

**MEDIATION PROGRAMS
FOR THE
UNITED STATES COURTS
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT**

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NEW VOLUNTEER MEDIATOR ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Courts of the District of Columbia Circuit are accepting applications from members of the Bar to serve as volunteer mediators. The Courts seek a variety of backgrounds, experience levels, and expertise.

The U.S. Court of Appeals, the U.S. District Court, and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court offer mediation services in selected cases, free of charge, to enable parties in litigation to resolve their cases. The Courts rely on a volunteer corps of accomplished lawyers who are also trained mediators. The primary role of the mediators is to assist parties reach a settlement, in whole or in part, and clarify or eliminate issues to expedite the litigation process. The Courts' mediators have helped resolve a wide range of cases that involve many different types of parties and areas of the law.

Qualifications – To serve on the panel of mediators, candidates must:

- be admitted to the bar in any jurisdiction for at least 10 years and be a member of the Bar of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit or the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia;
- be knowledgeable about civil litigation in federal court;
- have strong mediation process skills and the temperament and training to listen well, facilitate communication, and assist the parties with settlement negotiations; and
- successfully complete a short mediation training sponsored by the Courts' Mediation Programs, which will be held at the U.S. Courthouse.

Time Requirement – Mediation of a case can be completed in one day or over a period of time depending on the complexity of the case and the number of parties. The mediator chooses whether to accept a mediation case assignment. While there is no required minimum number of cases per year, the Courts are seeking new mediators who will actively participate in the program over the next few years.

Applications – The application is available online – [CLICK HERE](#), or on the Courts' websites -- www.cadc.uscourts.gov (under Resources and Contacts > Mediation Programs > Appellate Mediation Program > Forms), <http://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/> (under Attorney Information > Court Mediation Program > Forms), or <http://www.dcb.uscourts.gov/> (under Case Information > Court Mediation Program > Forms).

To submit your application, email your resume with the completed application to: mediation@cadc.uscourts.gov. The deadline for submitting an application is June 22, 2018. For additional information, please contact Robert Fisher at: mediation@cadc.uscourts.gov.