



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: Johnson Al W.
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Address: 112 South Hanley, Suite 200
St. Louis Missouri 63105-3418
(City) (State) (ZIP+4)

3. Telephone Number: (314) 726-6489

4. Facsimile Number: (314) 726-2821

5. State the standard hourly fee for your services as a neutral. \$200

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

I have completed the 21.7 hour seminar in Mediation Training for Civil Cases
at the University of Missouri - Columbia Law School, per the attached
certificate.

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

See attached page for answer to this question

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.

See attached certificate. This is the first Court I have applied to.

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 attached my CV which gives a good outline of my background and experience. As you can see from my CV, I am experienced in virtually all aspects of civil and criminal litigation. The current emphasis of my practice is on complex business/commercial litigation with an emphasis on business torts, including, but not necessarily limited to the following: breach of contract, fraud, tortious interference, defamation, non-competes, unlawful merchandising practices, malicious prosecution, premises liability, qui tam litigation, class actions, and § 1983 Civil Rights.

Additionally, I have recently completed the training offered by the University of Missouri School of Law, Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution. I have attached my Certificate of Completion. If you need any additional information, please advise.


(Signature)

2/1/12
(Date)



University of Missouri - School of Law
Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution

Hereby Certifies That

Al W. Johnson

has fulfilled the mediation training requirement set out in
Missouri Supreme Court Rule 17 by completing the 21.7 hour seminar

Mediation Training for Civil Cases

January 4-6, 2012

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Paul Ladehoff, Director of LL.M. in Dispute Resolution

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February 1, 2012

Constance Jackson
Office of the St. Louis County Circuit Clerk
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Clayton, Missouri 63105

**Re: Al W. Johnson
Neutral Qualification Form**

Dear Ms. Jackson:


Pursuant to our conversation on Tuesday, enclosed please find the following:

1. My Neutral Qualification Form;
2. My Curriculum Vitae;
3. My Certificate of Completion of Mediation Training.

I would respectfully ask that you add me to the list of qualified neutrals/mediators for St. Louis County.

If there is any additional information that you need, please contact me at your earliest convenience. Thank you very much for your courtesy.

Sincerely,


Al W. Johnson

AWJ/jc

Enclosure

7. Civil litigation with an emphasis on complex business/commercial litigation and business torts including breach of contract, fraud, tortious interference, defamation, non-competes, unlawful merchandising practices, malicious prosecution, employment discrimination, premises liability, qui tam litigation, class actions, and § 1983 Civil Rights.

MAJOR LITIGATION EXPERIENCE

I am a career litigator and I have been the lead trial attorney in approximately 65 jury trials. Approximately 45 of these were during my eight years at the St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office. Among the most notable of those:

State vs. Mark Williamson, Cause No. 555621, May 1988 - The defendant was charged with Murder First Degree, Assault First Degree and two counts of Armed Criminal Action in the aftermath of a drug "war" between two dealers. The defendant was convicted on all counts and sentenced to life without parole.

State vs. Robert Foster, Cause No. 590682, August 1989 - The defendant was involved in a large-scale child pornography operation. He was charged with multiple counts of promoting child pornography and child abuse. He was convicted on all counts and received a 25-year jail sentence. His co-defendant entered a guilty plea and received a 25-year sentence.

Since entering private practice in 1990 I have tried 15 jury trials, most of them involving civil matters. Some of the more recent major cases include:

United States vs. Philip Salvati, United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri, Case No. 4:00CR0179, August 2000 - I represented the defendant in a 17-day federal criminal medicare fraud trial. The defendant was found not guilty on all counts.

Firststar Corporation, et al. vs. First Bank, et al., United States Court, Eastern District of Missouri, Case No. 4:00CV01492, June 2001 - I was lead attorney defending First Bank of St. Louis against Firststar, the predecessor corporation to U.S. BankCorp. The plaintiffs sought more than 20 million dollars. My clients were alleged to have engaged in a variety of business torts, including tortious interference with contract, breach of fiduciary duty, etc. The case was settled, on confidential terms, after eight days of trial.

Heartland litigation: In the summer of 2001, my services were retained to be part of an attorney team representing various staff members at Heartland Christian Academy ("HCA"), a faith-based boarding school for troubled youth in Northeast Missouri. The founder of the school is Pastor Charles N. Sharpe. Pastor Sharpe's ministry was subjected to a six-month investigation by local and State law enforcement officials, including the local Juvenile Office and the Missouri Division of Family Services. They alleged that there was large-scale child abuse going on at HCA. This eventually resulted in multiple criminal charges being filed against staff members and culminated with a mass removal of 115 students in the boarding school program at Heartland by juvenile authorities on October 30, 2001. We felt that these actions were motivated by religious and possible political bias against Pastor Sharpe by certain local and State officials. To date, the legal team representing Pastor Sharpe and his staff members has obtained acquittals or dismissals on all child abuse charges and has also obtained an injunction in federal court preventing forcible removals of students from the HCA program in the future. The civil injunction case is reported at 317 F.Supp.2d 984.

PERSONAL

Married with two daughters

Additional Information is available on my website: www.awj-law.com

MISCELLANEOUS

Member, Missouri and Illinois Bars
Member, Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys
Board of Directors, Dismas House of St. Louis, 1990 - 1992
Board of Trustees, St. Louis Christian College, 1990 - 1993
Board of Trustees, Westminster Christian Academy, 2008 - 2011
Elder, New City Fellowship, PCA Church of America, 2006 - present
Head Coach, St. Louis Warriors Track Club, 2007 - present
Member of Committee for Urban Young Life, St. Louis

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor, Missouri Baptist University

1997-1999; present

I have taught classes on Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, and I am currently teaching Foundations of Law.
My direct supervisor is Mr. James Kellogg, Assistant Professor Of Criminal Justice and Program Coordinator, 314-744-5389; KelloJB@mobap.edu.

Frequent Legal Seminar Presenter/Speaker

1982 -present

Since 1982 I have been a frequent presenter/speaker at various legal education seminars. A few examples:

Between 1983-1988 I regularly spoke at the St. Louis Police Academy on various topics related to Criminal Prosecution Investigation;

Between 2000-2010 I presented and have spoken at approximately 10 legal seminars on various aspects of trial litigation;

My most recent seminar presentation was on "Advanced Trial Techniques" in November of 2011 on behalf of the National Business Institute;

I have recently been asked by the National Business Institute to speak at a national seminar on Advanced Trial Techniques on July 27, 2012 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dismas House of St. Louis

1978

St. Louis, Missouri

Worked as a correctional counselor/caseworker while I attended Covenant Seminary.
I left this position when I entered Law School.

Missouri Board of Probation and Parole

1974 - 1977

St. Louis, Missouri

Was a State Probation and Parole Officer. Left this position to attend
Covenant Seminary

PREVIOUS PART-TIME LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

City Attorney, City of Kinloch

September 1999 - May 2001

St. Louis County, Missouri

Prosecuting Attorney, City of Richmond Heights

May 1992 - May 1996

St. Louis County, Missouri

Prosecuting Attorney, Village of Bel-Ridge

April 1986 - May 1990

St. Louis County, Missouri

EDUCATION

University of Missouri - Columbia

B.A. Public Administration 1973 3.27 GPA

Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri

Credit toward M.A. in Biblical Studies 1977-78

University of Missouri - Columbia

J.D. 1981; Class Rank 43/144

PROFESSIONAL HONORS

Named as one of ten "Attorneys of the Year" in 2000 by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*

AV rated and named as one of America's Preeminent Attorneys by Martindale-Hubbell

PUBLICATIONS

Justice Delayed, *World Magazine*, February 19, 1994

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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Law Offices of Al W. Johnson

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Clayton, Missouri 63105

June 1, 2005 - Present

Private practice specializing in general civil litigation, business tort law, § 1983
Civil Rights and white collar criminal litigation. Have tried more than 60 jury trials during
my legal career.

PREVIOUS FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT

Johnson, Fellows, Blake & Terry, L.L.C.

St. Louis, Missouri

June 1, 2002 - June 1, 2005

Private practice specializing in general civil litigation and business tort law.

Law Offices of Al W. Johnson

Clayton, Missouri

October 1995 - June 1, 2002

Private practice specializing in general civil litigation and business tort law.

Belz & Jones

Clayton, Missouri

May 1990 - October 1995

Attorney in private practice specializing in general civil litigation.
Left the firm to open my own practice.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, St. Louis County

Clayton, Missouri

June 1982 - May 1990

Senior trial attorney responsible for major case litigation. Tried over 40 jury trials.
Between 1984 - 1986, supervised five attorneys in the office's traffic division. Resigned to accept
position in private law practice.

Honorable David D. Noce - U.S. Magistrate, E.D. of Missouri

St. Louis, Missouri

August 1981 - June 1982

Law Clerk. Drafted opinion recommendations regarding prisoners' habeas writs,
employment discrimination, and general civil rights cases.

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