

## Mark Bennett and Thomas Bradley Publish Analysis of Interest Arbitration During Economic and Social Crisis in University of Illinois and Chicago-Kent College of Law's Illinois Public Employee Relations Report

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Laner Muchin Partners **Mark Bennett** and **Thomas Bradley** shared a comprehensive analysis of interest arbitration under Illinois law, public sector bargaining rights and applications of interest arbitration in crisis situations in their recent article published in the *Illinois Public Employee Relations Report* by the University of Illinois School of Labor and Employment Relations and Chicago-Kent College of Law.

The article, titled "Interest Arbitration During Economic and Social Crisis," traces the development of interest arbitration from the 1979 Chicago Firefighters Strike to the passage of the Illinois public labor acts and thereafter, analyzing how interest arbitration has been used to resolve public labor disputes during times of economic downturn, social unrest, pandemic and other social crises up to the present. The article provides the historical and electoral backdrop against which interest arbitration developed and a detailed analysis of the theories and criticisms of interest arbitration now in use.

"Anyone interested in understanding how interest arbitration works, where it came from, or how it may be used to resolve labor disputes – especially in times of crisis – would benefit from reading the article," Bennett said.

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To read the full article published in the *Illinois Public Employee Relations Report*, click [here](#).

Mark regularly negotiates collective bargaining agreements on behalf of employers for bargaining units and represents employers in Union election and representation cases and unfair labor practice cases before the National Labor Relations Board, the Illinois Labor Relations Board and the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board. In addition, he provides advice to employers on nearly a daily basis on labor and employment law issues, as well as representing employers in labor matters before independent arbitrators. Mark is a frequent speaker on labor issues at the Chicago-Kent School of Law Public Sector Labor Law Forum, and has conducted seminars for management personnel on legal and practical employment relations matters.

Tom focuses his practice on public sector labor and employment issues with specific experience in cases and legislation concerning the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act and other state statutes. He also represents private sector employers in injunction actions and trials in state and federal court and provides employers with day-to-day counseling and strategy on labor and employment matters.

Mark and Tom co-authored the article with John Russell, who is of counsel with Laner Muchin, and who works with Mark and Tom on public sector matters.

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