

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: 12/10/93 I.D. No.: 5984

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 11/15/93 Bar No.: 66394

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.):
North Carolina, admitted 3/18/95, N.C. Bar No. 21663

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? 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 1993 Law School University of Virginia

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:

Concentration in Employment, ERISA, Labor Law and Corporate. Currently serving corporate clients following several years of experience representing individuals in employment-related matters.

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: 11

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

Publications: _____

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

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

Broad experience as party advocate during mediation.

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

North Carolina Superior Courts

Contemporaneous applications to United States District Courts for the Western and Middle Districts of North Carolina

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

MEDIATION AND OTHER ADR TRAINING

<u>Course Provider</u>	<u>Course Content</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>No. of Hours</u>
Meck. County Bar	NC/SC Mediation Cert. Training	10/17-21/02	Charlotte, NC	40

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:

Brochure describing mediation practice is available upon request. Please call 704/522-1616 for additional copies.

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia

Charleston

Greenville

Florence

Other Rock Hill; Charlotte, NC

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$ 250

Minimum charge each mediation: \$ 4 hours (no fee upon timely notice of cancellation or reschedule)

How do you bill for travel? (explain): Mileage at IRS rate, first 2 hours at 1/2 hourly rate, regular rate thereafter.

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: _____

Applicant

Date: 1/6/05

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: _____

ADR Program

Date: 1/10/05

Approved: _____

U.S. District Judge

Date: 1/11/05