

**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 10 Total number of mediations conducted: 130+
(One of the 17th Circuit "Pilot 13") (100+ in the 17th Circuit, IL, and 30+ other)

Training:

Course	Course Provider	Date	No. of Hours
<u>17th Judicial Circuit Court</u>	<u>IL Supreme Court ADR</u>	<u>2/11-13/93</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>Pilot Mediation Training</u>	<u>Committee and CAARDS</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
<u>Program</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>

Legal Experience

Years of legal practice: 30+ Percentage of practice in Federal Court in last 5 years: Less than 10%

Number of mediations participated in as lawyer (not mediator): 30+

If former judge: Number of years on the bench: N/A Year retired:

Expertise

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

Professional malpractice, general tort and contract cases

Professional Affiliations

Legal: ABA, ISBA, WCBA, and American College of Trial Lawyers

ADR: Certified Mediator - 17th Judicial Circuit, Winnebago County

Other: Have participated in presentations on mediation and training of mediators

in 17th and other Judicial Circuits, IL;

Coauthor Chapter 9 "Court-Annexed Mediation", **Alternative Dispute**

Resolution, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (2001).

Fees

Hourly rate: \$225.00 Minimum Charge per mediation: N/A

Other fees: Actual expenses, if applicable

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

I initially adopted a facilitative approach but, as I gained experience and confidence,

as well as the confidence of the litigants' attorneys, I have tended to use a more

evaluative approach, in appropriate cases. The Mediator assists the parties and

attorneys in assessing the strengths, weaknesses, and risks of their case. I utilize over

thirty years of varied trial experience to help the litigants assess the strengths and

weaknesses of their cases, but am sensitive to the fact that the case belongs to the parties,

not the Mediator.

Please return form by **October 15** to: Magistrate Judge P. Michael Mahoney

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