

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CERTIFIED MEDIATOR INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

Name: Rebecca Laffitte  
Firm or Office Name: Robinson Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC  
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Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia:  Charleston:  Greenville:  Florence:

Other: All cities in the State of South Carolina

Fees charged: No administration fee

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

How do you bill for travel? (explain): Travel to and from mediations outside of Columbia will be billed at 50% of hourly rate

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

  
Certified Mediator

Date: 3/23/2020

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](mailto:Billie_goodman@scd.uscourts.gov)  
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Application for Mediators

Please complete the entire application, using additional paper if necessary. You may also attach a resume.

Name: Rebecca Laffitte

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ADMISSIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Date admitted to the Bar of the District of South Carolina: 1/15/88 I.D. No.: 1036

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 11/16/83 Bar No.: 003105

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.):

United States Supreme Court – 4/6/1998  
United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals – 11/17/87

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

Former member of SC Bar ADR Committee

Are you a member in good standing in each jurisdiction where admitted to practice law?  yes  no

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

EDUCATION

Year law degree received 1983 Law School University of South Carolina School of Law

Other professional degrees received (including year and school):

Columbia College BA, 1977  
University of South Carolina MAT Teaching, 1978

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:

I have mediated matters involving automobile and trucking accidents; product liability; employment; nursing home; construction; premises liability; intentional torts, and contractual disputes.

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

Percentage of Federal or State court practice in last 5 years: Federal 35 % State 65 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 28 years

### 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"/> 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"/> 1 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> Trademark
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	

Publications:

### MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

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

I have mediated over 250 cases since 1997.

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

South Carolina Circuit Courts – Mediator/Arbitrator

Number of mediations conducted: 250+ Number of other ADR sessions conducted: 10+ arbitrations

### MEDIATION AND OTHER ADR TRAINING

<u>Course Provider</u>	<u>Course Content</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>No. of Hours</u>
Dispute Management, Inc.	Civil Mediation	9/11 – 15/97	Orlando, Florida	40

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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? X yes \_\_\_no

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

Insofar as my practice is litigation-oriented, I have tried cases in the Federal and State courts of South Carolina in the practice areas denoted above.

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Other: Statewide

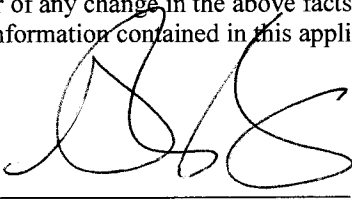
Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$ 300      Minimum charge each mediation: \$ No cancellation fees

How do you bill for travel? (explain): I bill \$150 an hour for travel (1/2 of hourly rate)

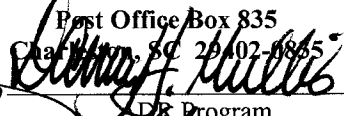
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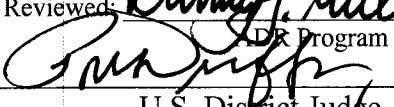
Signature:   
Applicant

Date: September 27, 2011

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: 10/7/11

Approved:   
U.S. District Judge

Date: 10/30/11