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: 1/15/88 I.D. No.: 1036
Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 11/16/83 Bar No.: 003105

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.):

United States Supreme Court – 4/6/1998
United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals – 11/17/87

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

Former member of SC Bar ADR Committee

Are you a member in good standing in each jurisdiction where admitted to practice law? X yes _____ no

Have you, within the last five years, been publicly reprimanded or publicly disciplined for professional conduct?
_____ yes X no

Have you, within the last five years, been denied admission to a bar for character or ethical reasons, or been disbarred/suspended from the practice of law? _____ yes X no

EDUCATION

Year law degree received 1983 Law School University of South Carolina School of Law

Other professional degrees received (including year and school):

Columbia College BA, 1977
University of South Carolina MAT Teaching, 1978

LEGAL EXPERIENCE (A minimum of five years of law practice required)

Summarize legal experience (including teaching) since admission to the bar, particularly in the past five years:

I have mediated matters involving automobile and trucking accidents; product liability; employment; nursing home; construction; premises liability; intentional torts, and contractual disputes.

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff____% or defense_100__%

Percentage of Federal or State court practice in last 5 years: Federal_35__% State_65__%

Number of years engaged in active litigation: ___28 years___

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
____ Antitrust
_1_ Contracts
____ Environment
____ Fraud or Civil RICO
_1_ Insurance
____ Miller Act
_1_ Personal Injury
_1_ Product Liability
____ Other (specify)

____ Security or Shareholders suits
____ Labor
____ ERISA
____ Wrongful Termination
____ Civil Rights in Employment
____ Other Civil Rights
____ Copyrights
____ Patent
____ Trademark

Publications:

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

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

I have mediated over 250 cases since 1997.

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

South Carolina Circuit Courts – Mediator/Arbitrator

Number of mediations conducted: _250+_ Number of other ADR sessions conducted: _10+ arbitrations_

MEDIATION AND OTHER ADR TRAINING

Course Provider	Course Content	Date	Place	No. of Hours
Dispute Management, Inc.	Civil Mediation	9/11 – 15/97	Orlando, Florida	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:

Insofar as my practice is litigation-oriented, I have tried cases in the Federal and State courts of South Carolina in the practice areas denoted above.

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

X Columbia X Charleston X Greenville X Florence

Other: Statewide

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: $ 300 Minimum charge each mediation:$ No cancellation fees

How do you bill for travel? (explain): I bill $150 an hour for travel (1/2 of hourly 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: _____ Date: September 27, 2011
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: 10/7/11
ADR Program

Approved: _____ Date: 10/10/11
U.S. District Judge

5/2011