

# ELDERCARE MEDIATOR QUESTIONNAIRE

## A. BASIC INFORMATION:

**LOCATION(S):**

**"I WILL MEDIATE IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATION(S)":  
LIST AT LEAST ONE STATE, AND UP TO 2 ADDITIONAL STATES OR  
METROPOLITAN AREAS OUTSIDE OF THE FIRST STATE LISTED.**

South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida  
(travel billed at actual cost plus per diem rate)

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**LANGUAGES SPOKEN FLUENTLY:**

English  
Conversational in Mandarin Chinese

**FEES PER HOUR & OTHER FEES (EG. TRAVEL):**

\$160

**DO YOU HAVE MEDIATOR MALPRACTICE INSURANCE? Yes**

## B. BACKGROUND:

**OVERVIEW OF BACKGROUND**

**(PRIMARY PROFESSION, ETC. MAXIMUM 50 WORDS):**

I'm an attorney mediator with extensive background in elder law and medical ethics, not only as the result of professional study but also through personal experience in my family. My practice of mediation is deeply informed by conflict transformation and family systems theory.

**GENERAL MEDIATION EXPERIENCE (MAX 30 WORDS):**

I first mediated a dispute in 1983 and my law practice has always been deeply informed by mediation theory. In 1997, I decided to focus in elder law and cases involving vulnerable adults and children. In 2009, I stopped traditional law practice altogether and now only practice mediation and collaborative law, with the exception of a few cases involving vulnerable adults or children.

**NUMBER OF MEDIATED DISPUTES (ANY KIND--MINIMUM 5 TO BE LISTED):**

100+

**NUMBER OF MEDIATED DISPUTES INVOLVING HIGH-CONFLICT FAMILY MEDIATION:**

10+

**ELDERCARE MEDIATION EXPERIENCE: NUMBER OF EM DISPUTES MEDIATED:**

less than 5

**NUMBER OF YEARS YOU HAVE MEDIATED:** 10 yrs

**GERIATRIC EXPERIENCE (MAX 30 WORDS):**

I have pursued training in elder law and additionally devoted two years of graduate study to bioethics with an emphasis on health care decisions and end of life issues.

**OTHER**

**(EG. PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH FAMILY DECISIONMAKING REGARDING PARENTS, ETC. MAX 30 WORDS):**

I am a member of a large, blended and extended family, was primary caregiver for a terminally ill grandmother, and walked with my father and stepmother through the terrible, dark valley of his battle with Multiple System Atrophy

## C.

### **EDUCATION, ASSOCIATIONS, AND LICENSES/MEDIATOR REGISTRIES:**

**EDUCATIONAL DEGREE(S), MAJOR(S), & INSTITUTION(S):**

J.D. Univ of SC, 1983  
B.A. Winthrop University, 1979  
24 hours of graduate study, Univ of SC Department of Philosophy, 2007 - 2009 (studies interrupted when assumed primary care for grandmother)

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS: MEDIATION (IF ASSOCIATION FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION (ACR), INCLUDE WHETHER PRACTITIONER MEMBER), GERIATRIC, THERAPIST, LEGAL, ETC. (MAX 30 WORDS):**

Member, S.C. Bar  
Practitioner Member, ACR  
Member, Elder Section, ACR (Chair of Elder Section Program Committee,

Member of Elder Section Web and Technology Committee)

**MEDIATOR REGISTRIES/CERTIFICATION/LICENSES  
(NOTE IF YOU RECEIVED ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS) (MAX 30 WORDS)**

S.C. Supreme Court Certified Circuit Court Mediator

**D.  
TYPES OF ELDERCARE MEDIATION DISPUTES THAT YOU WILL MEDIATE:**

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY & CHECK TYPES OF EM DISPUTES THAT YOU  
HAVE ALREADY MEDIATED:**

<b>WILL</b>	<b>HAVE</b>
Quality of Life	Quality of Life
Housing	Housing
Car Keys, Driving & Transportation (limitations on driving, testing, transportation to medical appointments, friends, social events & church)	Car Keys, Driving & Transportation (limitations on driving, testing, transportation to medical appointments, friends, social events & church)
Caregiving (division of duties, relief for caregivers, level of care needed, planning vacations for parents & caregivers)	Caregiving (division of duties, relief for caregivers, level of care needed, planning vacations for parents & caregivers)
Financial Decisions	Financial Decisions
Working through Family Fights (improving sibling relationships, learning communication skills, & working as a team)	Working through Family Fights (improving sibling relationships, learning communication skills, & working as a team)
Wills, Trusts, Estates	
Division or Sale of Farms, Businesses, Property	
Powers of Attorney, Avoiding Guardianship	
Health Care Decisions	
Emergency Decisions	Emergency Decisions
Planning Ahead for End of Life Decisions	Planning Ahead for End of Life Decisions (funeral planning & Advanced Directives)

(funeral planning & Advanced Directives (Living Wills/Life Prolongation, organ donation preference, appointment of health care representatives)	(Living Wills/Life Prolongation, organ donation)
Resident Injury; level of care	
<b>Other (List):</b>	
<b>WILL_MEDIATE_OTHER:</b> I will help clients with any conflict, including individual conflict coaching if or when other parties are not willing to mediate <b>HAVE_MEDIATED_OTHER:</b> Sibling relationships and negotiation of what kind of process to use in making decisions	

**E.  
MEDIATION TRAINING:**

**TRAINING IN BASIC MEDIATION (MINIMUM 40 HOURS OF GENERAL MEDIATION TRAINING): NOTE TYPE (FAMILY, CIVIL, COMMUNITY MEDIATION OR OTHER, TITLE(S), TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS, TRAINERS) (MAX 30 WORDS):**

<p>Circuit Court Mediator Certification Training, October 1996 (40 hrs, Joy Goodwin and Nancy Young of Dispute Resolution Services)</p> <p>Community Mediation, July 2009 (40 hrs, Beth Padgett of Community Mediation Center)</p>
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**TRAINING RECEIVED IN ELDERCARE MEDIATION: NOTE TITLES, TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS & TRAINERS (MAX 30 WORDS):**

<p>Eldercare / Adult Guardianship Mediation Training, December 2009, by trainers Zena Zumeta and Susan Butterwick of Mediation Training and Consultation Institute (15 hour advanced training specifically focused on geriatric and family systems mediation)</p>
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**TRAINING IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: NOTE TITLE(S), TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS & TRAINERS (MAX 30 WORDS):**

<p>As a former Assistant Attorney General, I represented the prosecution in numerous domestic abuse cases (including numerous murders and in the nightmarish scenarios of homicide by child abuse). I'm deeply and painfully aware of the dynamics of domestic violence. I've received extensive training in dynamics of domestic violence and have also trained specifically as children's guardian ad litem, but the trainings were in the 1980's and 1990's. I can't remember exact dates or titles.</p>
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**SUMMARY OF OTHER ADVANCED MEDIATION TRAINING:  
NOTE TITLE(S), TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS & TRAINERS (MAX 30 WORDS):**

Mediation Skills Training Institute, October 2010 (32 hrs, Richard Blackburn of Lombard Mennonite Peace Center) (transformative, family systems, congregation-wide)

Interdisciplinary Family Collaborative Practice, February 2010 (15 hrs, Collaborative Law Training Associates)

Mediation of Special Education Disputes, December 2009 (15 hrs, Cotton Harness via S.C. Department of Education)

**WERE YOU A TRAINER FOR ANY NOTED ABOVE?  
IF SO, LIST HOURS:**

**I've been a speaker at Community Mediation Center, Columbia, SC, on Elder Mediation and Special Education Mediation**

**October 2010, presented 1 hr continuing legal education in attorney ethics to S.C. Women Lawyer's Assn**

**F.  
MODELS AND PROCEDURES USED AS A MEDIATOR:**

**MODEL(S) OF MEDIATION USED PRIMARILY:**

FACILITATIVE TRANSFORMATIVE

**TYPE(S) OF MEDIATION SESSION USED (NOTE ALL YOU USE, THEN FOR EACH CATEGORY, LIST YOUR LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE: LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH):**

EXPERIENCE	
HIGH	IN-PERSON ONLY
MEDIUM	IN-PERSON WITH SOME PARTICIPATION BY CONFERENCE CALL
MEDIUM	MEDIATION BY CONFERENCE CALL
LOW	ONLINE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (MEDIATION WITH VIDEO COMPONENT)