



CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
STATE OF MISSOURI

NEUTRAL QUALIFICATION FORM
Pursuant to Local Rule 38

I am applying for inclusion on the list of neutrals to be maintained by the Circuit Clerk pursuant to Local Rule 38 of the Circuit Court of St. Louis County. The following information is supplied in support of this application.

1. Name: Niemira Stephen P.
(Last) (First) (Middle)
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(City) (State) (ZIP+4)
3. Telephone Number: (314) 231-3332 or (314) 446-4273 (direct)
(314) 241-7604
4. Facsimile Number: _____
5. State the standard hourly fee for your services as a neutral. \$200 - \$225/hr.
6. List your appropriate training or equivalent experience in conducting alternative dispute resolution as required for certification under Supreme Court Rule 17.04.
Mediation Training for Civil Cases (MU Law School, Columbia, MO)
University School of Law, Columbia, MO, June 6-8, 2007 (21.7 hrs. MO MCLE /
1.2 hr. Ethics)

7. Please list all areas of substantive law or experience which are or have been a significant part of your professional background or practice.
Business litigation disputes, insurance coverage disputes, product liability
and medical malpractice defense litigation, admiralty and maritime cases
(Jones Act and maritime liens), personal injury, real estate and title
litigation.

8. [If the answer to any of the following questions is yes, please explain the circumstances on a separate sheet and attach.]


- a. Have you ever been disciplined for violation of any code of professional ethics or responsibility? NO
- b. Have you ever pled guilty to or been found guilty of a felony? NO
- c. Have you ever been found liable for fraud or any other intentional tort? NO
- d. Have you ever had a professional license revoked or suspended for reasons other than non-payment of dues? NO
- e. Have any professional malpractice judgments been entered against you? NO

9. List the courts and professional organizations in which you currently hold certifications as a neutral, mediator, arbitrator, or other ADR service provider.

None at this time. Applications are being submitted.

10. In the space below, briefly describe your experience, qualifications, special areas of expertise, and any other reasons why you should be selected as a neutral.

I have a wide range of experience in my 15 years as a lawyer, having served as a Law Clerk with the Missouri Court of Appeals, and as a litigation attorney in a wide range of substantive areas. I have represented plaintiffs and defendants in business and commercial disputes, as well as personal injury cases. I have participated in a large number of mediations as lead counsel in advocating for effective settlements as both a plaintiff and a defendant. I have gained an understanding of the mediation process and have the temperament and patience to work with parties to reach a resolution satisfactory to all sides.


(Signature)

June 29, 2007
(Date)