

L1302.1. Selection of Arbitrators.

A. Upon receipt of a praecipe, the court administrator shall nominate from the list of attorneys a board of potential arbitrators. The nominations shall be made at random, except where an attorney is excused by reason of incapacity, illness, or other disqualification. No more than one member of the family, firm, professional corporation, or association shall be nominated to serve on one potential board.

B. The court administrator shall nominate to the potential board four (4) attorneys plus three (3) attorneys for each party involved. The list of attorneys nominated to the potential board shall be sent by the court administrator to each party or his or her attorney. Each party in the case or counsel for each party may strike off up to three (3) attorneys so named and return the list to the court administrator within five (5) days of receipt. If any or all parties strike the same name or fail to exercise their right to strike off three names from the potential board, the first three (3) remaining names will make up the board of arbitrators. The fourth listed attorney shall become an alternate arbitrator, who shall serve only if one of the first three is unable to serve or is disqualified from serving.

C. As soon as the court administrator receives that returned list from the parties (or after five (5) days if a list is not returned) each arbitrator and the alternate shall be notified of his or her selection. A final board list shall be sent to the parties or their attorneys.