Lawyer-Client Fee Arbitration Systems

2007 REPORT CARD

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STATE	State Rank	Mandatory and Binding for Lawyers 30%	Ease of Filing Claim 20%	Publicity of System 20%	Access to Non-Lawyer Arbitrators 15%	Mediation Option 5%	Enforcement Methods 10%	Overall Grade 100%
ALABAMA	34*	D	C	D	F	D	F	D
ALASKA	7	A	C	D	C	A	C	C+
ARIZONA	28*	D	A	F	D	C	F	D+
ARKANSAS	51*	*NO STATEWIDE FEE ARBITRATION PROGRAM*						
CALIFORNIA	5	B	A	B	D	B	C	B-
COLORADO	38*	D	C	F	F	A	F	D-
CONNECTICUT	20*	D	A	F	B	A	F	C-
DELAWARE	33	C	D	F	D	A	F	D
D.C.	1	A	A	C	B	A	F	B
FLORIDA	20*	D	C	C	D	A	B	C-
GEORGIA	10	C	B	C	C	B	B	C+
HAWAII	30	D	D	B	F	A	F	D+
IDAHO	26	D	B	D	C	D	F	D+
ILLINOIS	51*	*NO STATEWIDE FEE ARBITRATION PROGRAM*						
INDIANA	51*	*NO STATEWIDE FEE ARBITRATION PROGRAM*						
IOWA	51*	*NO STATEWIDE FEE ARBITRATION PROGRAM*						
KANSAS	37	D	B	F	F	D	F	D
KENTUCKY	31*	D	D	F	C	C	B	D
LOUISIANA	19	D	A	D	D	C	F	C-
MAINE	2	A	A	D	B	C	B	B
MARYLAND	38*	D	C	F	F	A	F	D-
MASSACHUSETTS	14*	D	A	B	D	C	F	C-
MICHIGAN	38*	D	C	F	F	C	F	D-
MINNESOTA	13	D	C	B	A	C	F	C
MISSISSIPPI	31*	D	C	D	F	A	F	D
MISSOURI	16*	C	A	F	C	A	F	C-
MONTANA	8	C	A	D	B	C	B	C+
NEBRASKA	12	D	A	C	C	A	F	C
NEVADA	11	A	A	F	D	A	B	C+
NEW HAMPSHIRE	42	D	D	F	F	D	F	F
NEW JERSEY	3	A	A	C	C	C	B	B
NEW MEXICO	27	D	B	C	F	C	F	D+
NEW YORK	4	A	C	B	C	A	B	B
NORTH CAROLINA	34*	F	B	C	F	F	F	D
NORTH DAKOTA	34*	D	F	D	B	C	F	D
OHIO	51*	*NO STATEWIDE FEE ARBITRATION PROGRAM*						
OKLAHOMA	51*	*NO STATEWIDE FEE ARBITRATION PROGRAM*						
OREGON	24*	D	B	D	C	C	F	D+
PENNSYLVANIA	22*	D	B	F	B	A	F	D+
RHODE ISLAND	22*	C	B	F	F	C	C	C-
SOUTH CAROLINA	9	A	A	F	F	C	B	C+
SOUTH DAKOTA	51*	*NO STATEWIDE FEE ARBITRATION PROGRAM*						
TENNESSEE	51*	*NO STATEWIDE FEE ARBITRATION PROGRAM*						
TEXAS	28*	D	B	D	B	A	F	D+
UTAH	14*	D	A	D	B	A	F	C-
VERMONT	41	D	D	F	F	C	F	F
VIRGINIA	16*	D	B	C	C	A	F	C-
WASHINGTON	6	D	A	B	B	A	A	B-
WEST VIRGINIA	43	F	D	D	F	D	F	F
WISCONSIN	24*	D	A	F	C	C	F	D+
WYOMING	16*	B	B	D	F	C	F	C-

** Indicates a tie in state rank*