

**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: 2

**Training:** No formal training to date but will attend training prescribed by the Federal Court Mediation Program.

Course	Course Provider	Date	No. of Hours
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**Legal Experience**

Years of legal practice: 26 Percentage of practice in Federal Court in last 5 years: 30 %

Number of mediations participated in as lawyer (not mediator): 100+

If former judge: Number of years on the bench: \_\_\_\_\_ Year retired: \_\_\_\_\_

**Expertise**

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

Personal injury and property damage associated with product liability, automobile collision, construction, premises and other general acts of negligence liability.

**Professional Affiliations**

Legal: Winnebago County Bar Association; Illinois State Bar Association; Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel; Defense Research Institute; American Bar Association; Association of Trial Lawyers of America

ADR: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Fees**

Hourly rate: \$200.00

Minimum Charge per mediation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

The role of the Mediator is to be a facilitator not a judge or advocate. As a Mediator, I do not tell the parties what they should do or what a jury will do with their case. I will, if appropriate, make observations which the parties may or may not consider in determining what is in their best interests. At times I try to identify observations which it is clear the parties have not considered. I will, from time to time, assist parties, when appropriate in an attempt to determine for themselves the potential impact on their case of certain risks, costs, time value of money, etc.

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