

Inquiry on recommended transit experienced arbitrator

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The Question: Can you recommend a transit experienced arbitrator to represent management in interest arbitration with Teamsters?

Ben Franklin Transit says... We used Lankford twice and he ruled once for us and once for Teamsters. He is a strict constructionist which means if you have supporting language in your contract, you stand a good chance of winning with him.

Clallam Transit says...No.

Columbia County Public Transportation says... We aren't unionized.

Community Transit says...No.

CUBS says.... I don't know of specific transit experienced arbitrators. However, there are 3 arbitrators that we have used at the City and felt they were savvy in their field and fair in their decisions:

Kathryn Whalen
Jane Wilkinson
Howell Lankford

Grant Transit says... We do not have a union, therefore no experience.

Grays Harbor Transit says... Grays Harbor has not had much experience with that sorry I cannot recommend anyone.

Island Transit says... Island Transit is not unionized, and therefore has no information regarding a "good" union arbitrator for Transit.

Jefferson Transit says.... No. No recent experience at our property.

Kitsap Transit says... We got a referral from Bruce Schroeder at Summit Law Group. He would recommend Gary Axon from Ashland, OR - lots of transit experience, including interest arbitration for Jefferson and Intercity and Eric Lindauer from Salem, OR.

Link Transit says...We have not had to go through this process in the past – so I don't have any suggestions.

Mason Transit says... Mason Transit employees are not represented, and we have not had experience with a “transit experienced” arbitrator.

Pierce Transit says... We have not had experiences with arbitrations lately and particularly not with the teamsters.

Skagit Transit says...No

Spokane Transit says... Sorry. No help from STA. We don't have a teamsters local and we haven't used an arbitrator in the last 5 years.

Valley Transit says... We have not had to use one in ten years. Sorry I not familiar with anyone who does this.

Yakima Transit says... We have not been to arbitration with our transit unit to my knowledge.