

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.

Name: George H. Thomason

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ADMISSIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Date admitted to the Bar of the District of South Carolina: 6/72 I.D. No.: 4074

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 9/21/71 Bar No.: 005539

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.): U. S. Court of Appeals - Eleventh Circuit - 1/21/88

Membership and positions held in bar, ADR and professional associations: See Resume'

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 1971 Law School University of South Carolina

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:
General practice in state courts for South Carolina; civil and criminal work; jury and nonjury work. Full time practice Spartanburg, SC since 1971. Since 1988 have specialized in Social Security and Workers' Compensation related matters and long term disability insurance matters representing the plaintiff.

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 100 % or defense _____ %

Percentage of Federal or State court practice in last 5 years: Federal 95 % State 5 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 24.5

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
_____ Contracts	_____ ERISA
_____ Environment	_____ Wrongful Termination
_____ Fraud or Civil RICO	_____ Civil Rights in Employment
_____ Insurance	_____ Other Civil Rights
_____ Miller Act	_____ Copyrights
<u>1</u> _____ Personal Injury	_____ Patent
<u>2</u> _____ Product Liability	_____ Trademark
<u>1</u> _____ Other (specify) <u>Social Security/</u> <u>Workers' Compensation/LTD Insurance</u>	

Publications: (See Resume') Contributing author to 1984 publication by Matthew Bender on Social Security disability practice

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Mediation experience (particularly in the subject matter categories above): Only certified as a civil mediator in August 1994. Have mediated one personal injury case in Spartanburg County, SC

Other courts or organizations for whom you serve as a mediator: Certified for civil mediations in South Carolina since 8/94

Number of mediations conducted: 1

MEDIATION TRAINING

<u>Course Provider</u>	<u>Course Content</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>No. of Hours</u>
South Carolina Council for Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution	Civil Mediation	7/29-30/94 8/6/94	Greenville, SC	40.00

OTHER INFORMATION

Are you familiar with the statutes, rules and practice governing mediation conferences 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:
(See Resume')

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

XX Columbia Charleston XX Greenville XX Florence
Other: Spartanburg, Rock Hill, Greenwood

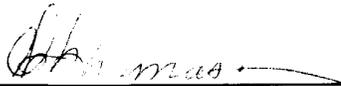
Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$100.00 for the first 90 minutes and \$50.00 thereafter for each hour or part thereof. Minimum charge each mediation: \$ 200.00

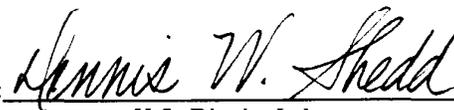
How do you bill for travel? (explain): Mileage from Spartanburg to site of mediation. Parties to the dispute pay for any other out-of-pocket expenses such as rental for conference room, etc.

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 1/25/96
Applicant

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

Approved:  Date 3/1/96
U.S. District Judge

Curriculum Vita

GEORGE H. THOMASON
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Born: January 18, 1947, Olanta, S. C.

Married to: Marilyn Moyer Thomason

Residence: 109 Indian Creek Road, Spartanburg, S. C. 29302-5145

Undergraduate Degree, Bachelor's Degree in Art, University of South Carolina,
1967

Law Degree, University of South Carolina, 1971

Admitted to practice law in the State of South Carolina, 1971-Present

Law Firm: Thomason & French

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1971

United States District Court for South Carolina, 1972

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 1988

Circuit Court Civil Mediator, State of South Carolina, certified August 7, 1994

Member, Board of Trustees, Spartanburg Methodist College, 1988-Present

Chair Person, Finance Committee, Spartanburg Methodist College

Social Security Section Chairperson, South Carolina Trial Lawyers

Association, 1993-Present

Spartanburg County Bar Association, Medical-Legal Liaison Committee, 1992-1994

Sustaining Member, National Organization of Social Security Claimants

Representatives, 1988-Present

Member, American Bar Association, 1971-Present

Court Practice Institute Diplomat, Chicago, 1976

Seminar Presentations on Social Security:

Litigation of Social Security Disability Claims

February 17, 1981 - Sponsored by SCB-CLE

USC School of Law - Speaker

Subjects: (1) Social Security Case Development and Management

(2) Coping with Vocational Expert Testimony

(3) Legal Fees on Social Security Cases

Litigation of Social Security Disability Claims

January 29, 1982 - Sponsored by SCB-CLE

College of Charleston - Speaker

Subjects: (1) Social Security Case Development and Management
(2) Vocational Expert Testimony
(3) Attorney's Fees in Social Security Claims

Social Security Disability in Depth

April 30, 1982 - Sponsored by SCB-CLE

USC School of Law - Speaker

Subjects: (1) Workers Compensation Offset as Applied to Social Security
Disability Payments
(2) Federal Court Review of Social Security Disability Claims

Handling Social Security Disability Claims

October 21, 1983 - Sponsored by SCB-CLE

USC School of Law - Speaker

Subject: Case Development of Social Security Applications

Social Security Disability Law: A Practical Approach

November 10, 1983 - Sponsored by National Organization of Social Security
Claimants Representatives

New Orleans, LA - Speaker

Subject: Vocational Issues in Social Security Disability Claims

Social Security Disability Seminar

May, 1984 - Sponsored by Knoxville Legal Aid Society and Knoxville Bar
Association

Knoxville, TN. - Speaker

Subject: Vocational Matters in Social Security Disability Claims

Social Security Implementation of Disability Benefits Reform Act

October 4, 1985 - Sponsored by SCB-CLE

USC School of Law - Speaker

Subject: Medical Improvement -- Section 2 and the Nonacquiescence Controversy
in Social Security Litigation

Effective Handling of Social Security Disability Claims

September 19, 1986 - Sponsored by SCB-CLE

College of Charleston - Speaker

Subject: Overview of Disability Review Process

South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association
29th Annual Convention
August 15, 1986
Hilton Head Island, S. C. - Speaker
Subject: Social Security Disability Applications

Social Security Disability Training Conference
December 13, 1986 - Sponsored by National Organization of Social Security
Claimants Representatives and Legal Services of the Lower Cape Fear,
Wilmington, N. C. - Speaker
Subjects: (1) Vocational Experts and Social Security Hearings
(2) Vocational Expert Testimony

South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association
30th Annual Convention
August 14, 1987
Hilton Head Island, S. C. - Speaker
Subject: Vocational Expert Testimony

Social Security Disability Practice
May 13, 1988 - Sponsored by SCB-CLE
Greenville Technical College - Speaker
Subject: Legal Fees in Social Security Cases

South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association
31st Annual Convention
August 18, 1988
Hilton Head Island, S. C. - Speaker
Subject: Recent Legislation Concerning Social Security

Social Security Practice
September 25, 1992 - Sponsored by SCB-CLE
USC School of Law - Speaker
Subject: Social Security Practice

South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association
36th Annual Convention
August 19, 1993
Hilton Head Island, S. C. - Speaker
Subject: Five Practice Tips for Social Security

South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association
37th Annual Convention
August, 1994
Hilton Head Island, S. C. - Speaker
Subject: Social Security Practice

South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association
USC Student Chapter Trial Competitions
March 31, 1995 and April 1, 1995
Judge

South Carolina Bar -CLE
U.S.C. School of Law, Columbia, S. C.
August 4, 1995
Speaker
Subject: Representing Clients Before the Appeals Council

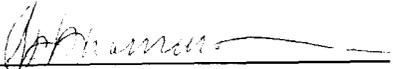
South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association
38th Annual Convention
August 11, 1995
Hilton Head Island, S. C. - Speaker
Subject: Vocational Proof and Evidence in Social Security Claims

Publications:

Contributing author on "The Use of Vocational Experts in Social Security Disability Proceedings," published 1984, Matthew Bender Publications

* SCB-CLE refers to South Carolina Bar - Continuing Legal Education Section

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT AS OF
JANUARY 25, 1996.



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June 12, 2000

Mr. Danny Mullis
ADR Program Director
United States District Court
Box 835
Charleston, S. C. 29402

Subject: Updating Mediator Listing

Dear Mr. Mullis:

Thank you for your letter of June 5, 2000. I wish to update my listing.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 28.5

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Certified as a Civil Mediator in August, 1994. Had mediated personal injury/tort cases in Spartanburg County, Lexington, and Richland County.

Number of mediations conducted: 8

MEDIATION TRAINING

Harvard Law School Program of Instruction for Lawyers Negotiation School: 40 hours, June 1996

Arbitration Certification, September, 1999, Columbia, S. C., 8 hours

OTHER INFORMATION

Will conduct mediations in Charleston as well as Columbia, Greenville, Spartanburg, Rock Hill, Greenwood, and Anderson

SUPPLEMENT

ADMISSIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Also admitted to the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, December, 1971

Thank you for including these corrections/updates.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GHT', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George H. Thomason
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