

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: 1978 I.D. No.: 4150

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 1974 Bar No.: 5647

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.): New York  
Date of Admission: 1975 Bar No.: 1806462

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 1974 Law School University of South Carolina

Other professional degrees received (including year and school) \_\_\_\_\_

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 graduating law school in the summer of 1974, I was admitted to the South Carolina bar in November of 1974. I went to New York, took and passed the New York bar and was admitted to practice in New York in May of 1975. I returned to South Carolina to take the position of Director of Admissions at the University of South Carolina Law School from 1976-1978. I clerked for the Honorable William H. Quealy, United States Tax Court from 1976-1978. I then moved to Beaufort, South Carolina in 1978 and have practiced general litigation since that time. I was appointed Municipal Court Judge for the City of Beaufort in 1987 and continue to serve in that capacity. I taught Government at University of South Carolina at Beaufort for approximately 10 years. In 1994 I was certified as a Mediator. I have mediated approximately 125-150 cases.

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 40 % or defense 60 %

Percentage of Federal or State court practice in last 5 years: Federal 10 % State 90 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 24

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

Publications: \_\_\_\_\_

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### MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Mediation experience (particularly in the subject matter categories above): \_\_\_\_\_  
I have acted as a mediator in approximately 150 mediations over the past 2 years. The majority of cases that I have mediated have been personal injury cases.

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

Number of mediations conducted: 150+ Number of other ADR sessions conducted: \_\_\_\_\_

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### MEDIATION AND OTHER ADR TRAINING

Course Provider	Course Content	Date	Place	No. of Hours
ADRA	Commercial Mediation	1994	USC Law School	40
SCCR	Arbitration Training	2001	Columbia	8

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**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:

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia

Charleston

Greenville

Florence

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$ 225.00

Minimum charge each mediation: \$

\$250.00

How do you bill for travel? (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant

Date: 1/2/03

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: \_\_\_\_\_

ADR Program

Date: 1/8/03

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. District Judge

Date: 1/9/03