

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: May 3, 1978 I.D. No.: 117

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: November 9, 1977 Bar No.: 1209

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

Membership and positions held in bar, ADR and professional associations:  
President, Dorchester County Bar (80's), President Dorchester County Public Defender Office (80's), Member Dorchester County Bar, Member of ABA, Member of American Association for Justice, SC Bar

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

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

EDUCATION

Year law degree received 1977 Law School University of South Carolina

Other professional degrees received (including year and school):

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:

See attached

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 15 % or defense 25 %

Percentage of Federal or State court practice in last 5 years: Federal \_\_\_ % State 100 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 34

### 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Security or Shareholders suits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts           | <input type="checkbox"/> ERISA                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful Termination                      |
| <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury     | <input type="checkbox"/> Patent                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Product Liability   | <input type="checkbox"/> Trademark                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)                |  |

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):

S. C. Court of Common Pleas

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>
<u>SC Bar</u> - Mediation Resources	Circuit Court Civil Mediator Certification Course and Advanced Negotiations for Advocates	<u>Aug. 25-29, 2011</u>	<u>Columbia, SC</u>	<u>40 hrs</u>
<u>SC Bar</u>	Alternative Dispute Resolutions	<u>July 19, 1996</u>	<u>Columbia, SC</u>	<u>8 hrs</u>

**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:

*see attached*

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia  Charleston  Greenville  Florence

Other: ALL LOWCOUNTRY

Fees charged: S

Hourly Rate: \$ 225<sup>00</sup> Minimum charge each mediation: \$ 450<sup>00</sup>

How do you bill for travel? (explain): 1/2 hourly rate + federal standard mileage 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: *Jammy E. Mullis*  
Applicant

Date: 9/26/2011

Return completed application to:  
**Danny H. Mullis, Director**  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Program  
United States District Court  
Post Office Box 885  
Charleston, SC 29407-0885

Reviewed: *Danny H. Mullis*  
ADP Program

Date: 10/31/11

Approved: *Pmndiffy*  
U.S. District Judge

Date: 11/1/11

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## **MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION**

### **OVERCOMING OBSTACLES CREATING OPPORTUNITIES**

- The goal is to save time, money, and human resources, and bring constructive resolution to disputes that will otherwise be dictated to your client by a third party.
- The method is structured negotiation facilitated by a mediator.
- The tools are comprehensive listening, candid discussion, critical analysis, & creative thinking.
- The cornerstone is a set of skills developed over 34 years in the practice of law with integrity, service and advocacy.
- The resolution is building consensus controlled by the parties.

### **RECENT CIVIL TRIAL PRACTICE**

- Business Litigation: Breach of employment contract; South Carolina Wage Claim Act; Breach of fiduciary duties in joint venture; Court dissolution of a Professional Practice LLC; Commercial collections involving equipment lease financing; Employer/Employee: Employer assault and battery of Employee; Medical Professional Employer's termination of Medical Professional Employee; Medical Practice dissociation of Member; Medical Practice negotiation with Hospital of Recruited Medical Professional (subject to arbitration pursuant to American Health Lawyers Association ADR Services)
- Real Estate Litigation; Probate Litigation; Personal Injury, Wrongful Death (including insurance coverage issues), Product Liability; Federal Claims Acts -- Medical Malpractice, United States Postal Service

### **TRANSACTION EXPERIENCE**

- Financing, acquisition and development of commercial & residential real estate developments, including major retail shopping centers, commercial long term leasing, preparation of declarations, covenant, restrictions, and easements
- Negotiation of cooperative bank financing, combined with government capital financing, and closing of \$28,000,000.00 in loans for "start-up" of laminated wood product manufacturing facility
- Preparation of Partnerships, LLC's, corporations and associated principals' agreements; Negotiating and preparing agreements for the sale and purchase of business assets, and professional practices with all ancillary agreements;
- Preparation of Wills and Trusts, including basic estate tax planning; trust planning for non-tax purposes, special needs, minors, incapacitated persons

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Member, South Carolina Bar Association; Member, American Bar Association; Member, American Association for Justice; Member and Past President, Dorchester County Bar; Member and Past President, Dorchester County Public Defender Corporation (incorporator)
- Attorney Member, Town of Summerville Detmold Base Line Committee (1998) Commissioned by the Town of Summerville (est. 1828) to establish survey control monuments within its jurisdiction. Town Counsel empowered the committee to research the origins of the town's boundaries to clarify conflicting historical and records, surveys and maps. Town Council adopted an ordinance recommended by the Committee to provide continuity for future surveys, and procedural mechanisms to alleviate gaps and gores within the Town arising out of inconsistencies in the historical record of the Town.
- Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation, South Carolina Supreme Court (2003)

## **WRITINGS AND LECTURES**

- “Recent Developments and Legislative Update in South Carolina Real Estate Law,” Written Text & Lecture (National Business Institute, 2010)
- “Financing Commercial Property Acquisitions,” Written Text & Lecture (National Business Institute, 2009)
- “Transfers of Title to Real Property in South Carolina (Deeds and Warranties, Confidential Relationships and Undue Influence; Suing on the General Warranty and Recovery of Attorneys Fees),” Written Text & Lecture (National Business Institute, 2009)
- “The Quiet Title Suit and Other Actions,” Written Text & Lecture (National Business Institute, 2006 & 2009)
- “Monetary Settlements and Escrow Agreements,” Written Text & Lecture (National Business Institute, 2006)
- “Tips for Drafting Estate Planning Documents,” Lecture (National Business Institute, 2006)
- “How to Administer Trusts & Estates to Anticipate and Avoid Litigation,” Written Text & lecture (National Business Institute, 2006)
- “Party Wall, Driveways/Roads, Agreements and Other Party Agreements,” Written Text & Lecture (National Business Institute, 2006)
- “Access and Road Issues,” Written Text & Lecture (National Business Institute, 2006)
- “Business Planning for Engineering Firms,” Lecture (American Society for Engineering Educators, Southeastern Section Annual Meeting, Charleston, SC, 2001)

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

- Member of Bethany United Methodist Church, Summerville, Member-leader of the Daily Bread Sunday School Class, facilitator of Disciple II, III, IV and Jesus and the Gospels; Confirmation Mentor; Ushers’ Committee; Past-Chairman: Pastor Parish Relations Committee; Past-Member, Education Building & Fellowship Hall Building Committee; Member (ex officio): Sanctuary Building Committee; Member (ex officio): Administrative Building Committee; Past-Member, Board of Trustees; Member, Church Council; Past-Stewardship Chairman; Past-Member, Church Mission Statement Committee; Alternate to South Carolina Annual Conference (Note: Bethany is the largest United Methodist congregation in the South Carolina Conference).
- Mentor in the Helping One Student at a Time (HOST) program, a public school reading program at Summerville Elementary School
- South Carolina Gamecock Club (1974-present)
- USC Association of Lettermen (1974-present)
- Summerville YMCA, Strategic Planning Committee (1999)
- Civic service: organizer of Summerville Jaycees, president 1978-1979; former member, Sertoma Club of Summerville; former member, Board of Trustees of Pinewood Preparatory School; Outstanding Young Men of America (1980); former Director Summerville-Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce (mid-90’s)

## **ADMISSIONS/EDUCATION**

- Supreme Court of South Carolina and all Courts of the State of South Carolina
- U. S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, 1980
- U. S. Court of Appeals for the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit, 1980
- University of South Carolina, Juris Doctor, 1977
- University of South Carolina, B.A., 1973
- South Carolina Certified Circuit Court Mediator (2011)
- South Carolina Certified Circuit Court Arbitrator (2011)