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The San Luis Obispo County Bar Mandatory Fee Arbitration Program proposes a revision to its Rule 21 as follows:

RULE 21.0. Appointment Of Panel.

21.1 For each dispute, the Program shall assign a hearing panel from the program=s roster of fee arbitrators. A hearing panel shall consist of one attorney arbitrator if the amount in dispute is ~~\$10,000~~\$25,000 or less and three arbitrators if the amount in dispute is more than ~~\$10,000~~\$25,000, one of which shall be a lay person. An attorney arbitrator shall be designated as Panel Chair. If the amount in dispute is more than ~~\$10,000~~\$25,000, the parties may agree, in writing, to have the matter heard by a single attorney arbitrator.

Please let me know if this change is approved.

Thank you.

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