

**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: 2004 I.D. No.: 09401

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: November 2003 Bar No.: 71695

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.):
United States Court of Appeals Fourth Circuit, 2011

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

IADC; ABOTA; Charleston County Bar; South Carolina Bar; AV Preeminent and Judicial AV Preeminent Rated by Martindale Hubbell; Best Lawyers in America 2019-2023; S.C. Super Lawyers 2015-2023; National. Assoc. of Distinguished Neutrals 2024.

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 2003 Law School University of South Carolina

Other professional degrees received (including year and school):

BS in Business Administration, The Citadel, 1998

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 advise businesses and individuals on complex legal issues with my diverse litigation practice focusing on health care, skilled nursing facilities, transportation and commercial trucking, products liability, professional liability, business, commercial and probate disputes, and retail and hospitality. I have litigated cases all over the State of South Carolina, having tried to conclusion an extensive variety of cases throughout my career. Since becoming certified as a mediator in 2017 my mediation practice has become approximately 40 percent of my overall practice. I have mediated over 280 cases, and I was recently selected for inclusion into the National Association of Distinguished Neutrals as of 2024.

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 15 % State 85 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 20

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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| <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 type="checkbox"/> ERISA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wrongful Termination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud or Civil RICO | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights in Employment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>Healthcare</u> | |

Publications: _____
NA

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Mediation experience (particularly in the subject matter categories above): _____
Since becoming certified as a mediator in 2017 my mediation practice has become approximately 40 percent of my overall practice. I have mediated over 280 cases, and I was recently selected for inclusion into the National Association of Distinguished Neutrals as of 2024. Roughly 85 percent of my mediations involve personal injury litigation with 15 percent commercial litigation.

Other courts or organizations for whom you serve as a mediator (please note any certifications):
I am a certified SOuth Carolina Circuit Court mediator.

Number of mediations conducted: 280 Number of other ADR sessions conducted: 0

MEDIATION AND OTHER ADR TRAINING

<u>Course Provider</u>	<u>Course Content</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>No. of Hours</u>
SC BAR ASSOC.	Mediation Certification Training	August 2017	Columbia, SC	40.00

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: I am also attending the American Arbitration Association's course on Early Dispute Resolution, "How to Analyze Risk, Value Cases, and Settle Early" in San Diego, CA from January 24-26.

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia Charleston Greenville Florence

Other _____

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$ 350 - 400 Minimum charge each mediation: \$ 1,050

How do you bill for travel? (explain): 50 percent travel time.

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: J. Baw Cite III Date: 12/20/23
Applicant

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

Reviewed: s/ Billie B. Goodman Date: 12/20/23
ADR Program

Approved: s/ David C. Norton Date: 12/20/23
U.S. District Judge