

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: 10/97 I.D. No.: 6904

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 10/94 Bar No.: 6556

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.): NC (08/94 - 20884);  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (05/98); U. S. Supreme Court (11/00)

Membership and positions held in bar, ADR and professional associations: Labor and Employment Law  
Section of ABA, S.C. Bar and N.C. Bar; Tort and Insurance Practice Section of ABA

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 1994 Law School Washington & Lee University

Other professional degrees received (including year and school) M.B.A. Wake Forest University, 1989

**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 began my practice working for Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart in their Charleston, S.C. office in August, 1994. I worked for Ogletree Deakins for approximately five years, concentrating my practice in the area of Labor and Employment Law. In June, 1999, I accepted a position as an associate attorney with Royner & Spruill in Raleigh, N.C., and worked there until October, 1999. In October, 1999, I moved back to Charleston, S.C. and accepted my current position as Special Counsel with Nexsen Pruet Jacobs Pollard & Robinson, LLC.

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 5 % or defense 95 %

Percentage of Federal or State court practice in last 5 years: Federal 75 % State 25 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 6+

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

Publications: "Government Protection of Employees Involved in Mergers and Acquisitions,"

Labor Relations and Public Policy Series, No. 34, 1989-98 Supplement, No. 2,

George Mason University.

**MEDIATION EXPERIENCE**

Mediation experience (particularly in the subject matter categories above): I have participated, as the  
attorney for a party, in over twenty mediations.

Other courts or organizations for whom you serve as a mediator (please note any certifications): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of mediations conducted: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of other ADR sessions conducted: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MEDIATION AND OTHER ADR 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>
<u>Harness &amp; Associates</u>	<u>Civil Mediation</u>	<u>03/22/01-03/26/01</u>	<u>Charlotte, NC</u>	<u>40.75</u>

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Are you familiar with the statutes, rules and practice governing alternative dispute resolution in the District of South Carolina?  yes  no

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

Worked as a supervisor and manager for BellSouth Corporation for  
twelve (12) years prior to attending law school.

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia  Charleston  Greenville  Florence

Other: Myrtle Beach, Beaufort, Hilton Head

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$ 185.00 Minimum charge each mediation: \$ 370.00

How do you bill for travel? (explain): 1/2 hourly rate, charge .345 per mile

I agree to: (1) Be subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 407, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules; the Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement, 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 Alternative Dispute Resolution Program Director 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: Charles F. Castes Date: 03/29/01  
Applicant

Return completed application to:  
Danny H. Mullis, Director  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Program  
United States District Court  
Post Office Box 835  
Charleston, SC 29402-0835.

Reviewed: Danny H. Mullis Date: 4/4/01  
ADR Program

Approved: [Signature] Date: 4/4/01  
U.S. District Judge