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: 3/2005 I.D. No.: 9555

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 3/12/2003 Bar No.: 71083

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.): FL 0496316/9/11/2001

Membership and positions held in bar, ADR and professional associations: None

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 2001 Law School The University of Florida

Other professional degrees received (including year and school) 1991-Bachelor of Science-Clemson University

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:

Practiced in area of construction law, business litigation, insurance and torts, and environmental litigation. (see resume)

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 10 % or defense 90 %

Percentage of Federal or State court practice in last 5 years: Federal 1 % State 99 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 9yr. 9mths.

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

Publications: See list attached

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Mediation experience (particularly in the subject matter categories above): 50-75 mediations

Primarily involving matters related to construction litigation and torts/insurance litigation.

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

None as yet.

Number of mediations conducted: / Number of other ADR sessions conducted: /

MEDIATION AND OTHER ADR TRAINING

Course Provider	Course Content	Date	Place	No. of Hours
40hrs SCBar	Training	4/8-12/2010	SC Bar Association	40

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:

See attached resume.

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

☐ Columbia ☑ Charleston ☐ Greenville ☑ Florence

Other Myrtle Beach

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: $ 225.00 Minimum charge each mediation:$ 225.00

How do you bill for travel? (explain):

Minimum 50% standard hourly rate plus mileage (on a case by case basis)

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: Christopher K. Pearce Date: 6/24/10
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: Danny H. Mullis Date: 7/6/10
ADR Program

Approved: _____ Date: 7/6/10
U.S. District Judge

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EDUCATION

University of Florida - Levin College of Law — **Gainesville, Florida**
Juris Doctorate, with Specialization Certificate in Environmental and Land Use Law — **May, 2001**

- **Florida Bar**, admitted September 2001.
- **United States District Court, Florida - Middle District,** admitted Spring 2002.
- **South Carolina Bar**, admitted March 2003.
- **United States District Court, South Carolina,** admitted March 2005.
- **South Carolina Bankruptcy Court,** admitted November 2008.
- **American Institute of Certified Planners** (AICP), admitted Fall 1998.
- **South Carolina Notary Public,** commissioned February 2005.

Clemson University — **Clemson, South Carolina**
College of Forestry and Recreation Resources.
B.S., Parks, Recreation, & Tourism Management (PRTM), Cum Laude. — **May, 1991**

WORK EXPERIENCE

Turner Padget Graham & Laney P.A. — **Myrtle Beach, South Carolina**
Attorney — **Jan. 2006 – Present**

Serve as an attorney in a state-wide law firm with a litigation-focused practice. Matters handled relate primarily to issues involving corporate and business matters; land development, real estate, construction, land use / environmental matters; and special assets / financial work-out planning. Additional practice areas include homeowner's association disputes; property boundary and easement disputes; commercial and residential landlord & tenant matters; and complex probate disputes, etc. All matters involve the regular representation of client's interests in magistrate's and circuit court, master in equity proceedings, and in administrative proceedings with local and state governmental entities, as necessary. Regularly represent indigent clients in administrative matters involving the Department of Social Services and Department of Juvenile Justice on a *Pro Bono* basis.

Lawson & Associates, P.C. — **Myrtle Beach, South Carolina**
Attorney — **May 2004 – Dec. 2006**

Serve as an attorney in small practice specializing in complex construction litigation related to manufactured housing, single family, multi-family and high-rise development / construction projects. Extensive defense oriented practice also involving a wide variety of claims also including auto torts, product liability, premise liability, wrongful death, and other similar matters. Additional practice areas include entity formations; commercial contract & lease negotiations; collections and mechanic's liens; state sales and use tax compliance; land use and environmental matters; and assisting with insurance fraud investigations by way of examinations under oath. Clientele primarily includes insurers, general contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers, design professionals, property owners, developers, business owners, homeowners associations, and individuals. Regularly represent clients in administrative matters involving the Department of Social Services and Department of Juvenile Justice on a *Pro Bono* basis.

The Robertson Group, P.L. **Gainesville, Florida**
Attorney **August 2001 - May 2004**

Serve as an attorney in medium-sized practice specializing in construction, contract, corporate, commercial and real estate law. Heavy emphasis on construction and professional design litigation involving both plaintiff and defense work for corporate clientele and sureties. Significant construction lien, contract, bid review/protest, and transactional based workload for corporate clientele. Perform tasks including client intake and case evaluation; preparation of pleadings and discovery related documents; maintain and coordinate contact with clients, witnesses, opposing counsel, and Courts; prepare for and attend depositions; and make Court appearances with limited oversight. Regularly review, critique, and edit drafting of fellow attorneys, expert witnesses, law clerks, paralegals, and office secretaries. Assist with management and marketing of firm's practice as requested by firm partners. Recruit, supervise and evaluate performance of law clerk staff.

St. John's River Water Management District **Palatka, Florida**
Law Clerk **August 2000 – May 2001**

Serve as law clerk to the Senior Assistant General Counsel as part of the Florida Bar Foundation's Public Service Law Fellowship program. Provide independent research and drafting to support agency policy development regarding topics such as conservation lands access and compliance with the American Disabilities Act, and Florida Department of Transportation's interagency wetland mitigation programs. Prepare administrative and civil complaints for regulatory enforcement actions. Conduct comparative law analyses for both agency policy development and litigation support.

Peter A. Robertson & Associates, P.A. **Gainesville, Florida**
Law Clerk **May 2000 – August 2000**

Conduct legal research and drafting for senior attorney focusing on all aspects of construction law to support pending litigation and client transactions. Coordinate firm's legal update column in the Associated General Contractors of Greater Florida monthly newsletter from initial topic development to final submittal of "press ready" articles to Editor. Review, critique, and edit legal research and drafting materials prepared by junior law clerks, paralegals, and office secretaries.

Center for Governmental Responsibility **Gainesville, Florida**

Conservation Clinic **January 2001 – July 2001**

Conduct extensive research on legislative history of the West Coast Inland Navigation District ("WCIND"), an independent, multi-county special purpose district in Southwest Florida. Work cooperatively with district consultants and legal staff to develop an overall framework for update to WCIND's five-year comprehensive management plan. Draft memorandum of law for WCIND's outside counsel on district's status under the Florida Administrative Procedures Act and associated "Sunshine" Laws.

Research Assistant **January 2000 – May 2000**

Conduct technical and legal research on environmental and planning techniques related to regional anchorage and harbor management. Develop, draft and revise an annotated Model Harbor Ordinance ("MHO") for implementation by the Southwest Florida Regional Harbor Board, including its member counties and municipalities. Assist in facilitating public workshops for Corps of Engineers Section 1135 projects and draft consensus reports for team review. Field inquiries from local governments throughout Florida on applicability and potential adoption of MHO in other regions of the state.

WilsonMiller **Naples, Florida**
Environmental Project Manager **November 1993 – July 1998**

Responsible for management of technical report research and development related to environmental and land use assessments, development potential due diligence analysis, project design, construction specifications, and bidding/construction management for numerous public and private sector projects. Review, critique, and edit technical reports, drawings, and databases prepared by engineers, surveyors, land-use planners, GIS specialists, landscape architects, and architects with a primary focus on procurement of, and compliance with, local, state and federal environmental & land-use regulatory permit approvals. Typical projects undertaken include large-scale residential, commercial, institutional and mixed-use projects; coastal zone management and marina projects; wetland mitigation banks; county and state roadways; regional, state, and national parks; water/sewer collection and treatment systems; and oil / gas exploration & production facilities. Represent client's interest though various local, state, and federal administrative proceedings, including quasi-judicial hearings.

ACTIVITIES, PERSONAL, ETC.

Mr. Pearce is a native of Conway, SC, is married to the Rev. Jane Pearce, and has one son, Samuel Hampton. Currently, the Pearce's reside in the Spring Lake Community of the Carolina Forest area of Horry County. Rev. Jane Pearce is an Assistant Pastor with St. Paul's Waccamaw United Methodist Church in Pawley's Island, SC. Mr. Pearce is a past director of the SW Florida Environmental Professionals Association, the House of Hope of Gainesville, Florida, and Waccamaw Marine Sales & Service, Inc. Away from the office, Mr. Pearce enjoys volunteering for his church, boating, fishing, diving, bicycling, and surfing.