

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CERTIFIED MEDIATOR INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

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Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia: XX Charleston: _____ Greenville: _____ Florence: _____
Other: Lexington

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$ 150 Minimum charge each mediation: \$ 300

How do you bill for travel? (explain): No fees charged for travel within Columbia, SC or Lexington.

but I need the minimum (\$300) up front.

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 Laura P. Valtorta Date: 08.25.20
Certified Mediator

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
Facsimile: (803) 253-3591

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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: 4/7/93 I.D. No.: 65147
Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 11/13/92 Bar No.: 5850
Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.): _____

Membership and positions held in bar, ADR and professional associations: _____

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 1992 Law School University of South Carolina

Other professional degrees received (including year and school) _____
Master's in English, Duke University, 1981

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:

Since late 1992, I have been handling civil rights cases, Social Security cases, and Family Court cases on behalf of Plaintiffs. I have some limited experience as a mediator for Richland County Court and would like to mediate more cases.

I feel that I am not using my experience and knowledge to its fullest.

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

Percentage of Federal or State court practice in last 5 years: Federal 25 % State 75 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 10

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 type="checkbox"/> Contracts	<input type="checkbox"/> ERISA
<input type="checkbox"/> Environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wrongful Termination
<input type="checkbox"/> Fraud or Civil RICO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights in Employment
<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Civil Rights
<input type="checkbox"/> Miller Act	<input type="checkbox"/> Copyrights
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> Patent
<input type="checkbox"/> Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> Trademark
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	

Publications: _____

Several newspaper articles, from when I worked as a journalist. One short novel, published in 1993. No legal publications

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

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

I have training as a mediator and have acted as mediator in one case -- a traffic accident.

As a representative of the Plaintiff, I have participated in many mediations.

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

Richland County Civil Court

Number of mediations conducted: 1

Number of other ADR sessions conducted: _____

MEDIATION AND OTHER ADR TRAINING

Course Provider	Course Content	Date	Place	No. of Hours
South Carolina Bar	mediation training	1996	S.C. Bar bldg	8.00

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:
In my family court cases, I have encouraged many divorce litigants to settle -- even in cases which seemed impossible to settle.

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia Charleston Greenville Florence

Other _____

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$ 150 Minimum charge each mediation: \$ 150 for preparation.

How do you bill for travel? (explain): .25 per mile

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: Laura P. Valtorta Date: Sept. 27, 2002
Applicant

Return completed application to:
Danny H. Mullis, Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Program
United States District Court
Post Office Box 935
Charleston, SC 29402-0935

Reviewed: [Signature] Date: 11/1/02
ADR Program

Approved: [Signature] Date: 11/4/02
U.S. District Judge



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Columbia, South Carolina

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May 24, 1996

Laura Valtorta, Esquire
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RE: Circuit Court Mediator Application

Dear Ms. Valtorta:

Your application to be certified as a circuit court mediator has been approved by the Board.

Your name has been placed on the roster of approved circuit court mediators which will be maintained at the South Carolina Court Administration Office. The Board plans to periodically send updated rosters of approved Circuit Court Mediators to the clerk's offices for the pilot counties. If your name does not appear on the clerk's copy of the roster, you may request that the clerk add your name to the roster by providing them a copy of this letter. If your name does not appear on the next published roster, you should contact Yvonne Visser at Court Administration.

If any change occurs in your ability to perform duties as a circuit court mediator, please contact this office immediately.

Yours very truly,

Robert W. Hassold, Jr.

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acknowledges that

Laura P. Valtorta, Esq.

has completed an approved 40 hour

Circuit Court Civil Mediator Training Program

April 29, 1996

Columbia, South Carolina

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Harry G. Goodheart, III, Esq.
Trainer

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. C. Harness".

C. C. Harness, III, Esq.
Trainer

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Regan Cretzmeier".

M. Regan Cretzmeier
Executive Director