



ARIAS•U.S. Code of Conduct – Canon VI

CONFIDENTIALITY: Arbitrators should be faithful to the relationship of trust and confidentiality inherent in their position.

COMMENTS:

1. Arbitrators are in a relationship of trust with the parties and should not, at any time, use confidential information acquired during the arbitration proceeding to gain a personal advantage or advantage for others, or to affect adversely the interest of another.
2. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, or required or allowed by applicable rules or law, arbitrators should keep confidential all matters relating to the arbitration proceedings and decision.
3. Arbitrators shall not inform anyone of an arbitration decision, whether interim or final, in advance of the time it is given to all parties, or assist a party in post-arbitral proceedings, except as is required by law. An arbitrator shall not disclose contents of the deliberations of the arbitrators or other communications among or between the arbitrators. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, an arbitrator may put such deliberations or communications on the record in the proceedings (whether as a dissent or in a communication to all parties and panel members) to the extent (but only to the extent) reasonably necessary to expose serious wrongdoing on the part of one or more panel members, including actions that are contemplated by Section 10(a) of the Federal Arbitration Act.
4. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties or by applicable rules, arbitrators are not obligated to return or retain notes taken during the arbitration. Notes, records and recollections of arbitrators are confidential and shall not be disclosed to the parties, the public, or anyone else, unless (1) all parties and the panel agree to such disclosure, or (2) a disclosure is required by law.