Arthur Pearlstein Bio

Arthur Pearlstein is an arbitrator and mediator who has an extensive background in labor and employment relations as an attorney, conflict resolution specialist, mediator, arbitrator, and law professor. Arthur has trained hundreds of labor arbitrators and advocates, acted as a neutral in multifaceted labor and employment disputes in a wide range of industries and institutions, and helped employers and unions develop effective and productive systems for the resolution of conflict in the workplace.

For over 10 years, Arthur headed the Office of Labor Arbitration at the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service, where he was responsible for setting standards and policies, promoting and enforcing professional responsibility, and developing advanced training programs to raise the bar in the practice of labor arbitration and mediation. Arthur is a member of the National Academy of Arbitrators.

Arthur also served FMCS as a senior mediator, working with parties to reach agreement in complex and contentious collective bargaining negotiations over everything from wages and benefits to management rights, employee discipline, jurisdictional disputes, work hours and assignments, subcontracting, and seniority.

In his four years as General Counsel of FMCS, Arthur served as the chief legal and ethics officer of the agency, responsible for advising on laws and ethics of dispute resolution and relevant issues in labor and employment law.

Arthur spent seven years as Professor of Law and inaugural director of the Werner Institute for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution at Creighton University in Omaha. He was responsible for developing curriculum, hiring faculty, teaching courses, and running workshops. He has published multiple articles and been a contributing author to textbooks and handbooks on dispute resolution in the workplace.

In 2021, Arthur was elected as a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. In addition to his current work as an arbitrator and dispute resolution professional, Arthur serves as President of the Virginia Chapter of LERA (The Labor and Employment Relations Association).

Arthur received his J.D. with honors from Harvard Law School, holds a master's in dispute resolution from the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University in California, and a B.A. from Haverford College in Pennsylvania.