UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Application for Mediators

Please complete the entire application, using additional paper if necessary. You may also attach a resume.

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ADMISSIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Date admitted to the Bar of the District of South Carolina: 1976 I.D. No.: 2693

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 1975 Bar No.: 3346

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.): U.S. Court of (1979) Appeals, Fourth Circuit; U.S. Supreme Ct. 1987; US Dist Ct, D.S.C. 1976

Membership and positions held in bar, ADR and professional associations: President Chas. Co. Bar Ass., Executive Committee S.C. Comm. on Grievance and Discipline, Board of Bar Examiners, Member, Board of Trial Associates.

Are you a member in good standing in each jurisdiction where admitted to practice law? X yes ___ no

Are you currently the subject of any pending disciplinary proceeding in any jurisdiction? ___ yes X no

Have you, within the last 5 years, been denied admission to a bar for character or ethical reasons or disciplined for professional misconduct? ___ yes X no

EDUCATION

Year law degree received 1975 Law School University of S.C.

Other professional degrees received (including year and school) NOne.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE (A minimum of 5 years of law practice required)

Summarize legal experience (including teaching) since admission to the bar, particularly in the past five years:

Primarily Litigation over last 23 years.

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 15 % or defense 85 %

Percentage of Federal or State court practice in last 5 years: Federal 50 % State 50 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: _____

EXPERTISE

Indicate all substantive areas in which you have expertise. Place a "1" by your strongest area(s) and a "2" by all other areas in which you have expertise. (Do not rank beyond "1" and "2.") After any category you have marked, please identify any sub-areas of expertise you have (e.g. "medical malpractice" after Personal Injury).

2 Admiralty
2 Antitrust
1 Contracts
2 Environment
2 Fraud or Civil RICO
1 Insurance
2 Miller Act
1 Personal Injury
1 Product Liability
1 Other (specify) Business Torts, Fiduciary Duty Claims

2 Security or Shareholders suits
____ Labor
2 ERISA
2 Wrongful Termination
2 Civil Rights in Employment
____ Other Civil Rights
____ Copyrights
____ Patent
____ Trademark

Publications: _____

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Mediation experience (particularly in the subject matter categories above): Extensive in those those categories with a 1.

Other courts or organizations for whom you serve as a mediator: S.C. Court of Common Pleas

Number of mediations conducted: 60-100 estimated

MEDIATION TRAINING

Course Provider	Course Content	Date	Place	No. of Hours
Several years ago pilot program with Charleston County Bar.				

OTHER INFORMATION

Are you familiar with the statutes, rules and practice governing mediation conferences in the District of South Carolina? __X__ yes ____ no

Other relevant experience or skills or other information you would like considered in connection with this application:

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

__X__ Columbia __X__ Charleston __X__ Greenville __X__ Florence

Other_____

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: $ 225.00 Minimum charge each mediation: $ 1000.

How do you bill for travel? (explain): $100 travel fee to Columbia; $200 to Greenville plus mileage.

I agree to: (1) Be subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 407, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules; to the Rules on Disciplinary Procedure, Rule 413, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules; and the Local Rules of the District Court; (2) Provide mediation to indigents without pay if ordered by the Court; (3) Notify the Clerk of Court of any change in the above facts or otherwise in my ability to perform duties as a mediator; (4) Disclosure of information contained in this application to litigants and other members of the public.

I certify that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature [signature] Date Sept 7, 1999
Applicant

Return completed application to:
U.S. District Court
Mediation
1845 Assembly Street
Columbia, SC 29201-2431

Approved: [signature] Date 11/8/99
U.S. District Judge

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September 21, 1999

Larry W. Propes
U.S. District Court
District of South Carolina
Office of the Clerk
1845 Assembly Street
Columbia, SC 29201-2431

Dear Larry:

Thank you for your letter of September 9, 1999.

On the mediation training form, I did not include the number of hours because I have no recollection of the precise number of hours and did not want to be affirming a particular number. My best recollection is that there were two four hour sessions for training the week prior to the Charleston County Bar Pilot Program. I expect that was about eight years ago.

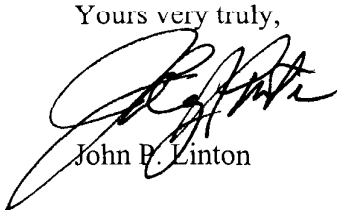
Certainly the training, in my mind, would be inconsequential as compared to the actual experience in mediation. I have been a mediator in a number of cases, and while I have not maintained records regarding the sum total of amounts in controversy or paid, I can advise you that I have been a mediator in which in excess of $10 million has been exchanged by parties in cases I have mediated. I have also been involved as a lawyer for parties in mediation in which well in excess of $10 million has been paid in those cases as well. I have never solicited any cases to serve as a mediator, and have always relied upon referrals from satisfied participants.

I submitted the application for mediator at the suggestion of Danny Mullis, whom you may feel free to speak with since he is familiar with the way in which I have conducted mediations.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,



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cc: Danny Mullis, Esq.

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