

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: 11/2/82 I.D. No.: 298

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 4/28/82 Bar No.: 1387

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.): State Bar of Georgia  
11/3/81 185986; USDC, Southern District of Georgia 11/24/81; USCAppeals 4th Cir. 1/29/87;

Membership and positions held in bar, ADR and professional associations: SC Council for Conflict Resolution;  
Maritime Law Association of U.S. - Proctor Member; Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute - Port Director;  
Assn. Trial Lawyers of America; SC Trial Lawyers Assn.; Charleston County Bar Assn.

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 1981 Law School U.S.C.

Other professional degrees received (including year and school) NONE

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:  
1981 - DEC. 1983 LITIGATION CHAMLEE DUBUS SAVANNAH, GA

1984 - AUG. 1987 LITIGATION JOHN HUGHES COOPER, ATTY'S CHARLESTON

1987 - 1994 (JULY) LITIGATION COOPER & RALEY CHARLESTON

1994 - 2000 LITIGATION JOHN HUGHES COOPER, P.C. SULLIVAN'S ISLAND

USCAppeals 11th Cir. 8/4/83; USCAppeals Federal Cir. 8/24/92;  
US Court International Trade

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 60 % State 40 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 18

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

Publications: South Carolina Jurisprudence coverage of Shipping Law; South Carolina Bar Practice Manual chapters on Admiralty Litigation (to be published in early 2000)

**MEDIATION EXPERIENCE**

Mediation experience (particularly in the subject matter categories above): Admiralty litigation, personal injury litigation, contract disputes, collection actions, Family Court, property division, Family Court child custody, Family Court Affidavit, homeowner/contractor disputes, etc.

Other courts or organizations for whom you serve as a mediator: Charleston Family Court; Berkeley Family Court; Court of Common Pleas; US District Court; Sunrise Presbyterian Church

Number of mediations conducted: approx 25

**MEDIATION TRAINING**

Course Provider	Course Content	Date	Place	No. of Hours
SC Council Mediation & ADR	Circuit Court Civil Med. Tr.	8/19-23/93	Charleston	40
"	Family Court Med. Training		Sullivan's Island	6

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Are you familiar with the statutes, rules and practice governing mediation conferences 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 made many mistakes, been wrong often, and lost numerous cases. I have also been right on occasion and have won a few cases.*

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia       Charleston       Greenville       Florence  
Other: any in South Carolina

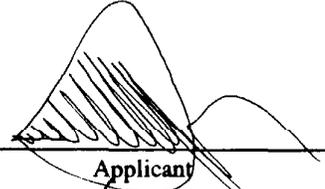
Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$ 150      Minimum charge each mediation: \$ - NA -

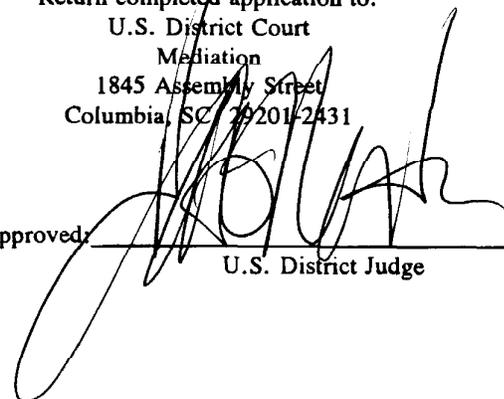
How do you bill for travel? (explain): \$60/hour after first hour; first hour no charge

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  Date 1-14-00  
Applicant

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

Approved:  Date 2/17/00  
U.S. District Judge