

BIOGRAPHY
JEANNE M. VONHOF

Jeanne M. Vonhof has served as a labor arbitrator and mediator for more than 25 years, with offices in Chicago, Minneapolis, and Portland, Oregon. She serves on national arbitration panels in airlines, steel, mining, transportation, manufacturing, communications, and major league sports, as well as for the Department of Homeland Security. She also serves on regional arbitration panels in the auto, rubber, mining, manufacturing, transportation, railroads, communications, grocery, hotels and casinos, and construction industries. In the public sector she serves on permanent arbitration panels for state and local governments, school districts, charter schools, and transit authorities, and hears many police and firefighter cases. In the federal sector she has served on permanent arbitration panels for more than 25 years for a variety of agencies and unions, including panels for the U.S. Postal Service.

Ms. Vonhof served on the planning committee for the international labor conference held in Saigon, Vietnam in March, 2015, entitled “Worker Rights, Dispute Resolution and Legal Compliance in the Global Supply Chain,” She presented a session on “American Labor Arbitration and Its Legal Context,” and chaired a session on “Comparative Labor Arbitration.”

Ms. Vonhof also teaches labor and employment law courses at several Chicago-area universities, including beginning and advanced courses on arbitration; and courses on the Family and Medical Leave Act, drugs and alcohol, threats and violence in the workplace, sexual and racial harassment, social media, and other issues. She is a frequent speaker at regional and national conferences on arbitration-related issues. In addition, she has helped train arbitrators and mediators on how cultural diversity affects the mediation and arbitration process, as well as on how to use videoconferencing in arbitration.

Ms. Vonhof helps parties design dispute resolution systems to fit their needs, and has served as a mediator, arbitrator and fact-finder in many different settings. She has been a member of the National Academy of Arbitrators since 1998, and currently serves as the NAA Chair of the Committee on Professional Responsibility and Grievances and the President of the NAA Research and Education Fund. Before becoming an arbitrator and mediator, Ms. Vonhof worked as a labor and employment lawyer in Chicago and Pittsburgh, and served as a clerk on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. She graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Illinois Law School, where she also took graduate classes at the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations. She served on the Law Review, is admitted to the Order of the Coif, and won the American Jurisprudence Book Award in Constitutional Law.