

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: April 5, 1999 I.D. No.: 7249

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: Nov. 16, 1998 Bar No.: 16205

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

North Carolina - August 29, 1998  
Western Dist N.C. Nov. 9, 1998

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

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 1998 Law School Tulane University

Other professional degrees received (including year and school):

B.A. Wofford College - 1995

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:

Please see attached C.V.

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 90 % or defense 10 %

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

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 15

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**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 type="checkbox"/> Security or Shareholders suits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>2</u> Contracts       | <input type="checkbox"/> ERISA                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful Termination           |
| <input 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"/> <u>1</u> Personal Injury | <input type="checkbox"/> Patent                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Product Liability                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Trademark                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____               |   |

Publications: Please see attached CV

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**MEDIATION EXPERIENCE**

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

Please see attached CV

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

Number of mediations conducted: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of other ADR sessions conducted: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MEDIATION AND OTHER ADR TRAINING**

Course Provider	Course Content	Date	Place	No. of Hours
Circuit Court	Civil Mediation Certification Course	8/26/13	Columbia	40

**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:

*Please see attached CV*

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia

Charleston

Greenville

Florence

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$ 300 Minimum charge each mediation: \$ 300

How do you bill for travel? (explain):

*Full 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: *M.D.N.* Date: 1/13/14  
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: 1/16/14  
ADR Program

Approved: *Orin Saffery* Date: 1/16/14  
U.S. District Judge

# Curriculum Vitae of Robert D. Dodson

## Bar Admissions

**South Carolina** – Licensed to practice law in all state and federal courts.

**North Carolina** – Licensed to practice law in all state courts and United States District Court - Western District of North Carolina.

## Employment

**Law Offices of Robert Dodson, P.A. (December, 2003 through present)** – civil litigation firm concentrating practice in personal injury, medical malpractice, legal malpractice, complex litigation, class action litigation and workers' compensation.

**University of South Carolina – (July, 2001 through May, 2006)** – Adjunct Professor – Taught Health Law in the School of Public Health (Summer 2001); Legal Writing Instructor – School of Law (August, 2001 through May, 2006).

**Strom Law Firm, L.L.C. – (August, 2001 through December, 2003)** – Handled all aspects of firm's personal injury and workers' compensation practice; did extensive work in mass torts, class action and medical malpractice.

**Barnes, Alford, Stork & Johnson, L.L.P. (September, 1998 through August, 2001)** – Handled cases involving workers' compensation and general litigation defense work and workers' compensation defense work. Also worked in medical practice and construction law, complex litigation and class action litigation.

## Education

**Tulane University School of Law – Juris Doctor (May, 1998)**

### Honors/Awards

Graduated *cum laude*

*Tulane Environmental Law Journal* (Business Editor 1997-98; Member 1996-98)

Rufus C. Harris Award in Torts (top student in class)

**Wofford College – Bachelor of Arts (May, 1995)**

### Honors/Awards

Graduated *magna cum laude* with high honors in philosophy (only student in graduating class to receive high honors in major)

Phi Beta Kappa

Philosophy Departmental Award (top student)

William Stanley Hoole Award – given annually to the graduating senior student athlete with the highest cumulative grade point average.

**Professional Publications**

*Rethinking Private Nuisance Law: Recognizing Aesthetic Nuisances in the New Millennium*, 10 South Carolina Environmental Law Journal 1 (2002)

*Ten Years of Randomized Jurisprudence: Amending the Special Needs Doctrine*, 51 South Carolina Law Review 258 (2000)

*What Went Wrong with Federal Rule of Evidence 609: A Look at How Jurors Really Misuse Prior Conviction Evidence*, 48 Drake Law Review 1 (1999)

*Homosexual Discrimination and Gender: Was Romer v. Evans Really a Victory for Gay Rights*, 35 Calf. W. Law Review 271 (1999)

*A Rationale Justification for Religious Faith* – South Carolina Society of Philosophy – Presented at Annual Meeting (Spring - 1995)(Paper awarded undergraduate paper of the year).

**Professional Associations**

South Carolina Bar Association (member)

Richland County Bar Association (member)

South Carolina Association for Justice (member)

American Association for Justice (member)