

National Academy of Arbitrators

SOUTHEAST REGION MEETING AGENDA

February 24-25, 2012
Hilton Airport Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia

Friday, February 24, 2012: Effective Arbitration Advocacy

The National Academy of Arbitrators is sponsoring a one day skills training program for advocates designed to increase their understanding and appreciation of the arbitration process. This hands-on program will feature NAA arbitrators working directly with participants in preparing documents and witness testimony to be presented in a mock arbitration hearing. The program will allow advocates to gain insight into how evidence is evaluated, rulings are made, and how other factors are considered.

The program will be led by Arbitrator Philip A. LaPorte, Director, Labor Studies Program, College of Law, Georgia State University. Instructors will include Vicki Peterson Cohen, NAA, Don Crane, NAA, Martin Soll, NAA, Harold Smith, NAA, Hoyt Wheeler, NAA, and others; and include commentary from Atlanta attorneys Norman Slawsky, Jacobs & Slawsky and Weyman Johnson, Paul Hastings .

9 am	Welcome and Program Format The Arbitration Hearing from Preliminary Issues to Closing Arguments
10:00	Developing Your Theory of the Case and Preparing Evidence
10:45	Case Studies The Good Driver Disciplined. The Snowed-In Nurse. The Disrobed Chocolates.

Participants will review each case, develop a theory of the case, identify what evidence and witnesses will be critical to each case. Participants will be divided into labor and management groups. Each group will present their findings to the panel of arbitrators. The arbitrators will give their decisions at the conclusion of each group's presentation for each case.

12 noon	Lunch Break
1 pm	Case Preparation - The Case of the Missing Money Arbitrators' Case Analysis and Decisions

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6 pm Cash Bar

7 pm Regional Dinner

Saturday, February 25, 2011

7:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00 NAA Southeast Regional Meeting Business Meeting, NAA Members Only

8:30 Call to Order & Program Introduction, Harry R. Gudenberg, NAA SE Region Chair

Presidential Remarks. The Honorable Roberta Golick, President, NAA

9:00 **IMPANELING AGENCY UPDATES**

Andrew Barton, American Arbitration Association; Vella Traynham, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; Roland Watkins, National Mediation Board; Linda Byars, NAA, Moderator.

9:45 Refreshment Break

10:15 **POSTAL SERVICE-POSTAL UNIONS PANEL: WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE POSTAL INDUSTRY AND ITS IMPACT**

Joe Jenkins, USPS; Mike Morris, APWU; Judy Willoughby, NALC; Manny Peralta, NALC; Charles Reynolds, NPMHU; Harry Gudenberg, NAA, Moderator,

11:30 **POST HEARING BRIEFS: ADDED VALUE OR ADDED CLUTTER?**

Richard Mittenthal, NAA,; James M. Walters, Fisher & Phillips LLP; James D. Fagan Jr., Stanford Fagan LLC ; William Holley, NAA, Moderator.

12:30 Lunch

1:30 **THE ARBITRATION PROCESS UNDER THE RAILWAY LABOR ACT – AIRLINE AND RAILROAD INDUSTRIES.**

Lilia Bell, Ford & Harrison; Zachery M. Jones, CSX; Gordon Rose, ALPA; Tony Smith, CSX Adjustment Committee. ; Betsy Wesman, NAA, Moderator.

2:45 **Remedies in Arbitration: Contractual Authority or Creative Solutions?**

John Quinn, Quinn Connor; Steve Breaux, AT&T; Brent Wilson, Elarbee Thompson; Dennis Nolan, NAA, Moderator.

4:00 Adjourn