

## **DESCRIPTION OF ARBITRATION**

Arbitration is a cost efficient and confidential process in which a neutral person trained in the law determines the outcome of the legal dispute. The process of arbitration requires each party to present evidence (facts) to the Arbitrator which supports his or her position. This is usually done in an informal setting with some rules or structure on what facts or evidence can be presented and the methods by which those facts are presented. Upon the completion of both parties' presentation of evidence, the Arbitrator makes a decision based upon the facts presented and the law. The Arbitrator then notifies both parties in writing. When the Arbitrator renders his decision, it becomes final and binding on both parties. This method of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) may be used when each party is represented by an attorney or the parties desire to represent themselves. The Rules can be relaxed by agreement of the parties to accommodate the situation and the parties.

For our arbitration clients, there is no longer a reason to travel off Cape to obtain the services of experienced independent arbitrator. You have the benefit of panel members who are former judges in the District and Probate Court, as well as attorneys with years of expertise in handling a wide variety of legal issues. Our convenient location in Hyannis saves substantial travel time. SEMA provides arbitrators who have years of experience in a wide variety of civil litigation issues, including, but not limited to, personal injury, professional liability, contract disputes, consumer protection issues, real estate disputes, business disputes and estate and trust litigation.