



Arts Arbitration and Mediation Services

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California Lawyers for the Arts **AAMS Party Select Program Pilot** Program Description

AAMS PARTY SELECT PROGRAM

Arts Arbitration and Mediation Services (AAMS), a program of California Lawyers for the Arts (CLA), has provided alternative dispute resolution to artists and entertainers since 1980. The purpose of this new Party Select Panel is to provide the arts community with a selection of experienced mediators who specialize in arts and entertainment and are willing to provide three hours of mediation services at a reduced rate.

MEDIATOR QUALIFICATIONS

All mediators on the AAMS Party Select Program have at least five years experience in arts and entertainment, have attended mediation certification training, meet annual continuing education requirements, and have served as a mediator on at minimum twenty (20) cases. The majority of party select panelists far exceed these minimum requirements.

MEDIATOR SELECTION

Once parties agree to mediate through the AAMS party select program, AAMS program coordinator will send a list of AAMS Party Select mediators to both parties. The parties will agree on at least 2 mediators and then rank them in order of preference. The parties will then communicate their selections to the AAMS program coordinator, and the AAMS program coordinator will notify the mediator and convene the session.

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Parties who participate in the AAMS Party Select program will collectively be charged \$200 per hour for the first three (3) hours of mediation time (\$100 per party per hour). The AAMS Program Coordinator will collect a \$300.00 deposit from each party prior to the start of the mediation session.

Beyond three (3) hours, the parties may be charged for additional mediation time on an hourly basis at rates established by the mediator with written consent from the parties. All parties will have notice of the mediator's rates at the time of mediator selection.