

**Bureau of Employment Relations**  
**MERC PANEL MEMBER BIOGRAPHY**

Kerner, Benjamin A.  
Attorney/Arbitrator

**Business:** 4300 Penobscot Bldg  
Detroit, MI 48226  
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**Experience:**

Arbitrator and private practice attorney since 1985.  
Adjunct Professor of Labor Relations, MAIR Program, Wayne State University, 1982-current.

Considerable experience handling unfair labor practice cases, civil rights matters, ADA cases, and FMLA cases.

Michigan Employment Relations Commission 1982-84 and 1978-80.  
Gregory, Van Lopik, Moore and Heinen, 1980-81.  
Public Health Administrator, 1973-78.

In over 15 years of arbitration experience have handled cases in auto-related industries, food processing, health care, hospitals, higher education, public education, municipal departments, state government, and others.

**Education:**

Brandeis University B.A., 1970  
University of Michigan, Masters of Public Health, 1972  
Wayne State University, JD, 1978.

**Advocacy:**

None.

**Professional Organizations:**

American Arbitration Association, since 1983.  
Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services, panel of arbitrators since 1985.  
Industrial Relations Research Association.  
State Bar of Michigan since 1978.  
Michigan Employment Relations Commission Panel of Act 312, Fact Finders and Grievance Arbitrators since 1988.

**Charges:**

PER DIEM: \$800.00

CANCEL: A fee of \$800 is charged if the parties provide less than 14 days' notice of their desire to cancel or adjourn any scheduled hearing.

OTHER: