



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: Kovacs Paul E.
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Address: Pinnacle Arbitration & Mediation/Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
4232 Forest Park Avenue, 3rd Floor
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(City) (State) (ZIP+4)

3. Telephone Number: (314) 652-6000

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**** 5. State the standard hourly fee for your services as a neutral. \$ 300.00 Per hour
plus administrative fee

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

See attached b/o

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

**** Contact Pinnacle to arrange the mediation. All net proceeds generated by Pinnacle benefit Legal Services of Eastern Missouri.

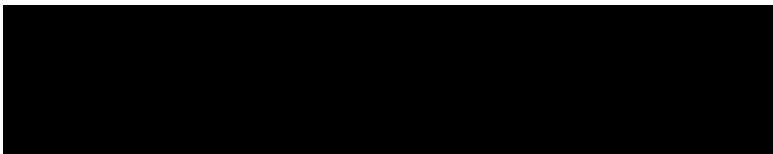
8. [If the answer to any of the following questions is yes, please explain the circumstances on a separate sheet and attach.]

- 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 b-2

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.



(Date)

PINNACLESM *Arbitration & Mediation Services*

PAUL E. KOVACS: Practicing attorney and partner with the law firm of Armstrong, Teasdale, et al., St. Louis Missouri [1997 to present]. Formerly, a partner in the law firm of Brinker, Doyen & Kovacs, [1969-1997]. Received his undergraduate degree from Monmouth College (1966) and his law degree from University of Missouri Law School (1969). Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers. Listed in *Best Lawyers In America*. He concentrates his practice in litigation, primarily in the areas of construction, medical malpractice and product liability. He has tried over 200 cases to a jury verdict and has been involved in some of the largest cases tried in the State of Missouri. He obtained the seventh largest jury verdict rendered in the United States in 1993 and the largest defense verdicts in the State of Missouri in the years 1994 and 1996. His experience in arbitration and mediation includes construction, personal injury, malpractice, product liability and commercial disputes.