

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF OREGON

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APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION ON COURT'S )  
REGISTER OF QUALIFIED MEDIATORS ) Jeff Abrams  
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I, the undersigned, hereby apply for inclusion on the Register of Mediators Qualified for Service in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Oregon. In making this application, I certify under penalty of perjury that all of the following information is true and correct:

1. I WILL FULLY COMPLY WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THIS COURT'S GENERAL ORDERS, LOCAL RULES, AND LOCAL FORMS, AND ANY MODIFICATIONS THERETO, RELATING TO MEDIATION.

2. I HAVE BEEN LICENSED UNDER THE LAWS OF OREGON IN THE PROFESSIONS LISTED BELOW (E.G., ATTORNEY, ACCOUNTANT, REAL ESTATE BROKER, APPRAISER, ENGINEER, ETC.) FOR THE NUMBER OF YEARS INDICATED:

Profession	Accrediting Organization	Years
Attorney	Oregon Bar (active)	1992 - date

3. I AM, OR HAVE BEEN, A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

Organization	Membership #	Number of Years	Active/Retired
Oregon Bar	92171	2 years	Active
Texas Bar	00823900	10 years	Active
Florida Bar		5 years	Inactive
Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution		8 years	Active
Association of Attorney-Mediators		6 years	Active
Oregon Mediation Association		3 years	Active

4. A GENERAL EXPLANATION OF MY EXPERIENCE IN EACH OF MY AFOREMENTIONED PROFESSIONS IS LISTED BELOW:

In 1980 - 1988 I engaged in an active law practice consisting primarily of civil litigation. I handled complex commercial and business disputes, some securities and trademark, limited bankruptcy and antitrust. From 1986 to the present I have engaged in mediation and training. I have mediated continuously since 1986 in a variety of subject disciplines. I continue to receive

referrals from state and federal judges in Texas. I have trained hundreds of attorneys and judges in basic and advanced mediation skills.

5. I HAVE COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING OREGON STATE BAR CONTINUING EDUCATION MEDIATION TRAINING PROGRAMS:

Course	Hours	CLE Credits
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I was a lead trainer, designer, and presenter of the following mediation skills training programs:

Oregon Debtor-Creditor Mediation Training	Jan. 1994 -	16 credit hours
Oregon Debtor-Creditor Mediation Training	June 1994 -	16 credit hours
Oregon Public Utility Commission Med Tr.	March 1993 -	30 credit hours
Oregon Dept. of Justice (AG Office)	July 1993 -	30 credit hours
American Arbitration Assoc. Mediation Tr.	1990 - '94 -	16 credit hours
- in Portland, Seattle & Spokane		

6. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF OTHER COURT, STATE OR FEDERAL MEDIATION PROGRAMS I HAVE COMPLETED:

Court	Program	Hours
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I was a lead trainer, designer, and presenter of the following mediation skills training programs:

U.S. Bankruptcy Court - So. District of NY	June 1994 -	16 credit hours
Texas Wesleyan Univ. School of Law	1989 & 1990 -	20 credit hours
Dallas County Court Mediation Program	1988 -	16 credit hours

Our training program is approved by the Association of Attorney-Mediators.

I received my initial and advanced mediation training from Alan Alhadeff, a Seattle mediator, in 1986. I continued my learning through workshops, seminars, reading, and practice practice practice!

7. THE FOLLOWING IS A GENERAL STATEMENT CONCERNING OTHER PERTINENT MEDIATION TRAINING I HAVE RECEIVED:

I am the Editor of the ADR Report, the newsletter of the ADR Section of the Oregon State Bar. I was a panelist at an ADR CLE conference in April, 1994 on advocacy in ADR and continue to speak on mediation-related issues at meetings and conferences. I have published articles of interest to my colleagues in the ADR community. I receive continuing training at various workshops in conferences sponsored by the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution, Oregon Mediation Association, Association of Attorney-Mediators, and the Academy of Mediators.

8. THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF MY PERTINENT BANKRUPTCY EXPERIENCE:

As a practicing attorney I represented several creditors in bankruptcy court in connection with adversary proceedings. My recent experience has been in designing and presenting mediation training for bankruptcy lawyers in Oregon (two sessions sponsored by the Oregon Debtor-Creditor Section) and in New York (sponsored by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York). Chief Judge Lifland (USBC-SDNY) wants us to return to New York to present a mediation program for judges and another workshop for bankruptcy lawyers.

9. THE FOLLOWING IS A GENERAL EXPLANATION OF ANY OTHER PERTINENT EXPERIENCE I HAVE:

See above.

10. I HAVE:

- (a) never been suspended, disbarred or had any professional license revoked;
- (b) no pending proceeding to suspend or revoke any of my professional licenses; and
- (c) never been convicted of a felony.

11. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF EACH OF MY PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS FOR INCLUSION ON ANY COURT'S MEDIATION REGISTER, AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF EACH SUCH APPLICATION (E.G., PRESENT STATUS; CIRCUMSTANCES, AND DATE, OF ANY REMOVAL):

Application Date	Court	Present Status
1986	Dallas District Civil Courts	Active
1986	U.S. District Court - NDTX	Active
1994	U.S. Bankruptcy Court - SDNY	Pending

12. UNLESS FULLY DISCLOSED AND THE POTENTIAL DISQUALIFYING CIRCUMSTANCE WAS THEN WAIVED BY THE COURT AND ALL PARTIES, I WILL NOT ACCEPT APPOINTMENT AS A MEDIATOR IN ANY PROCEEDING OR MATTER UNLESS AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT I WOULD QUALIFY AS A "DISINTERESTED PERSON" AS DEFINED BY 11 U.S.C. 101; I WOULD NOT BE DISQUALIFIED PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. 455 IF I WERE A JUSTICE, JUDGE, OR MAGISTRATE; AND I KNEW OF NO OTHER REASON THAT WOULD DISQUALIFY ME AS A MEDIATOR.

13. I WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE COURT, AND ANY PARTIES FOR WHOM I HAVE ACCEPTED APPOINTMENT AS A MEDIATOR, UPON LEARNING I AM NO

LONGER QUALIFIED TO SERVE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF G.O. 93-1, OR THIS APPLICATION (E.G., DUE TO AN ADVERSE CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO POINTS 10 OR 12).

14. THIS APPLICATION IS ACCOMPANIED BY A DISKETTE (WHOSE SIZE IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE COURT'S CURRENT HARDWARE) WHICH CONTAINS A TRUE COPY OF THIS APPLICATION IN A VERSION OF SOFTWARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE COURT.

Dated: July 24, 1994

Signature

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