



## **ARBITRATION FEE SCHEDULE**

For each arbitration claim and counterclaim, USA&M charges a **filing fee of \$900** for a typical two party case. For each additional party, an additional \$450 fee will be due. Parties are defined as those with or who need separate legal counsel or have a separate insurance company representative. Filing fees are non-refundable.

Arbitrator compensation for matters conducted within the St. Louis metropolitan area are charged at the approximate rate of \$290-\$495 per hour. Arbitrator compensation for matters conducted outside of the St. Louis metropolitan area will be charged at local rates where the hearing is scheduled. Arbitrators are entitled to compensation for all time spent on the case, including preparation time, telephone time, attendance at the arbitration hearing, drafting the Award, follow up and travel time. A portion of the hourly rate is retained by USA&M as part of its charges. USA&M is entitled to reimbursement for any administrative expenses such as overnight delivery charges.

When a hearing is cancelled after an arbitrator has scheduled a date for the hearing, he/she is entitled to request a cancellation fee of at least 2 hours, unless the arbitrator is able to schedule another hearing or mediation on the original hearing date.

**Filing Fees for Consumer Arbitrations according to the Consumer Addendum of the USA&M Arbitration Rules are as follows:**

<b><u>Amount of Claim</u></b>	<b><u>Filing Fee</u></b>
Less than \$25,000	\$150 per party
\$25,000 and greater	\$450 per party

If the consumer initiates the arbitration, the consumer's responsibility shall be limited to the following:

- \$150 filing fee for claims less than \$25,000
  - \$450 filing fee for claims between \$25,000 and \$75,000
  - \$450 filing fee and one half of all arbitrator compensation and arbitration expenses for claims greater than \$75,000
- The non-consumer shall be responsible for all costs and fees not specifically required to be paid by the consumer. Filing fees for consumer arbitrations are non-refundable.

If the non-consumer party initiates the arbitration, then the non-consumer claimant shall be responsible for the filing fees for both parties, as well as deposits for all arbitrator compensation and expenses.

### **Billing**

The filing fee is due to be paid at the time of the filing of the claim or counterclaim. An Initial Deposit Invoice for arbitrator compensation and expenses will be billed after the claim is filed and served on the opposing party. Supplemental billings will be made as circumstances require and are due within 10 days. Invoices are billed equally between the parties, unless the parties agree otherwise. All payments must be received prior to the arbitration hearing and issuance of an award.

### **Lunch**

Should you so desire, lunch can be provided to the parties on the day of the hearing at an approximate charge of \$10 per person.

*This fee schedule applies to cases received by our office on or after October 1, 2016.*