

OATH OF OFFICE OF AN ARBITRATOR

Introduction

An Arbitrator plays a crucial role in the administration of justice through alternative dispute resolution. The oath of office is a solemn declaration undertaken by an Arbitrator to perform duties with fairness, integrity, and impartiality.

Sample Oath of Office

I, _____, having been appointed as an Arbitrator, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that:

1. I will faithfully and diligently discharge my duties as an Arbitrator.
2. I will act independently, impartially, and without bias toward any party involved in the proceedings.
3. I will uphold the principles of natural justice and ensure that each party is given a fair opportunity to present their case.
4. I will maintain confidentiality regarding all matters, documents, and proceedings related to the arbitration.
5. I will avoid any conflict of interest and disclose any circumstances that may give rise to justifiable doubts as to my impartiality.
6. I will conduct the arbitration in accordance with the applicable laws, rules, and agreed procedures.
7. I will make decisions based solely on the evidence and arguments presented before me.

I make this oath (or affirmation) conscientiously and in good faith, recognizing the trust and responsibility placed upon me.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Place: _____

Notes

- The wording of the oath may vary depending on jurisdiction and institutional rules.

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- In some cases, the oath may be replaced or supplemented by a declaration of independence and impartiality.
- Parties to arbitration may require the Arbitrator to sign this document before proceedings commence.

Conclusion

The oath of office serves as a foundational ethical commitment, reinforcing the integrity and credibility of the arbitration process. It ensures that the Arbitrator remains guided by fairness, neutrality, and professionalism throughout the proceedings.