

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

Mediator Information Form for Web Site

Information provided on ___/___/___

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Mediation Experience

Years of mediation experience: 0 Total number of mediations conducted: 0

Training:

| Course | Course Provider | Date | No. of Hours |
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| <u>Civil Mediation</u> | <u>caARDS</u> | <u>11/22-24, 2002</u> | <u>22</u> |
| <u>Skills Training</u> | <u></u> | <u></u> | <u></u> |
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Legal Experience

Years of legal practice: 13 Percentage of practice in Federal Court in last 5 years: 10-20%

Number of mediations participated in as lawyer (not mediator): < 10

If former judge: Number of years on the bench: n/a Year retired: n/a

Expertise

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

Employment, ERISA, Business Transactions

Professional Affiliations

Legal: WCBA, Illinois State Bar Association, 7th Circuit Bar Association

ADR: _____

Other: _____

Fees

Hourly rate: \$175.00 Minimum charge per mediation: _____

Other fees: _____

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

Each party to a dispute relies upon its own legal counsel to evaluate,
advise, and zealously advocate its position. A mediator offers counsel
for both parties the opportunity to continue to fulfill their obligation
to advocate zealously while exploring the possibility of settlement.

The parties ultimately control whether and on what terms a settlement is
reached. To be effective, the mediator must create confidence among the
participants in both the mediation process and the mediator's ability.

That confidence is what provides the mediator the opportunity to control
the settlement negotiations and facilitate a resolution.