

Bureau of Employment Relations
MERC PANEL MEMBER BIOGRAPHY

Barr, Lewis
Attorney at Law

Business: 25214 Parkwood Drive
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Experience:

Director of Human Resources for a large Midwestern corporation, March 1977 to December 2004. Responsibilities included administration of labor and employee relations; health and safety and benefits. Served as chief spokesperson in labor negotiations for 27 years. Experience in mutual gains bargaining and the interest based bargaining process.

Practiced as an attorney for eight years; handled significant litigation cases ranging from property rights to telephone rate cases and anti-trust matters. Provided legal assistance to activated reservists as member of the U.S. Judge Advocate Corps (1991-92).

Education:

Boston University, BS, 1962
Boston University School of Law, JD, 1965
Michigan State University, School of Labor & Industrial Relations, MA, 1975

Advocacy:

During 30 years in the labor relations arena, has worked closely with management and union leaders to help the parties achieve their respective interests in thousands of situations. Successfully negotiated 45 multi-year bargaining agreements with seven nationally affiliated bargaining units on significant issues ranging from health care and pension benefit levels to wages and work rules without a work stoppage.

Professional Organizations:

Member, Massachusetts Bar
Member, Labor & Employee Relations Association (formerly IRRA)
Neutral Co-Chair, Utilities Industry Council (LERA)

Charges:

PER DIEM: \$800.00 (hearing, research, preparation of opinion and award).

CANCEL: If the scheduled grievance arbitration hearing is postponed or canceled with notice of less than four calendar weeks (28 days), the per diem fee for each day of scheduled hearing shall be charged if another matter cannot be set in its place.

OTHER: None.