

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CERTIFIED MEDIATOR INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

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Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia:  Charleston:  Greenville:  Florence:

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Fees charged: \_\_\_\_\_

Hourly Rate: \$ 400 Minimum charge each mediation: \$ 1000

How do you bill for travel? (explain): 1/2 of hourly rate for 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 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 AG Date: March 18, 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)  
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## 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.

Name: W. Andrew Gowder,

Firm or Office Name: Pratt-Thomas, Pearce, Epting & Walker, P.A.

Office Address: P.O. Drawer 22247, Charleston, SC 29413-2247

Office Phone: 843-727-2229 Office Fax: 843-805-6512

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#### ADMISSIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Date admitted to the Bar of the District of South Carolina: 1987 I.D. No.: 2411

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 1986 Bar No.: 7895

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.): House of Delegates, S.C. Bar (1995-); AAA Advisory Committee on Mediation (1995-)

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

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

Are you currently the subject of any pending disciplinary proceeding in any jurisdiction?  yes  no

Have you, within the last 5 years, been denied admission to a bar for character or ethical reasons or disciplined for professional misconduct?  yes  no

#### EDUCATION

Year law degree received 1986 Law School Wake Forest School of Law

Other professional degrees received (including year and school) \_\_\_\_\_

#### LEGAL EXPERIENCE (A minimum of 5 years of law practice required)

Summarize legal experience (including teaching) since admission to the bar, particularly in the past five years:

Private practice concentrating in civil litigation, bankruptcy and intellectual

property matters. The civil litigation has included property damage, personal injury,

construction, lender liability, products liability, contract, employment, broker/

dealer liability, trademark and unfair trade disputes.

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Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 50 % or defense 50 %

Percentage of Federal or State court practice in last 5 years: Federal 50 % State 50 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 14

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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).

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

Publications: S.C. Jurisprudence: Co-author: "Attachment" "Limitation of Actions"

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## MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Mediation experience (particularly in the subject matter categories above): As advocate: products liability case; franchise termination case; As mediator: Property damage/insurance case.

Other courts or organizations for whom you serve as a mediator (please note any certifications): Court of Common Pleas, Charleston/Beaufort Counties/AAA

Number of mediations conducted: 3 Number of other ADR sessions conducted:     

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## MEDIATION AND OTHER ADR TRAINING

<u>Course Provider</u>	<u>Course Content</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>No. of Hours</u>
<u>S.C. Council Mediation</u>	<u>Circuit Court Training</u>	<u>5/96</u>	<u>Chas., SC</u>	<u>40</u>

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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:

ability to listen to all parties, analyze the situation and provide  
clear, concise decisions

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia  Charleston  Greenville  Florence  
Other Aiken, Beaufort

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$ 150.00 Minimum charge each mediation: \$ 250-will discuss alternative methods/flat fee

How do you bill for travel? (explain): case by case

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Signature: W. Andrew Gowder, Jr. Date: 6/14/00  
Applicant  
W. Andrew Gowder, Jr.

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADR Program

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. District Judge