



Minnesota No-Fault Arbitrator Panel 2017 Recertification Report

Executive Summary

Pursuant to Rule 10(a) of the Minnesota Rules of No-Fault Arbitration Procedure, No-Fault Arbitrators are required to recertify on an annual basis. Recertification is a self-certification process.

At the direction of the No-Fault Standing Committee, the 2017 recertification process began on November 8, 2016. At the commencement of this process, there were 525 arbitrators subject to recertification. Arbitrators were given an initial deadline of November 30, 2016 to file their recertification form. At the close of the initial deadline, the American Arbitration Association (AAA®) had received 424 completed forms. A reminder notice was sent to the remaining 101 arbitrators who had not recertified with a final deadline of December 31, 2016. At the close of the final deadline, the AAA had received a total of 491 completed forms. There were 20 arbitrators who failed to timely recertify and have since been designated as inactive.

In addition, 13 arbitrators voluntarily removed themselves from the panel. These arbitrators cited failure to meet qualifications, retirement, and/or desire to discontinue service.

Qualifications

Qualifications to serve as a Minnesota No-Fault Arbitrator are governed under Rule 10 of the Minnesota Rules of No-Fault Arbitration Procedure.

Breakdown of Recertifications Filed

Section 1: Rule 10(a) Attorney Representing Clients in Auto Insurance Claims

The AAA received 428 recertification forms in which arbitrators certified under Section 1.

i. Plaintiff vs. Defense Attorneys

The following data is based on responses provided by arbitrators, between November 8, 2016 and December 31, 2016, with respect to their practice percentages as attorneys. This includes attorneys who reported a practice of 51% or more in plaintiff or defense work:

The AAA received 301 recertification forms from arbitrators identifying as plaintiff attorneys and 119 forms from arbitrators identifying as defense attorneys.

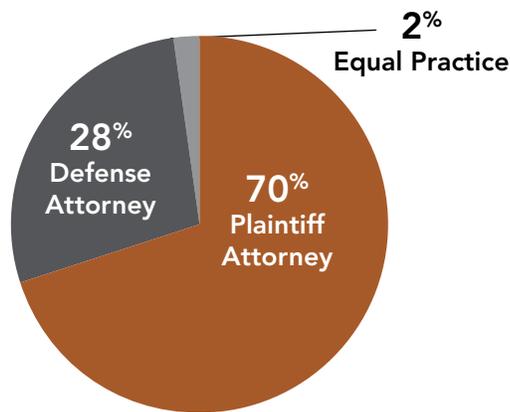


ii. Equal Practice

The following data includes attorneys who reported an equal practice between plaintiff and defense work:

The AAA received 8 recertification forms from arbitrators in which they identify their practice as being equal between plaintiff and defense work.

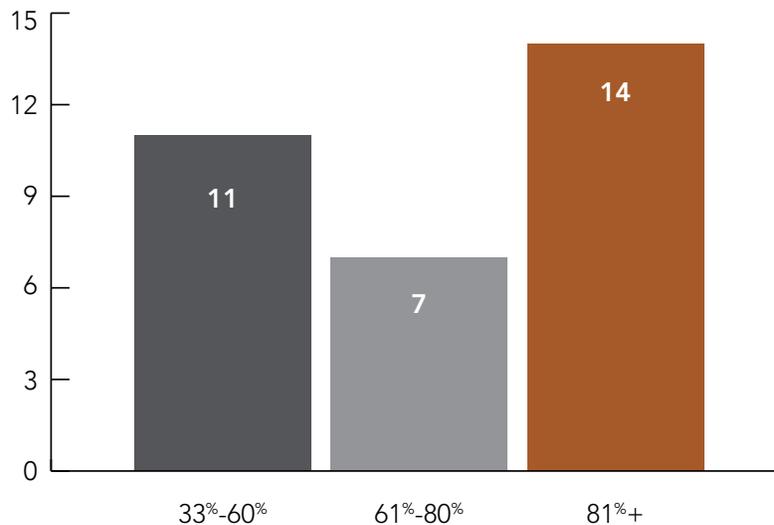
Breakdown of Practice Areas



Section 2: Rule 10(a) Attorney Not Representing Clients

The AAA received 32 recertification forms in which arbitrators certified under Section 2. Of those who recertified under this section, no-fault arbitration comprises the sole ADR practice of 13 arbitrators.

Percentage of ADR Practice in MVA





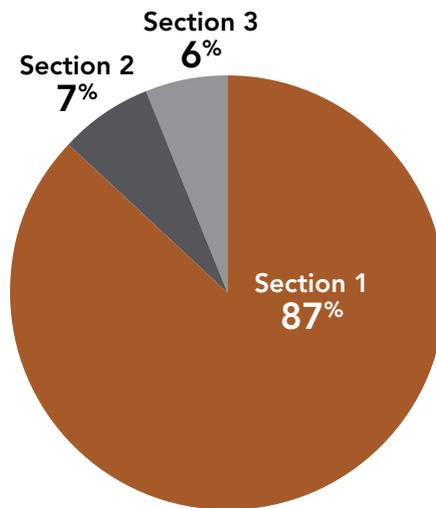
Section 3: Rule 10(c) Change of Practice or Retired Attorney or Judge

The AAA has received 31 recertification forms in which arbitrators certified under Section 3. An arbitrator may recertify under this section if their practice has changed and they no longer qualify under Rule 10(a) or if they have retired from practice.

Of the 31 forms received under this section, 9 arbitrators filed under the retirement provision and 22 filed under the change of practice provision.

Percentages of Recertifications Filed by Section

Breakdown of Recertifications by Section



Conclusion

The recertification process has concluded for 2017. The current Panel of No-Fault Arbitrators consists of 491 arbitrators certified under Rule 10 of the Minnesota Rules of No-Fault Arbitration Procedure.

The AAA will notify arbitrators who are being removed for failing to timely recertify, of such removal. These arbitrators will be permitted to finish any existing cases; however, they will no longer be included in the listing process. In the event any arbitrator wishes to return to service following removal, the AAA will direct these arbitrators to the application process.