

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

Application for Mediators

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ADMISSIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Date admitted to the Bar of the United States District Court of the District of South Carolina: 1975

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 1975

Other court or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission): The Florida Bar, 1974 Bar #178823

EDUCATION

Year law degree received: 1973 Law School: University of South Carolina

Other professional degrees received (including year and school): B.A. in International Studies, USC, 1970

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:
I have been involved with more than 400 arbitrations and mediations during my legal career; within the last five years, I have utilized mediation and arbitration to resolve a great number of cases which would have gone to trial without the A.D.R. process. I am also currently a certified mediator and arbitrator with the South Carolina Bar.

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 75% or defense 25%

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 23

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
- 2 Antitrust
- 1 Contracts
- 1 Environment
- 1 Fraud or Civil RICO
- 1 Insurance
- 2 Miller Act
- 1 Personal Injury
- 1 Product Liability
- Other (specify)
- 1 Security or Shareholders suits
- 1 Labor
- 1 ERISA
- 1 Wrongful Termination
- 1 Civil Rights in Employment
- 1 Other Civil Rights
- 2 Copyrights
- 2 Patent
- 2 Trademark

Publications: Pension, 401-K Plans and ERISA Rights, CLE Pub. #98-62, (1998); Evidence in Trial Practice, NBI, Inc., Pub. #12M2410-12588 (1996) A Practical Guide of Fed. Ct. Rules, BNI, Inc. (1996); ERISA Issues in Labor Litigation, N.C. Bar CLE, Pub. (1994).

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Mediation experience (particularly in the subject matter categories above): I have experience in either arbitration or mediation in the above areas over the last twenty-three years.

Other courts or organizations for whom you serve as a mediator: S.C. Circuit Courts

Number of mediations conducted: _____

MEDIATION TRAINING

<u>Course</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>No. of</u>
<u>Provider</u>	<u>Content</u>			<u>Hours</u>
SC Bar	<u>Complete Mediation</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>Folly Beach, SC</u>	<u>40 hrs.</u>
	<u>Training</u>			

OTHER INFORMATION

Other relevant experience or skills or other information you would like considered:

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

- X Columbia
- X Charleston
- X Greenville
- X Florence

Other

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$ 200.00 Minimum charge each mediation: \$ 200.00 plus costs

How do you bill for travel? (explain): one-half hourly rate, plus costs