

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: December 28, 1992 I.D. No.: 5720

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: November 12, 1991 Bar No.: 64279

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

U.S. Court Court of Appeal Fourth Circuit – March 12, 1996

U.S. Supreme Court – February 26, 2007

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

S.C. Bar - President

Richland County Bar Association - President

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 1991 Law School: University of South Carolina

Other professional degrees received (including year and school):

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:
During my 31 years of practicing law I have worked in the areas of litigation and commercial transactions. I also have served as lead counsel for the South Carolina Department of Corrections in a multi-year mediation related to the SCDC mental health system.

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 5% or defense 95%

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

Number of years engaged in active litigation: I have been involved in litigation in some form over my entire years of practice. In the beginning of my career, I was a full-time litigator. I managed litigation as an in-house attorney. Most recently I have been mostly involved in commercial transactions and my litigation work has been focused on the multi-year SCDC mediation. I also assist other attorneys in our firm with litigation strategy.

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).

- Admiralty
- Antitrust
- Contracts
- Environment
- Fraud or Civil RICO
- Insurance
- Miller Act
- Personal Injury
- Product Liability
- Other (specify) Software Licensing/Cloud computing
- Security or Shareholders suits
- Labor
- ERISA
- Wrongful Termination
- Civil Rights in Employment
- Other Civil Rights
- Copyrights
- Patent
- Trademark

Publications:

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Mediation experience (particularly in the subject matter categories above):
I have mediated many cases as counsel for defendants, mostly in the government liability, employment and civil rights areas. I have been lead counsel for the South Carolina Department of Corrections in T.R., P.R., and K.W., on behalf of themselves and others similarly situated; and Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc. v. South Carolina Department of Corrections; and William R. Byars, Jr., as Agency Director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections CA No.: 2005-CP-40-2925.

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

Number of mediations conducted: 0 Number of other ADR sessions conducted: 0

MEDIATION AND OTHER ADR TRAINING

Course	Course	No. of
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<u>Provider</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Virtual Civil Court	Mediation Cert. training	4/16/2021 – 4/18/2021 4/24/2021 – 4/25/2021		40

OTHER INFORMATION

Are you familiar with the statutes, rules and practice governing alternative dispute resolution in the District of South Carolina? Y 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:

Y Columbia Y Charleston Y Greenville Y Florence

Other: _____

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$ 400.00 Minimum charge each mediation: \$ N/A

How do you bill for travel? (explain):

I plan to bill at a lower rate for travel as determined on a case-by-case basis.

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: 4/12/23

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: 4/21/23

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

Date: 4/21/23

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