Delaware Supreme Court Adopts Delaware Rapid Arbitration Rules

By an order dated June 17, 2015, the Delaware Supreme Court has adopted, in consultation with the Court of Chancery, the Delaware Rapid Arbitration Rules ("Rules") to govern the procedure in arbitrations under the recently-enacted Delaware Rapid Arbitration Act, 10 *Del. C.* § 5801 *et seq.* ("DRAA"). The Rules are effective June 22, 2015 and are available on the <u>Delaware State Courts' website</u>.

The Rules set forth the procedures for arbitrations under the DRAA. The Rules address, among other things, commencement of an arbitration under the DRAA, the authority of the arbitrator, the scheduling and order of arbitration proceedings, the confidentiality of arbitration proceedings, and the form of a final award. The parties to an arbitration under the DRAA may agree, with the consent of the arbitrator, to modify the Rules or adopt additional rules, as long as no modification or addition is inconsistent with the DRAA. The Court may amend the Rules at any time.

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