

ROBERT J. IRVIN

Labor Arbitrator

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Forty-eight years experience in the railroad industry. Twenty-five years experience in the labor relations field as union representative. Served nine years as Member of the National Railroad Adjustment Board. In that capacity, researched case law, prepared briefs, and argued cases before the National Railroad Adjustment Board, as well as numerous other Boards. Represented employees before Presidential Emergency Boards Nos. 190, 219, and 222.

BACKGROUND

1995-present Labor Arbitrator

National Mediation Board Referee Roster. (Public Law Boards 4244, 5924, 6026, 6102.)
Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service Roster of Arbitrators.
Council of Better Business Bureaus' Auto Line Roster of Arbitrators.

1986-1995 President, American Train Dispatchers Association.

Administrative functions for international labor union, local and national contract negotiations, grievance handling, representation cases, supervision of subordinate and national union officers, etc. Concurrently served as Vice President, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (1990-1995); Secretary-Treasurer, Railway Labor Executives' Association (1992-1995).

1981-1990 Labor Member, National Railroad Adjustment Board.

Researched, prepared, and argued cases before arbitrators on the Third Division, National Railroad Adjustment Board, and other railroad arbitration panels.

1971-1986 Southeastern Vice President, American Train Dispatchers Association.

Handled all phases of union representation work, including local and national contract negotiations, grievance handling, preparation of arbitration cases, and representation of employees in disciplinary proceedings. Extensive work in the employee protection field. Served as Train Dispatcher Member of The Railroad-Train Dispatcher Joint Committee, investigating complaints with respect to working conditions.

- 1963-1978** **Office Chairman, General Chairman, and Trustee, American Train Dispatchers Association.**
- Performed local union representative work, such as local contract negotiations, grievance handling, and representation in disciplinary proceedings.
- 1955-1959 and 1960-1970** **Train Dispatcher, Assistant Chief Dispatcher, and Night Chief Dispatcher, Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.**
- Responsible for the movement of trains, supervision of other train dispatchers, train order operators and similar employees, distribution of locomotive power, preparation of performance reports, and related work.
- 1959-1960** **Safety and Service Agent, Interstate Commerce Commission.**
- Inspection of railroad rolling stock for compliance with federal safety standards, and other safety-related work.
- 1947-1950 and 1952-1955** **Various positions in Operating Departments on Tennessee Central Railway, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, Seaboard Air Line Railroad, Texas & New Orleans Railway, and Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.**
- General railroad work as clerk, agent, train order operator, leverman.
- 1950-1952** **Signal and Transportation Corps, United States Army.**
- U.S. service: Telephone lineman and maintainer. Service in Free Territory of Trieste: Movement Control NCO, Transportation Section. Honorable discharge.

EDUCATION

Courses in Transportation Law at University of Tennessee Extension School, Nashville, Tennessee. Numerous training seminars and courses relating to labor relations, communications, etc., including American Law Institute-American Bar Association Courses on Airline and Railroad Labor and Employment Law in 1991, 1993, and 1994. National Mediation Board Referee Orientation Program in 1996.

AFFILIATIONS

National Association of Railroad Referees.

References Furnished Upon Request

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