



Education

J.D., University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, 1983

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B.S., Industrial Relations, Cornell
University, 1978

Admitted to Practice

Washington, 1989 California, 1983

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Henry E. Farber has been a full-time arbitrator and mediator since June 2022, and was appointed in 2024 to the Washington State Public Employment Relations Commission. He has helped many parties resolve their disputes, using the experience and skills he developed over a 40-year career in labor and employment law. Henry began his career with the National Labor Relations Board and continued as an attorney in private practice and as in-house counsel.

Henry can conduct both in-person and virtual mediations and hearings.

Dispute Resolution Practice Highlights

- Certificate in Professional Mediation, Cornell University Scheinman Institute on Conflict Resolution
- Small Claims Court Intensive Mediation Program, Dispute Resolution Center of King County
- Mediated over 110 cases since 2021
- AAA Labor Arbitration Panel
- Montana Labor Arbitration Roster
- Disciplinary Hearing Officer, Washington State Bar Association, appointed by Washington State Supreme Court
- FMCS Becoming a Labor Arbitrator Course
- Commissioner, Washington State Public Employment Relations Commission, appointed by Washington State Governor.

ARBITRATOR AND MEDIATOR

Professional Recognition

- Fellow, College of Labor and Employment Lawyers
- Named one of "America's Leading Lawyers for Business" by Chambers USA in Labor & Employment (Washington), 2010-2022
- Named one of the "Best Lawyers in America" in Labor and Employment Law by Best Lawyers, 2001-present
- Selected to "Washington Super Lawyers," Thomson Reuters, 2007-2009, 2011-2021

Memberships & Affiliations

- American Bar Association, 1983-present
- Labor Relations Advisory Council, 2010-2022
- Board of Trustees, East King County Bar Association, 2003-2010
- Lecturer, "Labor Relations and the Law," University of Washington Law School, 2015
- Commissioner, Issaquah Independent Salary Commission, 2023
- Member, Washington State Bench-Bar-Press Committee, 2023-present
- Commissioner, Issaquah Civil Service Commission, 2024-present

Sample of Insights and Publications

Moderator, Panel on "Legal, Protected, and Effective Conduct During a Strike," LERA-NW 47th Annual Collective Bargaining and Arbitration Conference, March, 2024

Co-author, "Collective Bargaining in the Aftermath of COVID-19," Employee Relations Law Journal, Vol 46, No. 2, Autumn 2020

Avoiding Labor Complications When Buying or Selling a Healthcare Facility," Health eSource, American Bar Association, June 2014

"Will Your Gotcha Getcha?" LERA-NW 33rd Annual Collective Bargaining and Arbitration Conference, Seattle, 04.29.10

Speaker, "So Now What? Individual Employment Arbitration Agreements, Bargaining Obligations and Likely Problems After *14 Penn Plaza et al. v. Pyett et al.*," ABA Committee on Development of the Law Under the National Labor Relations Act Midwinter Meeting, 03.02.10

Speaker, "Bargaining: Start Before You Begin," LERA-NW 31st Annual Collective Bargaining and Arbitration Conference, Seattle, 04.01.08

Contributing Editor, "The Developing Labor Law", 2005-2015