

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CERTIFIED MEDIATOR INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

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Firm or Office Name: Montgomery, Willard, LLC  
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Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia: X Charleston: \_\_\_\_\_ Greenville: \_\_\_\_\_ Florence: X  
Other: Aiken, Lexington, Orangeburg, Rock Hill

Fees charged: \$250 /hr  
Hourly Rate: \$ 250 Minimum charge each mediation: \$ none  
How do you bill for travel? (explain): One Half Hourly rate if parties wish for me to travel to their location.

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 s/ Michael H. Montgomery USDC Bar No. 3960 Date: 03/24/2020  
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](mailto: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.*

Name: Michael Hart Montgomery

Firm or Office Name: Montgomery Willard, LLC

Office Address: 1002 Calhoun Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Office Phone: 803-779-3500

Office Fax: 803-799-2755

E-mail Address: mhm@montgomerywillard.com

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ADMISSIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Date admitted to the Bar of the District of South Carolina: February 6, 1986

I.D. No.: 3960

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: January 6, 1986

Bar No.: 4034

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.): United States Tax Court January 26, 1986, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, September 6, 1991

Membership and positions held in bar, ADR and professional associations: Have served on Technology Committees for Supreme Court, Member of South Carolina bar continuously since 1/6/1986, Member of American Bar Association continuously since 1986

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

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

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EDUCATION

Year law degree received 1985

Law School University of South Carolina School of Law

Other professional degrees received (including year and school):

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Major Accounting, University of South Carolina 1982

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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 practiced as an attorney in a general law practice with focus on financial, business, employment and other litigation as well as procurement and administrative law.

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 30% State 70%

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 28+

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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).

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| <u>        </u> Admiralty             | <u>        </u> 1 Security or Shareholders suits |
| <u>        </u> Antitrust             | <u>        </u> Labor                            |
| <u>  1  </u> Contracts                | <u>        </u> ERISA                            |
| <u>        </u> Environment           | <u>        </u> 1 Wrongful Termination           |
| <u>  1  </u> Fraud or Civil RICO      | <u>        </u> 1 Civil Rights in Employment     |
| <u>  1  </u> Insurance                | <u>        </u> 2 Other Civil Rights             |
| <u>  2  </u> Miller Act               | <u>        </u> Copyrights                       |
| <u>  1  </u> Personal Injury          | <u>        </u> Patent                           |
| <u>  2  </u> Product Liability        | <u>        </u> Trademark                        |
| <u>        </u> Other (specify) _____ |  |

Publications: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**MEDIATION EXPERIENCE**

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

I have participated in probably more than 100 mediations as a party. I was recently certified by the South Carolina Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certifications as a Circuit Court Mediator. Since then I have served as mediator in 1 matter. Prior to certification I served as an uncertified mediator in several matters.

Other courts or organizations for whom you serve as a mediator (please note any certifications): South Carolina Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certification, Certified Mediator

Number of mediations conducted:          1 since certified          Number of other ADR sessions conducted:

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MEDIATION AND OTHER ADR TRAINING

| <u>Course<br/>Provider</u> | <u>Content</u>                                    | <u>Course</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Hours</u> | <u>No. of</u> |
|----------------------------|---|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| South Carolina Bar         | Circuit Court Civil Mediator Certification Course | 08/21-25,2014 | Bar Office  |              | 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?  yes  no

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

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Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia  Charleston  Greenville  
Florence

Other \_\_\_\_\_

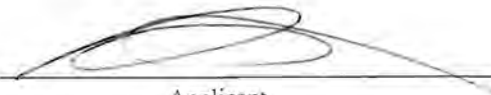
Fees charged:

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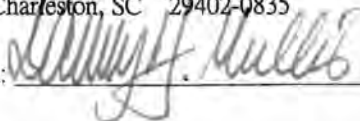
How do you bill for travel? (explain): Bill for travel at 1/2 hourly rate.

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I certify that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 07/24/2014  
Applicant

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:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 9/29/14

ADR Program

Approved:  Date: 10/6/14

U.S. District Judge

5/2011



South Carolina  
Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certification

hereby certifies that

**MICHAEL HART MONTGOMERY**

is approved to serve as a

**CIRCUIT COURT MEDIATOR**

effective this 3RD day of SEPTEMBER, 2014.

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Hon. Lisa A. Kinon  
Chair, Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. Peterson, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

James W. Peterson, Jr.  
Chair, Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certification

Expiration: Must renew by December 31 of each year.