

Haworth, Randal vs. Superior Court of California

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Neutral arbitrators, as well as sitting judges, should be required to disclose the facts and circumstances of a previous censure. The disclosure requirements for neutral arbitrators is critically important because it affects the ability of insurance consumers to obtain a fair and reasoned recovery of the policy benefits for which they have paid years of premiums. These decisions by arbitration panels go to the core of the insurer/insured relationship. The reputation of the judiciary—the perception of the public as to the honesty and integrity of the judicial process—is of utmost importance. It is not enough to simply mouth the standard. It is critical to enforce it.

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