

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: 9-11-92 I.D. No.: 5641  
Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 6-1-92 Bar No.: 65092

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

Membership and positions held in bar, ADR and professional associations:  
See attachment to Application

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 1991 Law School Mercer University  
Walter F. George School of Law

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:

Civil litigation, including various trials and depositions; Practice is devoted 100% to trial work; Have spoken at CLEs

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 85 % or defense 15 %

Percentage of Federal or State court practice in last 5 years: Federal 35 % State 65 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 17

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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).

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>1</u> Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> Trademark
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>1</u> Other (specify) <u>Medical Malpractice; Wrongful Death</u>	

Publications: "Primer on a Dying Art: Closing Argument" - Written for Georgia Bar CLE, March 2003, Amelia Plantation, Amelia Island, Florida

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**MEDIATION EXPERIENCE**

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

Have attended and participated in approximately 50 mediations

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

South Carolina Circuit Court

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>
<u>S.C. Bar</u>	<u>Civil Court Mediation Certification Training Program</u>	<u>8/16/07-8/20/07</u>	<u>Columbia, SC</u>	<u>40.0 - MCLE</u>
				<u>3.25 - LEPR</u>

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Are you familiar with the statutes, rules and practice governing alternative dispute resolution in the District of South Carolina? XX yes     no

Other relevant experience or skills or other information you would like considered in connection with this application:

None

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia

Charleston

Greenville

Florence

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Fees charged: Hourly + travel time + mileage + expenses

Hourly Rate: \$ 200.00

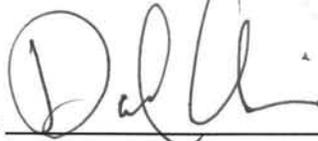
Minimum charge each mediation: \$ 850.00

How do you bill for travel? (explain): 1/2 hourly rate for travel time + mileage

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: \_\_\_\_\_



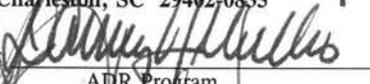
Applicant

Date: 12-20-07

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: \_\_\_\_\_



ADR Program

Date: 1/2/08

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



U.S. District Judge

Date: 1/2/08

## Attachment to Application for Mediators

Dale E. Akins

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

- Georgia Bar Admitted 6-24-91 Bar No. 006444
- Georgia Court of Appeals Admitted 6-24-91
- United States District Court  
Southern District of Georgia Admitted 8-9-91
- United States District Court  
Northern District of Georgia Admitted 9-3-91
- United States District Court  
Middle District of Georgia Admitted 6-21-91
- United States Court of Appeals  
Fourth Circuit Admitted 7-23-91
- United States Court of Appeals  
Eleventh Circuit Admitted 7-15-91

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

- Certified South Carolina Circuit Court Mediator
- Current Member of the House of Delegates to the South Carolina Bar
- Current Member of the American Association for Justice
- Current Member of the South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association
- Current Member of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association
- Permanent Member of the United States Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference
- Current Member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum
- Former Sustaining Member of the Board of Governors of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America
- Formerly served on the South Carolina Commission on Lawyer-Physician Relations
- Formerly served as the Out-of-State Representative for the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia