

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: 1990 I.D. No.: 5224

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 1990 Bar No.: 15082

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.): N/A

Membership and positions held in bar, ADR and professional associations: Vice-President of Florence County Bar Association; Member of South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association; Member of South Carolina Council for Conflict Resolution.

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

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

EDUCATION

Year law degree received 1990, Law School University of South Carolina

Other professional degrees received (including year and school): N/A

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: I have been in private practice with the firm of Turner, Padget, Graham & Laney in Florence since law school. My practice is almost exclusively litigation and trial work, with my geographical area limited to the Pee Dee area of South Carolina. I completed my mediator training in September 1999, and I am now certified by the South Carolina Supreme Court. As a result, approximately 10-15% of my practice now consists of mediation in state court.

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 1 % or defense 99 %

Percentage of Federal or State court practice in last 5 years: Federal 5 % State 95 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 9 ½ years

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).

<input type="checkbox"/> Admiralty	<input type="checkbox"/> Security or Shareholders suits
<input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust	<input type="checkbox"/> Labor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 Contracts	<input type="checkbox"/> ERISA
<input type="checkbox"/> Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful Termination
<input type="checkbox"/> Fraud or Civil RICO	<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights in Employment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Civil Rights
<input type="checkbox"/> Miller Act	<input type="checkbox"/> Copyrights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Personal Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> Patent
<input type="checkbox"/> Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> Trademark
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	

Publications: N/A

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Mediation experience (particularly in the subject matter categories above):

I have extensive experience in the Circuit Court Pilot Program in Florence County in the last 3-4 years as an attorney representing clients in mediation. Since completing the mediator certification course in 1999, I have conducted many mediations as a mediator in the subject areas listed above and in other areas.

Other courts or organizations for whom you serve as a mediator:

I am certified and conduct mediations in the Court of Common Pleas in South Carolina.

Number of mediations conducted: approximately 10 -15 to date.

MEDIATION TRAINING

<u>Course</u> <u>Provider</u>	<u>Course</u> <u>Content</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Hours</u>
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S.C. Council for Conflict Resolution ; Civil Court Mediation Training; 9/9/99 - 9/13/99; Charleston, SC; 40 hours

