

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: 11/7/87 I.D. No.: 4802
Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 5/19/87 Bar No.: 009067
Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.): United States Court of Appeals, 1/23/89; United States Supreme Court, 2/22/94
Membership and positions held in bar, ADR and professional associations: none

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 1986 Law School University of South Carolina School of Law
Other professional degrees received (including year and school) B.A. College of Charleston 1980

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:

Clerk for the Hon. Luke N. Brown, 14th Judicial Circuit of South Carolina. Joined Fairey and Parise in 1988 and was made partner in Fairey, Parise, & Mills, P.A. in 1992. I have concentrated exclusively in civil rights and criminal defense at both the trial and appellate levels. In my civil practice I represented clients in individual claims and in class action litigation. Most cases arose under 42 U.S.C. Section 1983 or under the South Carolina Tort Claims Act. On the criminal side I have handled both major felonies and misdemeanors. I have also done a significant amount of post conviction work on the trial and appellate levels. I have argued regularly in the 4th Circuit and briefed cases in the United States Supreme Court.

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 100 % or defense _____ %

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

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 14

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).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Admiralty | <input type="checkbox"/> Security or Shareholders suits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 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) <u>Section 1983</u> | |

Publications: _____

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

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

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

Was recently certified in Oct. of 2001.

Number of mediations conducted: 0 Number of other ADR sessions conducted: 0

MEDIATION AND OTHER ADR TRAINING

Course Provider	Course Content	Date	Place	No. of Hours
S.C. Bar	Mediator Certification	Oct.2001	Columbia	40.00

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:

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia Charleston Greenville Florence

Other Available on a statewide basis.

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$ 150 Minimum charge each mediation: \$ 300

How do you bill for travel? (explain): One half hourly rate (\$75). Mileage and gas included with rate.

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: [Signature] Date: 1/17/02
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: [Signature] Date: 1/18/02
ADR Program

Approved: [Signature] Date: 1/21/02
U.S. District Judge