

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: 1989 I.D. No.: _____

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 1989 Bar No.: 11271

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.):
Pennsylvania; Admitted 1978; Bar No.: 29612

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

American Bar Foundation

The American Law Institute

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

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

EDUCATION

Year law degree received 1977 Law School American University Washington College of Law

Other professional degrees received (including year and school):

BA - Howard University - 1969

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:

United States District Court Judge - 26 years

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff N/A % or defense N/A %

Percentage of Federal or State court practice in last 5 years: Federal 100 % State %

Number of years engaged in active litigation:

SUBSTANTIVE EXPERIENCE

Indicate all substantive areas in which you have experience. Place a "1" by your strongest area(s) and a "2" by all other areas in which you have experience. (Do not rank beyond "1" and "2.") After any category you have marked, please identify any sub-areas of experience you have (e.g. "medical malpractice" after Personal Injury).

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

Publications:

N/A

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

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

N/A

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

Number of mediations conducted: N/A

Number of other ADR sessions conducted: N/A

MEDIATION AND OTHER ADR TRAINING

<u>Course Provider</u>	<u>Course Content</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>No. of Hours</u>
N/A				

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:

Please see the attached resume.

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia Charleston Greenville Florence

Other: _____

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$ 485 Minimum charge each mediation: \$ No Minimum

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: s/ Margaret B. Seymour
Applicant

Date: 11/23/22

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

Reviewed: *B Goodman*
ADR Program

Date: 11/28/22

Approved: s/ David C. Norton
U.S. District Judge

Date: 11/28/22



Hon. Margaret B. Seymour (Ret.)

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Services and Industries

- Commercial Litigation
- Title IX
- Labor and Employment
- Litigation

Education

American University, Washington College of Law, J.D., 1977

Howard University, B.A., 1969

Admissions

South Carolina

The Hon. Margaret Seymour is a member of Saxton & Stump's Commercial Litigation, Title IX and Labor and Employment groups in the firm's Charleston, South Carolina office. She also focuses her practice on mediations, arbitrations, investigations, and equal opportunity and labor disputes. Her accomplished legal career in South Carolina includes serving as the first African American woman to be a federal judge in South Carolina and the first African American to hold the title of chief federal judge in the state.

Judge Seymour brings decades of experience as an attorney, a federal judge and a public servant to assist clients as they navigate their complex legal issues and guide them through the intricacies of the legal system. Her significant, barrier-breaking career on the bench culminated with 26 years as a federal judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina where she served as the court's chief judge and later took senior status. Nominated for the post by former President Bill Clinton and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, she ascended to the district court judge position after spending two years as a U.S. magistrate judge for the South Carolina federal court from 1996 to 1998.

Prior to her time on the bench, Judge Seymour worked as an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of South Carolina, during which time she was twice named the interim U.S. attorney for the district. She began her career first working for the federal government as an equal opportunity specialist for the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare while earning her law degree from American University, Washington College of Law. After a year in the same position at the U.S. Equal Opportunity Commission, she began her law career as an attorney for the Office of Civil Rights for the U.S. Department of Education. After a short stint in private practice, she returned to government work and as an assistant U.S. attorney in South Carolina.

Judge Seymour will also be part of Optimal Dispute Resolutions, a Saxton & Stump partner company that works with clients in alternative dispute resolutions to avoid a lengthy and costly court trial.

Significant Opinions

During her twenty-six years on the bench, Judge Seymour presided over numerous criminal matters, including multi-defendant drug conspiracies, white collar crime, child pornography, and human trafficking, as well as a Ponzi scheme that affected hundreds of victims and restitution of \$82,000,000. She also handled a full docket of civil cases, including environmental cleanup disputes, multi-state class action litigation, taxation matters, and products liability claims, and bankruptcy and social security appeals. She sat on the Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit by designation, and also participated in two three judge panel redistricting cases. Judge Seymour was twice appointed to the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System by the Honorable John G. Roberts, Jr.

Recognitions

- Civility Award, Richland County (S.C.) Bar Association
- National Bar Association Leadership Award
- Black Law Students Award, University of South Carolina

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Foundation
- The American Law Institute