

David M. Gaba

Arbitrator Gaba has been a labor arbitrator for over 25 years and has heard hundreds of cases, including many interest arbitrations. Dave is a graduate of the University of Nebraska receiving his J.D. from the College of Law in 1984 and his M.B.A. in 1987. Since joining the bar he served as an attorney for the Department of Labor, Chief Administrative Law Judge of the Nebraska Appeal Tribunal, General Counsel for the largest healthcare union in the State of Washington, Assistant Attorney General for the State of Washington, and Director of Labor Relations for Metropolitan King County;

He is currently a member of the Washington, Idaho, and Nebraska Bar Associations. Dave has had numerous cases published and cited in the BNA Labor Arbitration Reporter and is the author of Interest Arbitration, Aitchison, Gaba & Downes, LRIS Press (2022); Equitable Defenses Under State Blue-Sky Law, PIABA B. J., Vol. 16, No. 3 (2009); and, Disregarding the Manifest Disregard of the Law Standard Under the Federal Arbitration Act, 17 PIABA B. J. 179 (2010). Dave serves on many permanent panels including those for the states of Washington, Alaska, and Oregon and serves on the faculty of the FMCS Institute where he teaches programs for both new and experienced labor arbitrators.

When not hearing cases as a labor arbitrator Mr. Gaba limits his practice to securities litigation. He is currently on the roster of the American Arbitration Association, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Washington Public Employment Relations Commission, Oregon Public Employment Relations Board, and FINRA among others.