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**Jurisdictions with Mandatory Fee Arbitration**

1. **Alaska** Alaska Bar Rules, Part III, Rules of Attorney Fee Dispute Resolution, Rule 34(b)  
<http://www.state.ak.us/courts/bar.htm#34>
2. **California** The State Bar Act, Article 13, Business & Professions Code, Section 6200 (c) and Rules of Procedure for Fee Arbitrations and the Enforcement of Awards by the State Bar of California, Article II, Rule 2.0  
<http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Attorneys/MemberServices/FeeArbitration.aspx>
3. **District of Columbia** Attorney/Client Arbitration Board  
[http://www.dcbbar.org/inside\\_the\\_bar/departments/attorney\\_client\\_arbitration\\_board/index.cfm?heading](http://www.dcbbar.org/inside_the_bar/departments/attorney_client_arbitration_board/index.cfm?heading)
4. **Georgia** State Bar Committee on the Arbitration of Attorney Fee Disputes  
[http://www.gabar.org/programs/fee\\_arbitration/](http://www.gabar.org/programs/fee_arbitration/)
5. **Maine** Maine Bar Rule 9 (e) – (k) and Rule 3.3(c) of Code of Professional Responsibility.  
[http://www.mebaroverseers.org/attorney\\_complaints/fee\\_complaints.htm](http://www.mebaroverseers.org/attorney_complaints/fee_complaints.htm)
6. **Montana** Montana Rules of Fee Arbitration, Rule 5.5 (effective July 29, 1998)  
<http://www.montanabar.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=205>
7. **New Jersey** Rule 1:20A-3)(a)(1) District Fee Arbitration Committees  
[http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/oea/fee\\_arb/fee\\_arb.htm](http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/oea/fee_arb/fee_arb.htm)
8. **New York** Code of Professional Responsibility, Canon 2, DR 2-106 {1200.11} E and Title 22 Part 137, Rules of the Chief Administrator, § 6 A (effective January 1, 2002)  
<http://www.nycourts.gov/admin/feedispute/>
9. **North Carolina** N.C.G.S. §84-21, Rules and Regulations, Subchapter B. Discipline and Disability Rules § .0202(d)(1) Rules Governing Judicial District Grievance Committees and Professional Conduct Rule 1.5(f)(2) and Comment

(effective March 1, 2003) & Attorney-Client Assistance Program /  
Fee Dispute Resolution

<http://www.ncbar.gov/rules/regulations.asp?page=92>

<http://www.ncbar.gov/public/alternatives.asp>

10. **Ohio** Mandatory: Local bar associations: Columbus, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Dayton, Toledo and Trumbull. [A client is not required to arbitrate a fee dispute. Once the client signs an agreement to arbitrate, however, the results of arbitrations are binding. Attorneys are required by the Rules for the Government of the Bar of the Supreme Court of Ohio (Rule V 4[G]) to cooperate with the arbitration process if requested to do so].
11. **South Carolina** Supreme Court Rule 416; and Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 1.5 comment “Dispute Over Fees”  
[http://www.scbar.org/public\\_services/fee\\_disputes/](http://www.scbar.org/public_services/fee_disputes/)
12. **Wyoming** Wyoming Rules for Resolution of Fee Disputes, Rule 6(b); Rules of Operation of the Wyoming Lawyer Referral Service of the Wyoming State Bar, Article 3 § 3.  
[http://www.wyomingbar.org/complaints/fee\\_disputes.html](http://www.wyomingbar.org/complaints/fee_disputes.html)

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