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: 1978 I.D. No.: 4150

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 1974 Bar No.: 5647

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.): New York
Date of Admission: 1975 Bar No.: 1806462

Membership and positions held in bar, ADR and professional associations:

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 1974 Law School University of South Carolina

Other professional degrees received (including year and school)

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:
After graduating law school in the summer of 1974, I was admitted to the South Carolina bar in November of 1974. I went to New York, took and pased the New York bar and was admitted to practice in New York in May of 1975. I returned to South Carolina to take the position of Director of Admissions at the University of South Carolina Law School from 1976-1978. I clerked for the Honorable William H. Quealy, United States Tax Court from 1976-1978. I then moved to Beaufort, South Carolina in 1978 and have practiced general litigation since that time. I was appointed Municipal Court Judge for the City of Beaufort in 1987 and continue to serve in that capacity. I taught Government at University of South Carolina at Beaufort for approximately 10 years. In 1994 I was certified as a Mediator. I have mediated approximately 125-150 cases.

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 40 % or defense 60 %

Percentage of Federal or State court practice in last 5 years: Federal 10 % State 90 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 24

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).

____ Admiralty	____ Security or Shareholders suits
____ Antitrust	____ Labor
* Contracts	* ERISA
* Environment	* Wrongful Termination
____ Fraud or Civil RICO	____ Civil Rights in Employment
* Insurance	____ Other Civil Rights
____ Miller Act	____ Copyrights
* Personal Injury	____ Patent
* Product Liability	____ Trademark
____ Other (specify)____	

Publications: ____

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

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

I have acted as a mediator in approximately 150 mediations over the past 2 years. The majority of cases that I have mediated have been personal injury cases.

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

Number of mediations conducted: 150+ Number of other ADR sessions conducted: ____

MEDIATION AND OTHER ADR TRAINING

Course Provider	Course Content	Date	Place	No. of Hours
ADRA	Commercial Mediation	1994	USC Law School	40
SCCR	Arbitration Training	2001	Columbia	8

OTHER INFORMATION

Are you familiar with the statutes, rules and practice governing alternative dispute resolution 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 [ ] Greenville [ ] Florence

Other _____

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: $ 225.00 Minimum charge each mediation: $ $250.00

How do you bill for travel? (explain): _____

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: _____ Date: 1/2/03
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: _____ Date: 1/8/03
ADR Program

Approved: _____ Date: 1/9/03
U.S. District Judge

3/2000