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New *Elkouri* Edition Nears Publication

For many arbitrators, *Elkouri & Elkouri: How Arbitration Works* is the reference of first resort and the best text available on labor arbitration. In December, a new, revised, and completely updated Sixth Edition will be published by BNA Books that, says the publisher, will incorporate “all major developments of interest to labor relations practitioners.”

More than 90 experts in the field of labor relations contributed to the new edition under the editorship of Alan Miles Ruben, a member of the Committee on ADR in Labor and Employment Law of the American Bar Association’s Section of Labor and Employment Law. The finished product, approximately 1,800 pages, contains discussions on more than 100 new topics. Among them are the following:

- jurisdictional disputes
- last-chance agreements
- ethical obligations of arbitrators and advocates
- mental distress damages
- admissibility of employee surveillance and post-discipline-acquired evidence
- recent federal employment-related statutes
- workplace rules validity
- a state-by-state summary of public-sector arbitration statutes

The Sixth Edition of *Elkouri* also contains revisions in several important areas that reflect changes in thinking and new trends. Some examples:

- modified chapters on evidence and the interpretation of contract language that deal with the latest critical thinking on hearsay, after-acquired evidence, and ambiguity in contract interpretation
- a new chapter entitled “Remedies” that analyzes changing views on the availability of such non-traditional remedies as attorneys’ fees and interest awards
- an extended discussion of legislation, regulations, and judicial decisions that bear upon labor arbitration issues
- analyses of the Federal Arbitration Act and the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act
- separate chapters on federal labor arbitration issues and state and local government labor arbitration issues, reflecting the growing importance of public-sector arbitration.

In addition, the new *Elkouri* provides expanded reference material—citations to recent arbitration awards, a table of arbitrators that can be used to research references to a particular arbitrator in the book; and a table of statutory authorities. There will also be an updated table of cases, now including both court and administrative cases, and a comprehensive index, as well as references to important judicial decisions, academic and professional commentary, administrative agency regulations and opinions, and federal and state legislation.