



**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: Challis John Michael
(Last) (First) (Middle)

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(City) (State) (Zip+4)

3. Telephone Number: (314) 944-5200

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5. State the standard hourly fee for your services as a neutral. \$500 per hour as of 2025

6. List your appropriate training or equivalent experience in conducting alternative dispute resolution as required for certification under Supreme Court Rule 17.04.

From January 13-15, 2025, I attended "A Training Workshop on Mediating Civil Cases" sponsored and presented by the University of Missouri - Columbia School of Law and its Center of Dispute Resolution. This training met all of the requirements of Rule 17 and allowed my inclusion on The Missouri Bar's list of Neutrals.

In addition to this formal training, I have mediated approximately 40 cases at the time of this Form.

7. Please list all areas of substantive law or experience which are or have been a significant part of your professional background or practice.

- Probate administration and litigation
- Trust administration and litigation
- Adult guardianships and conservatorships
- Power of attorney disputes
- Non-probate transfer disputes
- Related issues under Chapters 404, 456, 469, and 472-475

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 organization in which you currently hold certifications as a neutral, mediator, arbitrator, or other ADR service provider.

I have completed all mediation training requirements set out in Rule 17 and have been included on the list of Neutrals by The Missouri Bar.

10. In the space below, briefly describe your experience, qualifications, special areas of

I am an attorney in private practice since 2004, with emphasis in probate, trust, estate, guardianship, and related matters. I have significant litigation and trial experience in the all matters in the Probate Division. In addition to the formal training as a mediator, I have mediated approximately 40 cases as a neutral as of the time of completing this Form. I am a Fellow in the American College of Trust, and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), the American Bar Foundation (ABF), and Litigation Counsel of America (LCA). I am the Past Chair of the Fiduciary Litigation Committee and the Probate and Trust Division of The Missouri Bar.

(Signature)

January 30, 2025
(Date)

THIS FORM WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PARTIES TO ASSIST THEM IN CHOOSING A NEUTRAL.