

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CERTIFIED MEDIATOR INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

Name: Leslie A. Cotter, Jr. (Fed. I.D. #320)
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Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia: X Charleston: X Greenville: X Florence: X
Other: Rock Hill

Fees charged: Depending on the case, my rates are \$275/hr. to \$350/hr.
Hourly Rate: \$ 275 to 350/hr. Minimum charge each mediation: \$ 1000

How do you bill for travel? (explain): Depending on the case, I bill
\$250 to \$300/hr. for travel

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 Coordinator 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 form to litigants and other members of the public.

I certify that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature Leslie A. Cotter, Jr.
Certified Mediator

Date: April 14, 2020

Return completed update form to:
Billie Goodman, Coordinator
Alternative Dispute Resolution Program
United States District Court
901 Richland Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Email: Billie_goodman@scd.uscourts.gov
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Application for Mediators

Name: Leslie A. Cotter, Jr., Esquire

Firm or Office Name: Richardson, Plowden, Carpenter & Robinson, P.A.

Office Address: P.O. Drawer 7788, Columbia, SC 29202

Office Phone: 803-771-4400

ADMISSIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Date admitted to the Bar of the United States District Court of the District of South Carolina: 1984

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 1985

Other court or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission): U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

EDUCATION

Year law degree received: 1984 Law School: U.S.C.

Other professional degrees received (including year and school): B.A. in Economics, cum laude, Washington & Lee 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: After serving as a Judicial Law Clerk to SC Circuit Court Judge Rodney A. Peebles (1984-85) and a Judicial Law Clerk to U.S. District Judge Clyde H. Hamilton (1985-86), I have been engaged in litigation defense practice with Richardson, Plowden, Carpenter & Robinson, P.A., continuously since 1986. My areas of concentration are governmental and professional liability defense, personal injury defense, Section 1983 Civil Rights litigation, Title VII employment and workplace discrimination, and products liability defense.

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 5 % or defense 95 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 14

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
 Antitrust
 Contracts
 Environment
 Fraud or Civil RICO
 Insurance
 Miller Act
 Personal Injury
 Product Liability
 Other (specify) SC Tort Claims Act and governmental tort liability seminars.
- Security or Shareholders suits
 Labor
 ERISA
 Wrongful Termination
 Civil Rights in Employment
 Other Civil Rights
 Copyrights
 Patent
 Trademark

Publications: None other than preparing materials for governmental tort liability seminars.

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Mediation experience (particularly in the subject matter categories above): I have participated as an attorney for various parties in mediations of federal court and state court actions.

Other courts or organizations for whom you serve as a mediator: Member of SC Council for Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution; my application for State Circuit Court Mediator certification has been submitted and is pending.

Number of mediations conducted: None

MEDIATION TRAINING

<u>Course Provider</u>	<u>Course Content</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>No. of Hours</u>
SC Council for Conflict Res.	Circuit Court Civil Mediation	Aug. 27-31, 1998	Columbia, SC	40 hrs.

OTHER INFORMATION

Other relevant experience or skills or other information you would like considered: I am an active member of the J. Belton O'Neall Inn of Court. As referenced above, I have served as a member of the SC Bar House of Delegates (1992-current ;SC Bar Practice and Procedure Committee (1985-present) and SC Defense Trial Attorneys Association Practice and Procedure Committee. I am an active member of the Richland County and American Bar Associations.

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

- Columbia
 Charleston
 Greenville
 Florence

Other Aiken and Rock Hill

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$ 125 Minimum charge each mediation: \$ 500

How do you bill for travel? (explain): I would charge my \$125 hourly rate for travel unless a mutually agreeable alternative rate could be arranged between the parties involved.