

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CERTIFIED MEDIATOR INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm or Office Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

Columbia: \_\_\_\_\_ Charleston: \_\_\_\_\_ Greenville: \_\_\_\_\_ Florence: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Hourly Rate: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum charge each mediation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 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 Debra E. Stokes Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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  
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**Application for Mediators**

Name: Debra Elaine Stokes

Firm or Office Name: Stokes and Thompson

Office Address: 151 Meeting St., Suite 385; P.O. Box 1705; Charleston, SC 29401

Office Phone: 803-723-9600 Office Fax: 803-723-8222

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**ADMISSIONS AND AFFILIATIONS**

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 1980

Date admitted to the Bar of the United States District Court of the District of South Carolina: 1982

Other court or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission): US Court of Appeals - 12/29/82

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**EDUCATION**

Year law degree received: 1980 Law School: University of Maine, School of Law

Other professional degrees received (including year and school):

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**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:  
Trial attorney in general civil practice with trial practice in Family Courts and general civil and Family mediation and arbitration.

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 80% or defense 20%

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 15

**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).

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

Publications:

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**MEDIATION EXPERIENCE**

Mediation experience (particularly in the subject matter categories above): State, Federal and Family Court Law weeks; general attorney referrals.

Other courts or organizations for whom you serve as a mediator: see above

Number of mediations conducted: 10+

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**MEDIATION TRAINING**

<u>Course Provider</u>	<u>Course Content</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>No. of Hours</u>
The Divorce Mediation Institute Ann Arbor Michigan		3/17/92	Chas., SC	40
SC Bar CLE	Circuit Ct. Arbitration Rules	6/30/95	Chas., SC	8.0
SC Bar CLE	Family Court Mediation Rules	6/30/95	Chas., SC	8.0

Various Law Week Mediation Training

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**OTHER INFORMATION**

Other relevant experience or skills or other information you would like considered:

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

- Columbia
- Charleston
- Greenville
- Florence

Other

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$ 125

Minimum charge each mediation: \$ 250

How do you bill for travel? (explain): hourly rate is applied