

# Drafting Arbitration Clauses in Construction Contracts

Many construction lawyers who specialize in transactional work acknowledge that they do not spend much time considering or negotiating the arbitration clauses in construction contracts, points out

**Patricia H. Thompson** in a post on the **website of JAMS**.

She addresses the question: Should an arbitration clause be just a boilerplate provision, taken “off the shelf,” or should it be specifically negotiated and crafted for the particular construction project and to accommodate the parties’ requirements?

The post lists some of the major questions to consider, such as: Should arbitration be mandatory or permissive? Should there be one or three arbitrators, should they all be neutral, and should they have particular qualifications or professional expertise? Should the arbitrator’s power be broader or more limited than otherwise provided by relevant statutes or rules?

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