

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF OREGON

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APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION ON COURT'S )  
REGISTER OF QUALIFIED MEDIATORS ) Meehan, J.A  
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1. I WILL FULLY COMPLY WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THIS COURT'S GENERAL ORDER, LOCAL RULES, AND LOCAL FORMS, AND ANY MODIFICATIONS HERETO, RELATING TO MEDIATION.

2. I HAVE BEEN LICENSED UNDER THE LAWS OF OREGON IN THE PROFESSIONS LISTED BELOW (E.G., ATTORNEY, ACCOUNTANT, REAL ESTATE BROKER, APPRAISER, ENGINEER, ETC.) FOR THE NUMBER OF YEARS INDICATED:

PROFESSION	ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION	YEARS
1. Attorney (OSBA #89148)	Oregon Bar Association	5

3. I AM, OR HAVE BEEN, A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE FOLLOWING PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

PROFESSION	MEMBERSHIP NO.	NO. OF YEARS	ACTIVE/ RETIRED
1. Attorney Wash Bar Assn	18295	5 ½	Active
2. Chapter 7 Panel Trustee (US Trustee/DOJ)	N/A	5 ½	Active
3. Acting Standing Chapter 12 Trustee (US Trustee/DOJ)	N/A	1	Active

3. A GENERAL EXPLANATION OF MY EXPERIENCE IN EACH OF MY AFOREMENTIONED PROFESSIONS IS LISTED BELOW:

(a) Oregon Attorney: My practice in the state and federal courts in Oregon continues to be rewarding. My practice in Oregon primarily emphasizes creditor and business representation. I have represented creditors and principals in the Harris of Pendleton, Willamette Central Corp and Floating Point Systems bankruptcies.

(b) Washington Attorney: The majority of my law practice is in Washington state. As with my Oregon practice, I find my Washington practice quite rewarding. The majority of my practice in Washington state is before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington. I regularly represent myself and other panel trustees in Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases. I was one of the trustees' counsel in the Columbia Property/Franklin Marie bankruptcies, which was (at the time) the largest pending Chapter 7 case filed in the Tacoma Bankruptcy Court. I am currently the debtor-in-possession's counsel for Epic Development, Inc., which is the largest builder/developer bankruptcy in Southwest Washington, and is one of the larger and more active bankruptcy cases pending in Tacoma. In addition to trustee and debtor-in-possession representation, I also represent numerous creditors, businesses and some consumers. Over the last five and one-half years, my practice emphasis has shifted from primarily consumer debtor work to primarily business debtor and creditor representation (when I am not trustee or representing a trustee).

(c) Chapter 7 Panel Trustee: I am one of two Chapter 7 Panel Trustees serving Clark, Klickitat and Skamania Counties. I also handle appointments in conflict situations for cases from Cowlitz, Lewis, Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties. At the time I was appointed, I was believed to be one of the youngest appointed Chapter 7 Trustees in the Nation.

(d) Chapter 12 Trustee: Approximately one year ago, the Regional U.S. Trustee in Seattle requested one of the Chapter 7 Panel members to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of the standing Chapter 12 Trustee (who was handling all Chapter 12 cases filed with the Tacoma Bankruptcy Court). I previously had experience as debtor's counsel in Chapter 12 cases. However, Chapter 12 filings have almost disappeared in Washington state and I have not been assigned a case since my appointment.

5. I HAVE COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING OREGON STATE BAR CONTINUING EDUCATION MEDIATION TRAINING PROGRAMS:

Course	Hours	CLE Credits
Debtor-Creditor Mediation	14	MCLE
Skills Training	16.5	1 Ethics

6. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF OTHER COURT, STATE OR FEDERAL MEDIATION PROGRAMS I HAVE COMPLETED:

Court	Program	Hours
N/A		

7. THE FOLLOWING IS A GENERAL STATEMENT CONCERNING OTHER PERTINENT MEDIATION TRAINING I HAVE RECEIVED:

N/A

8. THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF MY PERTINENT BANKRUPTCY EXPERIENCE:

During my third year of law school, I clerked for academic credit for the Hon. Robert W. Skidmore, Bankruptcy Judge for Western District of Washington at Tacoma. Following my clerkship, I was appointed as Chapter 7 Panel Trustee, even before I was admitted to practice law. As described above, my law practice primarily emphasizes bankruptcy. I am thankful that I have become one of the "resident experts" on bankruptcy in Southwest Washington. Fellow practitioners frequently ask my opinion on a bankruptcy matter, and refer many bankruptcy matters to me. I believe mediation works and certainly can play a valuable role in adjudication of disputes in the bankruptcy and debtor/creditor arena.

9. THE FOLLOWING IS A GENERAL EXPLANATION OF ANY OTHER PERTINENT EXPERIENCE I HAVE:

I was born and raised in the Puget Sound area, and moved to Vancouver, Washington, in August 1988. I plan on making the Vancouver/Portland Metropolitan area my permanent home. I learned a lot about business from a client's perspective growing up in a family retail furniture business. Also, I worked myself through high school, college and law school, working in restaurants. This background has been beneficial in giving me a unique point of view in dealing with business and debtor/creditor matters.

Most recently, I successfully persuaded Oregon and Washington lawyer Woodrow W. Pollock, Jr. to resign from the practice of law in both Oregon and Washington. Mr. Pollock ran a "bankruptcy mill" known as Bankruptcy Lawyers Northwest, P.C. Mr. Pollock and his law firm were the subject of several bar investigations. In a cooperative effort with both bar associations, the applicable bankruptcy courts and the Office of the U.S. Trustee, I have agreed to handle Mr. Pollock's pending/active case load on a pro bono basis. This will certainly test my dispute resolution skills.

10. I HAVE:

- (a) never been suspended, disbarred or had any professional license revoked;
- (b) no pending adverse actions against any of my professional licenses;
- (c) never been convicted of a felony; and
- (d) never been sanctioned or reprimanded for unethical or unprofessional conduct. [Note to Committee: since it seemed to be decided that the intent of the general order was to give people a "heads up" concerning inappropriate activity, I added in the text suggested by new york southern for your further consideration.]

11. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF EACH OF MY PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS FOR INCLUSION ON ANY COURT'S MEDIATION REGISTER, AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF EACH SUCH APPLICATION (E.G., PRESENT STATUS; CIRCUMSTANCES, AND DATE OF ANY REMOVAL):

Application Date	Court	Present Status
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N/A

12. UNLESS FULLY DISCLOSED AND THE POTENTIAL DISQUALIFYING CIRCUMSTANCE WAS THEN WAIVED BY THE COURT AND ALL PARTIES, I WILL NOT ACCEPT APPOINTMENT AS A MEDIATOR IN ANY PROCEEDING OR MATTER UNLESS AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT I WOULD QUALIFY AS A "DISINTERESTED PERSON" AS DEFINED BY 11 U.S.C. 101; I WOULD NOT BE DISQUALIFIED PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. 455 IF I WERE A JUSTICE, JUDGE, OR MAGISTRATE; AND I KNEW OF NO OTHER REASON THAT WOULD DISQUALIFY ME AS A MEDIATOR.

13. I WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE COURT, AND ANY PARTIES FOR WHOM I HAVE ACCEPTED APPOINTMENT AS A MEDIATOR, UPON LEARNING I AM NO LONGER QUALIFIED TO SERVE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF G.O. #93-1, OR THIS APPLICATION (E.G., DUE TO AN ADVERSE CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO POINTS 10 OR 12).

14. THIS APPLICATION IS ACCOMPANIED BY A DISKETTE (WHOSE SIZE IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE COURT'S CURRENT HARDWARE) WHICH CONTAINS A TRUE COPY OF THIS APPLICATION IN A VERSION OF SOFTWARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE COURT.

DATED: 8/1/94

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