

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: 12/20/73

I.D. No.: ?

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 11/3/73

Bar No.: 1390

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:

SC Bar, SC Circuit Judges 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 1973

Law School University of South Carolina

Other professional degrees received (including year and school) \_\_\_\_\_

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:

1973-1991 General Practice of Law  
1992-2006 Circuit Court Judge (Resident Judge, Third Judicial Circuit)  
1993-2006 Member of Circuit Court Judges' Advisory Committee  
1997-2006 Chairman of " " " "  
1997-pres. Member of Commission on Judicial Conduct  
2008-pres. Chairman " " "  
1993-2006 Instructor Circuit Court Judges' Orientation School

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff n/a % or defense n/a %

Percentage of Federal or State court practice in last 5 years: Federal \_\_\_\_\_ % State 100 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 36

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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"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Civil Rights
<input type="checkbox"/> Miller Act	<input type="checkbox"/> Copyrights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> Patent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> Trademark
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	

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

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### MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

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

Since Retirement from a full-time to part-time status as a Circuit Judge in October 2006, I have personally conducted more than 80 mediations, primarily in personal injury, contract disputes, property disputes, and medical and legal mal-practice cases.

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

I am certified as a mediator and arbitrator by the South Carolina Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certification.

Number of mediations conducted: 80 Number of other ADR sessions conducted: \_\_\_\_\_

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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	Civil Mediation Training	February '06	Columbia, SC	40.00

**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:

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia       Charleston       Greenville       Florence

Other \_\_\_\_\_

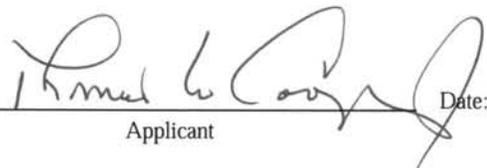
Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$ 300.00      Minimum charge each mediation: \$ 3 hour minimum

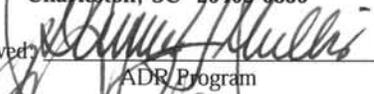
How do you bill for travel? (explain): \$150.00 per hour-one way only

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: 3/16/09  
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 by:       Date: 3/23/09  
ADR Program

Approved:       Date: 3/23/09  
U.S. District Judge