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1998 Arbitration Hearings Chart

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**1998 Major League Baseball Salary Arbitration
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Player	Team	Team Offer	Player Request	Winner (T/P)	1997 Salary	Hearing Date & Location*	Decision Date	Arbitration Panel
Damon Buford	Boston Red Sox	460,000	750,000	Team	225,000	Thursday, Feb. 12	Friday, Feb. 13	Maurice Benewitz
Jorge Fabregas	Arizona Diamondbacks	875,000	1,500,000	Team	275,000	Monday, Feb. 16	Tuesday, Feb. 17	Robert Creo Roger Kaplan Jerome Ross
Joey Hamilton	San Diego Padres	2,375,000	3,250,000	Player	675,000	Wednesday, Feb. 18	Thursday, Feb. 19	Reginald Alleyne
Todd Hollandsworth	Los Angeles Dodgers	700,000	1,150,000	Team	550,000	Thursday, Feb. 19	Friday, Feb. 20	James Gross
Charles Johnson	Florida Marlins	2,250,000	3,300,000	Player	290,000	Friday, Feb. 20	Saturday, Feb. 21	Richard Bloch Howard Block Alan Symonette
Jose Mercedes	Milwaukee Brewers	615,000	1,050,000	Player	153,000	Tuesday, Feb. 17	Wednesday, Feb. 18	Roger Abrams Jerome Ross Gil Vernon
Frank Rodriguez	Minnesota Twins	425,000	880,000	Team	220,000	Tuesday, Feb. 10	Thursday, Feb. 12	Morton Mitchnick Jerome Ross Anthony Sinicropi
Tony Tarasco	Baltimore Orioles	340,000	485,000	Team	270,000	Thursday, Feb. 19	Friday, Feb. 20	John Sands

*Hearings in Phoenix, Arizona

Fifty percent of the 1998 cases were scheduled for three-arbitrator panels in accord with a change in the collective bargaining agreement. Buster Olney, *Baseball–Mets; Dominican Pitcher Is Invited to Camp*, N.Y. TIMES, Feb. 24, 1998, at C5; *Williams Shoots For Record \$9 Million*, CHI. TRIB., Jan. 20, 1998, at 4; Ronald Blum, AP Sports Writer, *Williams Wants Record \$9 Million*, STUART NEWS (Fla.), Feb. 20, 1998, D7.