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## Strike & Rank Arbitrator Selection Process

If the parties to an arbitration cannot agree on an arbitrator or are looking for an expeditious neutral selection process, Judicate West recommends letting us assist you through a strike and rank process. To provide you with qualified arbitrators, we first send all counsel a short questionnaire to identify desired criteria and unique case needs. We also review case histories to identify and rule out arbitrators who have worked extensively with any party or counsel. By doing so, we decrease the likelihood either side will feel the need to disqualify an arbitrator at the formal disclosure stage.

Having received counsel's feedback and performed a case history search, we narrow our list of arbitrators and generate a list from the remaining pool. The list is sent to all parties, along with instructions regarding the number of strikes, the ranking procedure, and the timeline for confidentially returning selections.

After your selections have been confidentially submitted to us, we select the neutral with the highest combined rank (*i.e.*, the lowest combined rank number) to serve as your arbitrator. In the event of a tie, the arbitrator with the lower rate will be selected. If the tied arbitrator's rates are the same, we will select the arbitrator who has historically done the best job at keeping the cost down for the parties.