

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE APPELLATE COURTS SECTION
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

Thursday, October 18, 2018
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Court of Appeal
Second Appellate District
Employee Lounge on Third Floor
300 S. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90013

“Arbitration: A Favored Process?”

Panelists: Hon. Carlos R. Moreno (Ret.) -- JAMS
Deborah Crandall Saxe, Esq. – JAMS Case Manager
Robert A. Olson -- Greines, Martin, Stein & Richland LLP
George W. Abele (Moderator) -- Paul Hastings

The Program

The written program materials consisted of a power point outline regarding both the California Arbitration Act and the Federal Arbitration Act.

During the program, the panelists explained the highlights of how arbitration works under the California and federal statutes, and how the procedures and standards differ. They also explored the issue of when the FAA preempts state law and when it doesn't. The panelists also discussed potential bias and disclosure requirements for arbitrators, as well as what the reach of injunctive relief by arbitrators can be.

There was a discussion about the pros and cons of using arbitration, and whether it has met the promise of being a cheaper and quicker method of adjudicating disputes. Comments were also made about the risks of using arbitration, instead of litigation.

Finally, the panelists explored whether the advent and popularity of arbitration has negatively impacted the development of law (maybe in the employment arena), what are some of the currently hot issues in arbitration law, and what can we prognosticate about the future of arbitration.

Throughout the program, the speakers answered questions from attendees.

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 /s/ Jens Koepke
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