

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.

Name: George H. O'Kelley, Jr.

Firm or Office Name: same

Office Address: Mailing: P.O. Box 1072, Beaufort, S.C. 29901  
Location: 715 Bay St., Beaufort, S.C. 29902

Office Phone: (803) 524-3233 Office Fax: (803) 521-4949

**ADMISSIONS AND AFFILIATIONS**

Date admitted to the Bar of the District of South Carolina: 10-3-68 D. No.: none

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 10-3-68 Bar No.: 4272

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.): Court of Claims--  
3-6-78; CT. of Mil. Appeals--5-5-93

Membership and positions held in bar, ADR and professional associations: Beaufort County Bar,  
past president; Member Sea Island Mediation Assoc.

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 1968 Law School University of South Carolina

Other professional degrees received (including year and school) Naval Justice School, 1969  
(trial/defense course)

**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:

1968-71, U.S. Marine Corps (Judge Advocate and Military Judge);  
1971-75, associate, Levin & Sams, Beaufort, S.C.; 1975-80,

partner, O'Kelley, Fordham & Reid; 1980-present, sole practitioner

Instructor at USC, Beaufort and Beaufort Technical College.

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 15 % or defense 20 %

Percentage of Federal or State court practice in last 5 years: Federal 5 % State 50 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 25

### 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).

<input type="checkbox"/> Admiralty	<input type="checkbox"/> Security or Shareholders suits
<input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust	<input type="checkbox"/> Labor
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<input type="checkbox"/> Fraud or Civil RICO	<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights in Employment
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> Patent
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Publications: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Mediation experience (particularly in the subject matter categories above): Served as special referee on numerous cases prior to Beaufort getting a master in equity. Certified as mediator in December, 1994, and participated in settlement week for Beaufort County.

Other courts or organizations for whom you serve as a mediator: Beaufort, Common Pleas

Number of mediations conducted: 3

### MEDIATION TRAINING

<u>Course Provider</u>	<u>Course Content</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>No. of Hours</u>
SC Mediation Council	Mediation	12-01-94	Hilton Head	40

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Are you familiar with the statutes, rules and practice governing mediation conferences 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:  Please refer to resume

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Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia  XX  Charleston   Greenville   Florence  
Other  Beaufort, Ridgeland, Hilton Head

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$  125.00  Minimum charge each mediation: \$  based solely on time

How do you bill for travel? (explain):  portal to portal at hourly rate

I agree to: (1) Be subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 407, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules; to the Rules on Disciplinary Procedure, 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 Clerk of Court 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  [Handwritten Signature]  Date  12-6-95   
Applicant

Return completed application to:  
U.S. District Court  
Mediation  
1845 Assembly Street  
Columbia, SC 29201-2431

Approved:  [Handwritten Signature]  Date  1/5/96   
U.S. District Judge

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**BACKGROUND:**

Born on May 4, 1942, at Florence, South Carolina. Grew up in Bishopville, South Carolina and attended public schools in home town and graduated with Class of 1960 from Bishopville High School.

Graduate of The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, Class of 1965, with a BA Degree in History.

Graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law, Class of 1968, with a Juris Doctor Degree.

Graduate of Naval Justice School, 1969.

Married to the former Yancey Heins of Columbia. Three sons.

**MILITARY EXPERIENCE:**

Entered United States Marine Corps upon graduation from Law School. Attended the Basic School at Quantico, Va. and the Naval Justice School at Newport, R. I. Served tours of duty at MCAS Cherry Point, NC, Force Logistics Command, Republic of Vietnam and MCRD Parris Island, SC. Released from active duty in 1971. Currently in USMC Reserve, rank of Major. Awards: National Defense Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Achievement Medal, Vietnam Service and Campaign Medals, Meritorious Unit Citation Ribbon, Certificate of Commendation, Vietnam Civic Action Ribbon, Humanitarian Service Medal.

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**

Judge Advocate with USMC, 1968-1971; certified as a Military Judge. Associate with the law firm of Levin and Sams, Beaufort, South Carolina, from 1971-1975. Partner in law firm of O'Kelley, Fordham and Reid from 1975-1980. Sole practitioner since 1980.

City Prosecutor for City of Beaufort, 1976-1979; Beaufort City Council, 1979-1982; Beaufort Municipal Judge, 1982-1987. Attorney for Town of Port Royal, 1987-93; Currently attorney for Town of Ridgeland.

Experience of more than twenty-four years as trial attorney in civil and criminal courts, including service as special referee in numerous cases.

Instructor of Business Law, USC Beaufort, 1975-81; Instructor at Beaufort TEC, 1994.

ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS:

The Citadel:

Member of The Summerall Guards; Class Editor of "The Sphinx"; "Brigadier" staff (college newspaper); Platoon Commander; Senior Class Board of Directors; Intramurals; History Club, secretary; Calliopean Literary Society.

U.S.C. Law:

Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity; Page, S. C. House of Representatives.

Community:

Eagle Scout; Sertoma Club, 1972-76; Historic Beaufort Foundation, Trustee, 1973; Beaufort Citadel Club, President, 1979 ; United Way Volunteer; Director, Citadel Alumni Association, 1989-90; Beaufort Academy Board of Directors, 1984-87; Easter Seals Committee, 1972-73; Beaufort County Bar Association, Treasurer, Vice-President and President; South Carolina Bar Association; Chairman of Beaufort Vietnam Veteran's Memorial; District Director, Boy Scouts of America; Chairman of General E. A. Pollock Scholarship Committee; Carteret Street Methodist Church, former Chairman of Admin. Board; Committee on Grievances and Discipline, S. C. Supreme Court; Vice President, Beaufort Historic Society; Chairman of Environment Committee, Task Force 2010.

Firm Background:

Litigation practice is primarily insurance defense orientated, having represented such carriers as Unisun, South Carolina Farm Bureau, Georgia Farm Bureau, North Carolina Farm Bureau, Scottsdale Ins. Co., Progressive Insurance Co., Concord Group and GEICO. Also an active plaintiff's practice is conducted. Other clients include banks and businesses in matters such as real estate transactions, corporate matters, municipal corporations, merchants' associations, probate and wills.

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