
8. Arbitrators must provide the Court with such biographical information that the Court may require that will be made available to litigants and lawyers who are seeking arbitrators.
9. Arbitrators must submit sufficient written proof of their qualifications to perform the duties of arbitrator to the Standing Committee on Arbitrator Approval. Proof of qualification can be based on formal training, experience, or some combination thereof.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BPRNO.: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

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DATE ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE:

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NUMBER OF YEARS OF LAW PRACTICE (this can include time spent clerking for a federal or state judge):

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Please set forth the training you have received which qualifies you for the Federal Arbitration Program (use attachments if appropriate).

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT THE INFORMATION STATED  
HEREIN BY ME IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I MEET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A  
FEDERAL COURT ARBITRATOR AND I HEREBY AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS  
OF THE PROGRAM AS SET FORTH ABOVE.

SIGNATURE:

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DATE:

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Return completed form to:

Honorable H. Bruce Guyton  
United States Magistrate Judge  
Howard H. Baker Jr. U. S. Courthouse  
800 Market Street, Suite 144  
Knoxville, TN 37902