



## Expedited Arbitration – Flat Fee Program

Saviñón Mediation & Arbitration Services offers a streamlined, cost-controlled arbitration option for disputes valued at **\$50,000 or less**. This program provides a binding, private resolution through an efficient process—without administrative overhead or prolonged litigation exposure.

Expedited arbitrations are typically resolved within approximately **90 days** from appointment of the arbitrator.

### Program Overview

This expedited process is designed for smaller disputes where efficiency, predictability, and proportionality are essential. The arbitrator is appointed by Saviñón Mediation & Arbitration Services, and the matter proceeds on an accelerated track with limited procedural complexity.

Eligibility is determined upon intake review. Participation requires agreement of both parties.

### Case Qualifications

- Binding arbitration
- Two-party disputes
- Amount in controversy of \$50,000 or less
- Issues typically limited to damages and/or causation

### Program Features

- Expedited scheduling
- Prompt preliminary conference to:
  - Address threshold or procedural issues
  - Define scope of the hearing
  - Establish deadlines
  - Set the final hearing date
- Minimal to no discovery, unless arbitrator determines that limited, targeted discovery is necessary
- One-day final evidentiary hearing
- Submission review, hearing, and award issuance
- Administrative coordination included
- Written award issued following submission review and hearing



## Fee Structure

- **No administrative fee**
- **\$2,500 flat fee per party**  
(\$5,000 total arbitrator fee)

The flat fee covers up to **ten (10) hours of arbitrator's time**, which includes:

- Preliminary conference
  - Review of submissions
  - One-day evidentiary hearing (up to 7 hours)
  - Award preparation
- Payment is due upon engagement of the arbitrator.
  - Additional arbitrator time beyond the ten-hour allotment is billed at the arbitrator's standard hourly rate.
  - Unless otherwise provided in the parties' arbitration agreement or allocated in the final award, arbitrator fees and expenses are shared equally by the parties.

## Notable Parameters

- The one-day hearing is the default structure. If the arbitrator determines additional hearing time is necessary, additional time will be billed at the standard hourly rate.
- If a reasoned award is requested and drafting exceeds the ten-hour allotment, additional drafting time is billed at the standard hourly rate.
- The 90-day resolution timeframe is an estimate and may vary depending on scheduling and case complexity.