

Information Form for Mediator Tuella O. Sykes

MEDIATOR INFORMATION FORM

Please PDF this completed form to Gina Zadra Walton, Program Administrator, at gina_zadra_walton@wawb.uscourts.gov.

Please provide the following:

1. A short biography (500 words or less) concerning your background and practice. You may use a separate document or send a pre-existing biography.

I am originally from Seattle and have lived in the Midwest and NYC. I worked as a Registered Nurse for over 15 years on the East Coast as well as in Seattle. I changed my profession from a health care provider to an attorney nearly 10 years ago. I believe my ability to work in the Emergency Room and Intensive Care Unit as an RN allowed me lifetime skills as a bridge between the patient, their families and the medical team assisting in their care. As an attorney I continue to assist those in need but in a different way. I have mostly worked as a debtor's counsel which requires a great ability of understanding and patience during some of their most financially challenging times. As a Debtor's attorney I have assisted with Chapter 7, 11 and 13 bankruptcy filings. I have done Trustee work litigating fraudulent transfers, preferential transfers, litigated cases on behalf of the Trustee in front of the BAP and The Appellate Court. My practice also includes assisting new business formations including LLCs, S-Corp and C-Corp filings. I am licensed to practice in the U.S. Tax Court. However, most of my tax work involves negotiating with the IRS through Offer in Compromise, Installment Arrangements, Appeals and Audits. All of which has assisted with my mediation experience.

2. Identify the geographic area(s) where you are willing to mediate (for example, are you available to parties just in the Seattle metropolitan area, the Tacoma area, north of Seattle, etc.):
Tacoma, Seattle, North of Seattle

3. Please identify the practice areas in which you would prefer to mediate (check all that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breach of Contract | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Classification of Claims | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Issues |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dischargeability | <input type="checkbox"/> Injunctive or Declaratory Relief | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lien Avoidance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Litigations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objection to Claim | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objection to Plan Confirmation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preference / Fraudulent Conveyance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Real Estate Issues | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Validity of Lien |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Violation of Stay | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment of Professionals | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation of Professionals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment of Trustee or Examiner | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation of Trustee or Examiner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Federal and Local Tax Issues , Medical Malpractice, Healthcare</u> | | |