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Summary Information

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Arrangement

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- Grievance arbitration
- Arbitration, Industrial
- Jewish Law
- Law -- Study and teaching
- Sperka, Schlomo
- American Arbitration Association
- Michigan Employment Relations Commission

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