

Rule 14. Date, Time, Format, Venue, and Place of Arbitration

An informal arbitration hearing will be held in one of the following formats: in-person, teleconference, videoconference, other electronic medium, or documents only. The arbitrator may fix the date, time, format, and place for the hearing. In person hearings will be in the arbitrator's office or some other appropriate place within a 50-mile radius of the claimant's Minnesota residence as of the date of filing of the petition, or within Ramsey County, Minnesota, if the claimant resides outside the state of Minnesota as of the date of filing of the petition.

Notwithstanding the format or physical location of an in-person hearing, venue of the arbitration hearing shall be the county of the claimant's residence as of the date of filing of the petition. If the claimant resides outside the state of Minnesota as of the date of filing the petition, the venue of the arbitration proceedings shall be Ramsey County, Minnesota, where the Minnesota Supreme Court is chambered. Any appeal or judicial review to the district courts shall be to the Minnesota district court of the county in which venue of the arbitration is established under this rule.

At least 14 days prior to the hearing, the arbitration organization shall transmit notice thereof to each party or to a party's designated representative. Notice of hearing may be waived by any party.

When an arbitration hearing has been scheduled for a day certain, the courts of the state shall recognize the date as the equivalent of a day certain court trial date in the scheduling of their calendars.

(Amended effective September 7, 1999; amended effective August 5, 2003; amended effective March 1, 2016; amended effective December 30, 2022.)

Standing Committee Comments (2015)

Switching the order of the second and third sentences promotes consistency.