



**The DC LERA Board of Governors invites you to the
monthly luncheon meeting Wednesday, October 22, 2014...**

**Lost in the Fine Print: How Forced Arbitration Harms Workers and Consumers
with Guest Speaker Nan Aron, President, Alliance for Justice**



Buried in everyday agreements for many products, services, and jobs is fine print saying when you are harmed, you can't go before an impartial jury or judge. Instead, these forced arbitration clauses send you to a decision-maker chosen by the company that wronged you. Not surprisingly, one study found that arbitrators rule for companies over consumers 94 percent of the time. And you're stuck with their decision because there's no appeal. It's a rigged system that helps companies evade responsibility for violating anti-discrimination, consumer protection, and public health laws.

Join us for a conversation with Nan Aron and a screening of the new short documentary, *Lost in the Fine Print*. Narrated by former U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert Reich, *Lost in the Fine Print* tells the story of three everyday people who found themselves trapped in this system – and the impact of forced arbitration on their lives and livelihoods. *A DC LERA event co-sponsored by WNDC.*

A leading voice in public interest law for over 30 years, Nan Aron is founder and President of Alliance for Justice, a national association of over 100 public interest and civil rights organizations. Its mission is to ensure that all Americans have the right and opportunity to secure justice in the courts and to have their voices heard when government makes decisions that affect their lives. She is the author of *Liberty and Justice for All: Public Interest Law in the 1980s*. Nan has taught at Georgetown and George Washington University Law Schools. She has a BA from Oberlin College and a JD from Case Western Reserve.

RSVP, join us on Wednesday, October 22nd AND share this program with your colleagues.

Delicious lunch: Buffet with salad, choice of two entrées, vegetarian options (let us know when you register), sides, choice of dessert, plus coffee/iced/tea. Cash wine service.

Time: Sign-in: 11:30; Lunch: 12:00; Program & Q&A: 12:30; Adjourn 1:30. **Program begins at 12:30.**

Venue: Woman's National Democratic Club located in the historic Whittemore House at 1526 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, just one block from Dupont Circle and its Red Line Metro station.

Price: Members \$20, Guest of Members \$25, Non-members \$30, Students \$15.

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