

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: N.A. I.D. No.: N.A.

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: N.A. Bar No.: N.A.

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.): New York State Bar, 12/23/64, State Registration No. 115425; U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (1966); U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York (1966); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (1960's); U.S. Supreme Court (1970's)

Membership and positions held in bar, ADR and professional associations: Maritime Law Association of the United States; New York County Lawyers' Association

Are you a member in good standing in each jurisdiction where admitted to practice law? Yes. (See copy of Certificate of Good Standing, dated April 3, 2015, attached as Ex.1.)

Have you, within the last five years, been publicly reprimanded or publicly disciplined for professional conduct? No

Have you, within the last five years, been denied admission to a bar for character or ethical reasons, or been disbarred/suspended from the practice of law? No

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**EDUCATION**

Year law degree received: 1964

Law School: Columbia Law School, New York, NY

Other professional degrees received (including year and school): N.A.

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**LEGAL EXPERIENCE (A minimum of five years of law practice required)**

Summarize legal experience (including teaching) since admission to the bar, particularly in the past five years:

My legal experience, which began in 1964, has been in civil litigation with emphasis on maritime, personal injury, contract and insurance matters. I have handled all aspects of cases, served as an arbitrator and mediator, and trained associates in the practice of law. I have lectured at the College of Insurance, World Trade Institute, New York. (Please see my resume, attached as Ex. 2, for more details.)

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff \_\_\_% or defense \_\_\_%\* [My firm closed its doors in 2011 (See resume, Ex.2)]

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

\*During all my years of practice: plaintiff 60% defense 40%

\*\* Federal court 95% State court 5%

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 45

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Admiralty	<input type="checkbox"/> Security or Shareholders suits
<input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust	<input type="checkbox"/> Labor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 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"/> 2 Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Civil Rights
<input type="checkbox"/> Miller Act	<input type="checkbox"/> Copyrights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Personal Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> Patent
<input type="checkbox"/> Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> Trademark
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	

Publications: None

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## MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

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

I have served as a mediator on two occasions in New York, the latest being in January 2015 and I have attended or represented parties in about five mediations.

I have also represented parties in arbitration hearings and have served as sole arbitrator, chairman and member of arbitration panels.

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

I am certified by the South Carolina Supreme Court's Board of Arbitration and Mediator Certification as a Circuit Court Mediator.

Number of mediations conducted: 2 (N.Y.) Number of other ADR sessions conducted: About 10 arbitrations (N.Y.)

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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 Court Mediation	April 23-27, 2015	Columbia, SC	40

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Are you familiar with the statutes, rules and practice governing alternative dispute resolution in the District of South Carolina? Yes

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

See resume (Ex. 2).

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia       Charleston       Greenville       Florence

Other: Hilton Head Island, Beaufort, Bluffton

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$275-\$350      Minimum charge each mediation: No minimum charge

How do you bill for travel? (explain): One-half hourly rate, plus out-of-pocket expenses

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: Francis M. O'Regan  
Applicant

Date: June 10, 2015

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  
ADR Program

Date: 6/15/15

Approved: Paul Duffey  
U.S. District Judge

Date: 6/15/15

Ex. 1



**Appellate Division of the Supreme Court  
of the State of New York  
Second Judicial Department**

I, **Aprilanne Agostino**, Clerk of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Second Judicial Department, do hereby certify that **Francis Michael O'Regan** was duly licensed and admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counselor-at-Law in all the courts of the State, according to the laws of the State and the court rules and orders, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of **December 1964**, has duly taken and subscribed the oath of office prescribed by law, has been enrolled in the Roll of Attorneys and Counselors-at-Law on file in my office, has duly registered with the administrative office of the courts, and according to the records of this court is in good standing as an Attorney and Counselor-at-Law.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Appellate Division on April 03, 2015.

*Aprilanne Agostino*

Clerk of the Court

Ex. 2

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EDUCATION:

Columbia Law School, New York, NY  
J.D. degree, Dean's List, 1964  
College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA  
B.A. degree, English, cum laude with honors, 1958

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

WAESCHE, SHEINBAUM & O'REGAN, P.C. (1979-2011)  
New York, NY

- Founding member of highly respected law firm of eight attorneys, which closed its doors in December 2011.
- A senior partner until 2005 when became of counsel to the firm.
- Handled all aspects of cases in fields of admiralty, international, commercial, personal injury, insurance law and litigation.
- Litigation work included drafting pleadings, brief writing, motion practice, depositions, trials in federal and state courts, and appeals in appellate courts; represented both plaintiffs and defendants.
- Substantive matters included handling various legal issues relating to ship collisions, sinkings, strandings, fires, cargo loss and damage, personal injury, charter parties, general average, etc., as well as insurance, conflicts of law, contracts, commercial, and international law issues.
- Investigated facts and circumstances surrounding casualties and controversies, and rendered oral and written reports, opinions and recommendations to clients.
- Oversaw and trained associate attorneys in (a) writing briefs, memoranda of law, and reports and opinions to clients, (b) drafting pleadings, motions, etc. (c) conducting depositions, trying cases, handling appeals, and (d) all other aspects of effective representation of clients.
- Represented parties in arbitration disputes and mediations.
- Appointed as single arbitrator, chairman and member of arbitration panels and wrote and issued arbitration decisions.
- Acted as mediator in disputed matters.
- Lectured on maritime and insurance law at the College of Insurance, World Trade Institute, New York, NY, and also to underwriter clients.

BIGHAM, ENGLAR, JONES & HOUSTON (1964-1979)

New York, NY

- Associate attorney until 1971 when became partner in law firm of 50 attorneys.
- Worked on various matters relating to maritime, commercial, international and insurance law and handled all aspects of litigation.
- Developed relations and worked closely with (a) international corresponding counsel in the United Kingdom, Greece, The Netherlands, the Azores, etc., and (b) United States counsel in Charleston, New Orleans, Houston, Cleveland, Miami, Boston, etc.

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Member of the New York State Bar and also admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and United States Supreme Court.

MILITARY SERVICE

Served on active duty in the United States Navy, LTJG, on board destroyer U.S.S. RICHARD E. KRAUS (DD-849), qualifying as Officer of the Deck underway, Acting Operations Officer, CIC Officer, Cryptographic Officer and Communications Officer.

MEMBERSHIPS

New York State Bar

United States Federal Bar

Maritime Law Association of the United States

New York County Lawyers' Association

SOUTH CAROLINA QUALIFICATIONS

Board Certified Circuit Court Mediator