



Mediation Program
Application for Volunteer Mediators

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for the Mediation Panel of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. The Mediation Program is run under Local Civil Rule 83.9 and the Procedures of the Mediation Program, both of which are available at: www.nysd.uscourts.gov/mediation.

The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York serves a wide variety of litigants, including persons of varying age, race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, religion, socioeconomic and family status. The Court's Mediation Program recognizes that mediators with a wide variety of cultural and life experiences enrich the mediation process by bringing diverse perspectives to resolving disputes. To accomplish these goals, it is important that the Court's Mediation Program attract and retain *pro bono* mediators who represent a range of personal and professional backgrounds who can, thereby, better serve, and instill confidence in, mediation participants. To that end, applicants of all diverse backgrounds and experiences are encouraged to apply for admission to the Mediation Panel.

Please note that the Mediation Program is not currently offering training for people not already on the panel. Applicants without prior mediation training will not be considered at this time.

A complete application includes:

1. This application form.
2. A certificate of good standing from this Court. Alternatively, if not admitted to practice in the state courts of New York, Connecticut, or Vermont, then a certificate of good standing from another United States District Court.
3. A current resume.
4. A letter of reference from a party, mediation training provider, colleague, judge, court administrator, or appropriate staff person with a public or private dispute resolution organization, that specifically addresses the applicant's mediation process skills including the ability to listen well, facilitate communication, and assist with settlement discussions.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name:

Firm or Office Name:

Work Address:

Work Phone:

E-mail address:

Website:

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

1. Have you ever served as a mediator in federal court?
 Yes (Please list approximate number of cases and case types) No

2. Have you served as a mediator in other settings? Yes No

3. If the answer to #2 was Yes, please list the other organizations where or under which you serve(d) as a mediator as well as the approximate number and type(s) of cases mediated for each organization.

<u>Organization(s)</u>	<u>Dates of Service</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Type(s) of Cases</u>

4. Please describe any other mediation experience, including as a participant or party representative:

MEDIATION TRAINING

5. If not already included in your resume, please provide information about your training in basic mediation and any other mediation training in the last five years.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Total # of Hours</u>	<u>Topic(s)</u>	<u>Trainers' Names</u>	<u># of Role Plays</u>

SERVING AS A MEDIATOR

6. Are you willing to participate in an apprenticeship during your first year on the panel including observing mediations, co-mediating with other panel members, and undergoing supervision and assessment before mediating independently?

Yes No

7. How many cases per year for the Southern District of New York would you be willing to do as a volunteer mediator (the minimum is 2 cases per year):

8. Please check the cases types in which you have subject matter expertise:

1983 (Police Misconduct Claims Only)	accounting	admiralty	antitrust	aviation	banking	bankruptcy
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
civil rights	class actions	commercial	construction	contracts	copyright	Corporate
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
disability act	education	employment discrimination	energy	entertainment	environment	ERISA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
family	finance	foreclosure	general business	health care	intellectual property	international
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
labor law	landlord tenant	legal malpractice	libel/slander	maritime	media	medical malpractice
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
mergers and acquisitions	municipal	patent	personal injury	probate	product liability	professional liability
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
real estate	securities	shareholder disputes	taxation	torts	trademark	trusts and estates
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
veterans' claims	Pro se	OTHER:				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

9. In what locations are you available to conduct mediation sessions:

Manhattan White Plains Both

10. Have you ever:

- a. been part of any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding charging you with conduct involving dishonesty, unethical conduct or commission of a crime?

Yes No

b. been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court?

Yes No

c. been denied pro hac vice admission to this Court?

Yes No

If Yes, explain:

Date:

Name:

Signature:

Please return the complete application to:

Mediation Office: Mediator Application
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Southern District of New York
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New York, New York 10007
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