

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, WESTERN DIVISION**

Mediator Information Form for Web Site

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Mediation Experience

Years of mediation experience 2

Total number of mediations conducted: 4

Training:

Course	Course Provider	Date	No. of Hours
<u>Intensive course in mediation</u>	<u>Harvard Law School</u>	<u>July 2002</u>	<u>40</u>
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Legal Experience

Years of legal practice: 40 Percentage of practice in Federal Court in last 5 years: 100 %

Number of mediations participated in as lawyer (not mediator): -0-

U.S. Tax Court

If former judge: Number of years on the bench: NA Year retired: _____

Expertise

Please list the areas of expertise you are most comfortable conducting mediation in:

Federal taxation disputes; commercial and business disputes

Professional Affiliations

Legal: Illinois and Alabama Bars

ADR: Certified Mediator, Circuit Court of Cook County

Other: Illinois, Alabama and American Bar Associations; Planning Committee, U. of Chicago

Law School Annual Federal Tax Conference; Adjunct Professor, Northwestern University
School of Law

Fees

Hourly rate: \$450 federal tax
\$350 other
(plus out-of-pocket expenses)

Minimum Charge per mediation: NA

Other fees: NA

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF MEDIATION STYLE (no more than 100 words):

I act as a neutral facilitator with the goal of assisting the parties reach their own negotiated settlement. I help the parties (a) create an atmosphere in which they can rationally focus on settlement; (b) understand that in a successful mediation no party is likely to get 100% and that the alternative, litigation, is unpredictable and costly; (c) focus on settlement options; and (d) understand that they are most likely to succeed if they work hard to complete the mediation within a relatively short timeframe. I ask the parties to exchange, and submit to me, position papers in advance of the mediation session. I begin with a joint session; follow with separate caucuses; and end with a joint session to implement the settlement. I do not put pressure on either party to settle in a particular manner. I offer personal evaluation only upon request in caucus. I respect the obligation of confidentiality.