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: _____ I.D. No.: _____

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: Assoc. Member Bar No.: 78646

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.):
California, Dec. 1987, # 132809; US Supreme Court, June1996; various Federal District Courts.

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 1987 Law School University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law

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:

2007-present: Private guardian ad litem in Family Court, Fourth Circuit District, SC; Adjunct professor of business law at Northeastern Technical College;
1994-2007: Senior Vice-president/Senior Legal Counsel for national bank specializing in real estate, mortgage lending, federal and state regulatory and compliance issues, federal forfeiture actions.
1987-1994: Private practice in major law firms specializing in mergers and acquisitions, bankruptcy, business contracts and transactions.

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 95 % State 5 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 20

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
X Contracts	____ ERISA
X Environment	____ Wrongful Termination
____ Fraud or Civil RICO	____ Civil Rights in Employment
X Insurance	____ Other Civil Rights
____ Miller Act	____ Copyrights
____ Personal Injury	____ Patent
____ Product Liability	____ Trademark
X Other (specify) Banking Regs.	

Publications:

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

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

Participant in over 200 mediations and other ADR proceedings.

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

Certified Circuit Civil Court Mediator, South Carolina

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

MEDIATION AND OTHER ADR TRAINING

Course Provider	Course Content	Date	Place	No. of Hours
South Carolina Bar, CLE	Civil court Mediation Certification	Aug. 09	Columbia, SC	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 _____

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: $ negotiable Minimum charge each mediation: $ negotiable

How do you bill for travel? (explain): at the current IRS rate for actual mileage

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: Sharon C Dutton Date: 9/14/09
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: 10/26/09
ADR Program

Approved: Date: 10/26/09
U.S. District Judge

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