

Rule 1301*(a)-*(b) Cases for Submission

*(a) All cases which are now or later at issue when the amount in controversy on each cause of action stated therein (inclusive of interest, but exclusive of costs) shall be \$50,000 or less, excepting those involving title to real estate, shall be submitted to and heard and decided by a board of arbitrators, consisting of three attorneys of the Bucks County Bar in active practice in this County.

*(b) Cases, whether or not at issue and regardless of amount or subject in controversy, may be referred to a board of arbitrators by agreement of reference signed by all parties or their counsel, which said agreement of reference shall define the issues involved for determination by the board, and when the respective counsel so desire, may contain stipulations with respect to facts submitted or agreed or defenses waived. In such cases, the agreement of reference shall take the place of the pleadings in the case and shall be filed of record.