

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: January 23, 2008

I.D. No.: 10118

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: November 13, 2006

Bar No.: 75089

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

N/A

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

South Carolina Bar (ordinary member, no office); Greenville County Bar (ordinary member, no office); American Inns of Court, Haynsworth-Perry Chapter (Programs Chairman)

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 2006

Law School University of Richmond School of Law

Other professional degrees received (including year and school):

N/A

**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:

From September 2006 until August 2007, I was a law clerk to the Chief United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. In September 2007, I returned to Greenville where I began private practice as an attorney with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough. In March 2011, I joined Gallivan, White & Boyd. In September 2014, I joined another sole practitioner in Greenville, who I worked with until founding my own firm in January 2016. I have had a breadth of experience over my career. Predominantly, my practice is focused on civil litigation among businesses. However, I have had significant experience in labor and employment and transactional matters. I have done a significant amount of trial work, and most recently tried a case to a jury in federal court in a prisoner civil rights case, and won. I have also done a significant amount of appellate work, and have two reported decisions from the South Carolina Supreme Court. In terms of teaching, for the past six years, I have been an adjunct professor at Furman teaching under the auspices of the Political Science department in a Maymester focused on trial advocacy. I have performed numerous speaking engagements, both for CLE credit and for general legal interest.

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 50 % or defense 50 %

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

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 9

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### SUBSTANTIVE EXPERIENCE

Indicate all substantive areas in which you have experience. Place a "1" by your strongest area(s) and a "2" by all other areas in which you have experience. (Do not rank beyond "1" and "2.") After any category you have marked, please identify any sub-areas of experience 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 type="checkbox"/> Fraud or Civil RICO                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights in Employment                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Civil Rights             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Miller Act                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Copyrights                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Patent                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Product Liability                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trademark                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>Defamation</u> |  |

Publications: \_\_\_\_\_

The Kelo Threshold: Private Property and Public Use Reconsidered, appearing in Volume 39 of the University of Richmond Law Review (2005).

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### MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

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

I have participated in approximately 20 formal mediations involving contracts and shareholder suits, though always as an advocate, never a mediator.

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

I am a certified circuit court mediator in the State of South Carolina, and have completed the Bar's 40-hour course on mediator training. I am on the roster of mediators for most of the counties in Upstate South Carolina, and have requested to be added to the list of approved mediators for the Probate Court of Greenville County.

Number of mediations conducted: 0 Number of other ADR sessions conducted: 0

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### MEDIATION AND OTHER ADR TRAINING

| <u>Course Provider</u> | <u>Course Content</u>     | <u>Date</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>No. of Hours</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|
| South Carolina Bar     | 40 Hour Mediator Training | August 2016 | Columbia, SC | 40.00               |
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**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:  
I have negotiated dozens of resolutions to cases in circumstances where the parties were able to resolve the dispute without the need for mediation.

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia       Charleston       Greenville       Florence  
Other Anderson, Spartanburg

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$ 250      Minimum charge each mediation: \$ 500

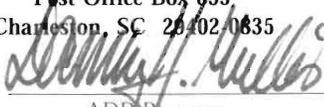
How do you bill for travel? (explain): At this point, I would not charge for travel.

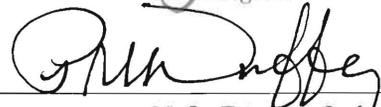
I agree to: (1) Be subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 407, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules; the Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement, Rule 413, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules; and the Local Rules of the District Court; (2) Provide mediation to indigents without pay if 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: Sept. 16, 2016  
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: 9/20/16  
ADR Program

Approved:  Date: 9/27/16  
U.S. District Judge