

UCS 137-9 (10/14)

(Office Use Only)
Case Number: _____

**In the Matter of Fee Dispute
Arbitration between**

_____, Client
and
_____, Attorney
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**NOTICE OF
ARBITRATION AWARD**

Attached is the determination of the arbitrator(s) who heard the fee dispute between the above parties. This determination is final and binding on the parties, except that a party dissatisfied with this award may seek one of the following post award options within the time frames indicated:

1. Trial de novo: Either party may reject the decision of the arbitrator(s) and commence an action on the merits of the fee dispute in a court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after the arbitration award has been mailed.

NOTE: Trial *de novo* is not available to parties who have previously waived this right. See 22 NYCRR 137.2(c), 137.8(b) and Standards and Guidelines Section 6(B)(2) and Section 12(C).

OR

2. Vacatur: Either party may seek to vacate the award within 90 days after delivery to the party. This post award option is governed by CPLR 7511.

Please note: In most instances, the party against whom the award has been rendered will pay as the arbitration award becomes binding on the parties if de novo review is not sought. However, if payment does not occur, the arbitration award must be confirmed and entered as a judgment of the court to be enforceable. You have one year after the date of delivery of the award to confirm the award by commencing a proceeding in the appropriate court. Confirmation of arbitration awards is governed by CPLR 7510.

Information about these options can be found under, "What to expect once the fee arbitration is over" on https://ww2.nycourts.gov/admin/feedispute/GS_Clients.shtml or you may contact your local program or an attorney. The local program may not give legal advice.

Dated: _____, 20__