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: <u>Sher</u>	Richard	P	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		
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2.	Address: Devereu	x Murphy Striler Bric	kev & Sher. L.L.C		
	10 South Brentwood Blvd., Suite 215				
	St. Louis, Missouri 63105				
	(City)	(State)	(ZIP+4)		
3.	Telephone Number:(314) 721-1516				
4.	Facsimile Number:(314) 721-4434				
5.	State the standard hourly fee for your services as a neutral. <u>\$200 per hour (fixed rate</u> available)				
6.	List your appropriate training or equivalent experience in conducting alternative disput resolution as required for certification under Supreme Court Rule 17.04.				
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 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 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? <u>No</u>

- b. Have you ever pled guilty to or been found guilty of a felony? <u>No</u>
- c. Have you ever been found liable for fraud or any other intentional tort? <u>No</u>

d. Have you ever had a professional license revoked or suspended for reasons other than non-payment of dues? <u>No</u>

- e. Have any professional malpractice judgments been entered against you? <u>No</u>
- 9. List the courts and professional organizations in which you currently hold certifications as a neutral, mediator, arbitrator, or other ADR service provider.

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri; Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis; See also attached

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.

See attached

 (Signature)	
(Signature)	

<u>11- 3-97</u> (Date)

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

DEVEREUX MURPHY LLC

ATTORNEYS AT LAW 10 SOUTH BRENTWOOD BLVD. SUITE 215 ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63105

RICHARD P. SHER

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November 29, 2001

Court Clerk Missouri Circuit Court St. Louis County 7900 Carondelet Avenue St. Louis, MO 63105

Re: Mediation Rate

Dear Clerk:

I am on the Court's list of approved mediators. Effective January 1, 2002, my hourly rate for mediations will increase to \$225.00 per hour. I would appreciate it if you would change your records accordingly.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Richard P. Sher

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Mr. Sher is a graduate, with honors, of Northwestern University (1972) and of the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law (1974), where he received his J.D. degree, with distinction, was elected to the Order of Bench and Robe and was a member of Law Review and Articles Editor of *The Urban Lawyer*. Mr. Sher is 47 years old.

hours of mediation training from the American Academy of Attorney-Mediators and the Center for Public Resources. He has also served as a trainer in mediation and arbitration.

In addition to serving as a neutral and representing clients in mediation, Mr. Sher frequently counsels clients on the use of mediation and other ADR techniques and the development of formal programs for the use of these processes. He has also made numerous presentations to corporate law departments and insurance claims departments on these subjects.

In 1994, Mr. Sher drafted the local rule on mediation of the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis, Missouri; in 1995 he was appointed to the court committee responsible for implementing the rule, and in 1997 he served as advisor for the court's pilot mediation program. He also served as advisor to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri on implementation of that court's mediation and early neutral evaluation programs.

Mr. Sher has written and spoken extensively on mediation. In 1995, he organized the first St. Louis Symposium on ADR and spoke at this program on mediation and the evolution of ADR. In 1994, he served as a trainer at a seminar presented jointly by the American Arbitration Association and the National Association of Securities Dealers on securities arbitration. He is the author of "Mediation," which appeared in the Fall 1994 edition of the *St. Louis Bar Journal*, and of "Early Neutral Evaluation," which appeared in the May 1995 edition of the *St. Louis Lawyer*. He is active in both the Mediation Committee of the ABA Dispute Resolution Section and the ADR Committee of the ABA Litigation Section (where he served as Eighth Circuit Reporter for the ADR Newsletter), as well as the ADR Committee of the Fall 1994 issued of the *St. Louis Bar Journal*, which was devoted exclusively to ADR.

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RICHARD P. SHER

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Mr. Sher is a member of the St. Louis law firm of Devereux Murphy Striler Brickey & Sher, L.L.C., where he maintains a broad practice in civil trial matters and alternative dispute resolution. Before joining Devereux Murphy on January 1, 1996, Mr. Sher was a partner in the law firm of Peper, Martin, Jensen, Maichel and Hetlage, where he practiced for over twenty years. While at Peper Martin, Mr. Sher served as a member of the management committee and as head of the litigation department

Mr. Sher's practice involves the representation of clients before state and federal trial and appellate courts and administrative tribunals and in alternative dispute resolution processes in virtually all areas of commercial disputes, including corporate, real estate, securities, financial institutions, insurance, construction, products liability and employment. He has handled and tried cases across the country for a wide spectrum of clients, ranging from publicly held companies and government agencies to small businesses and individuals. Mr. Sher is extensively involved in bar activities at both the local and national levels. He is a frequent writer and lecturer on litigation issues and alternative dispute resolution.

Mr. Sher also regularly serves as a neutral and represents clients in mediation and other alternative dispute resolution processes. He is currently president of the St. Louis Chapter of the Association of Attorney-Mediators and a member of its national board of directors. He is an active member of the Center for Public Resources Panel of Distinguished Neutrals, as well as a member of the mediation and arbitration panels of the American Arbitration Association, the National Association of Securities Dealers and other national ADR organizations. He has received over thirty

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President's Outstanding Service Award, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (1996)
Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis

Advisor, Pilot Mediation Program (1997)
Member, Implementation Committee, Court ADR Program (1994 --)

United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

Advisor, Implementation Committee, Court ADR Program (1994)

United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference 2001 Committee (1997 --)

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<u>Legal Experience</u>:

Practice Emphasis: Commercial litigation; alternative dispute resolution

Practice Experience: Representation of clients before state and federal trial and appellate courts, administrative tribunals and alternative dispute resolution processes and service as a neutral in all areas of civil disputes, including financial institutions, commercial, corporate, securities, commodities, mergers and acquisitions, insurance, real estate, construction, products liability, and employee benefits.

Experience History:

1996-Present Devereux, Murphy, Striler, Brickey & Sher, L.L.C. -- Member

1975–1995 Peper, Martin, Jensen, Maichel and Hetlage – Partner; Management Committee; Litigation Dept. Chair

Admitted to Practice: Missouri

U.S. Supreme Court U.S. Courts of Appeals: First Circuit Fifth Circuit Seventh Circuit Eighth Circuit Tenth Circuit Eleventh Circuit U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

EDUCATION:

University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City, Missouri

J.D., 1974, with distinction; Order of the Bench and Robe; Law Review; Articles Editor, The Urban Lawyer

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois B.A. in English, 1972, with honors

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<u>**PUBLICATIONS</u>:**</u>

- Author, "West's Missouri Practice," Commentaries to Rules 74.02, 74.03, 74.10, 74.12, 74.14 (to be published)
- Author, "Early Neutral Evaluation," St. Louis Lawyer (May 1995)
- Author, "Mediation", St. Louis Bar Journal (Fall 1994)
- Co-Author, "The Court's Role in the Evolution of Power Over Land," 7 The Urban Lawyer 60 (1975)

<u>Presentations</u>:

"Ethical Considerations for the Business Lawyer," Mo. Bar Business Law Institute (1997)

- "The Attorney's Role in Mediation," ADR: Focus on Mediation, Mo. Bar (1997)
- "Mediation and Early Neutral Evaluation," Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference, Federal Practice Committee (1997)

"Mediation Is Here," BAMSL Small Business Conference (1997)

- "Liability Concerns of Business Owners," Mo. Bar Business Law Institute (1996)
- "The New ADR," General Counsel Forum, Price Waterhouse (1996)
- "Mediation and The New ADR," St. Louis Symposium "The New ADR" (1995)
- "Training the Advocate A Model Curriculum for the New Millennium," ABA Litigation Section Fall Meeting (1994)
- "Problems in Securities Arbitration," Securities Arbitrator Training Program, American Arbitration Association (1994)
- "Settling Third-Party Claims What to Do When the Insured and the Insurer Disagree," Risk and Insurance Management Society (1990)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

American Arbitration Association Panel of Arbitrators Panel of Mediators Ad hoc Committees American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section Mediation Committee (Missouri state law contact) Litigation Section Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee (Eight Circuit Reporter -- ADR Newsletter) Securities Litigation Committee Training the Advocate Committee Forum on Franchising Association of Attorney-Mediators (President, St. Louis Chapter 1994--; National Board of Directors 1995-) Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis ADR Committee Center For Public Resources Panel of Distinguished Neutrals The Missouri Bar National Association of Securities Dealers Panel of Arbitrators Panel of Mediators National Futures Association Panel of Arbitrators New York Stock Exchange Panel of Arbitrators

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February 24, 2006

Court Clerk <u>Missouri Circuit Court</u> St. Louis County 7900 Carondelet Avenue St. Louis, MO 63105

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Dear Clerk:

I am on the Court's list of approved mediators. Effective January 1, 2006, my hourly rate for mediations has increased to \$300.00 per hour. I would appreciate it if you would change your records accordingly.

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Sincerely,

Richard P. Sher

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