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Application for AIPLA List of Arbitrators and Mediators

1. This application is for:	Arbitrator
2. Applicant is to be listed for:	Patent Disputes, Trade Secret Disputes, Trademark/Trade Dress Disputes

3A. Name and Contact Information

a. First Name:	Allen
b. Middle Initial/Name:	M
c. Last Name:	Sokal
d. Firm or Company Name:	Office of Intellectual Property Litigation
e. Street Address:	10317 Gainsborough Road
f. City:	Potomac

g. State:	MD
h. Zip:	20854
i. Telephone:	2022972479
j. E-mail:	sokal@verizon.net
k. In what locales are you willing to serve?	All

3B. Brief summary of your ARBITRATION/MEDIATION PRACTICE

The information you provide in the text box below is extremely important because it, along with your name and location, will be the first substantive information about you that any person searching the LIST will see.

In the text box below please **(1) edit the first sentence** (required) so that its contents correspond to your answers to questions 1. and 2., above, and **(2) then add up to 700 characters of information about your arbitration and/or mediation practice.**

The resultant total information in the text box will appear in your entry in the LIST.

-	Arbitration of patent, trade secret, and trademark/trade dress disputes. I have more than half a century of intellectual property law experience, mostly in private practice litigating patents at the trial and appellate levels. I also served as a patent examiner for 5 years and clerked at the CCPA. My trial work has been primarily in chemical and pharmaceutical cases, while my appellate work has run the gamut of technologies. I have briefed and argued numerous cases before the Federal Circuit, and served as Section Leader of Finnegan's Appellate Section for many years. I am also a neutral on the list of arbitrators with the American Arbitration Association.
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4. Higher education

(all degrees received, stating degree, and school):	JD, Georgetown University Law Center 1972 BS in chemical engineering, University of Pennsylvania, 1968
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5. Bar admissions (all states, agencies, etc.):

a. States:	District of Columbia, Virginia
b. Admitted to Court of	Yes

Appeals for the Federal Circuit:	
c. Admitted to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:	Yes
d. Others:	Immigration Court

6. Formal mediation/arbitration training:

a. Course(s); Institutions; Dates:	AAA Master Techniques for Counsel Mediating and Arbitrating the Large Complex Intellectual Property Case, 2016; AAA Avoiding Ten Common Missteps Arbitrators Make (ACE10), 2015; AAA Arbitration Awards: Safeguarding, Deciding & Writing Awards (ACE001), 2013; AAA Arbitration Fundamentals and Best Practices for new AAA Arbitrators, 2013. I have taken additional courses that AAA requires annually for its arbitrators to remain on the list of neutrals. I have remained on the AAA list for about six years. I do not remember the titles and dates of all of the courses.
b. Total Number of Hours:	As stated above, I have taken AAA's required courses to qualify for and maintain my listing, both on line and in classroom settings. That included several full days in a classroom in 2013 and an annual course since then.
c. Approx. number of interactive, clinical hours:	24
d. Any Certificate Awarded?	Yes

7. Listed with formal mediator/arbitrator provider (AAA, ICDR, CPR, JAMS, others)?

Provider(s) and Subject Matter of Panels, if appropriate.	AAA
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8. Arbitration and/or Mediation Experience:

a. Have you participated as arbitrator, or party attorney or representative, in at least one	No
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arbitration from beginning, through a complete trial, and arbitration decision/award?

b. Have you participated as mediator, or party attorney or representative, in at least one complete mediation?

Yes

Patent Law and Litigation Experience (does not have to be exclusive):

c. Approximate Number of Years practicing patent law:

46

d. Approximate Number of Years practicing patent litigation:

42

e. What specific areas of technical knowledge and experience do you have and wish to identify? [Separate by semicolons (;)] [Limit of 450 characters]

Chemistry; chemical engineering; biotechnology; pharmaceuticals; medical devices; cell phones; communication satellites; polymers; image processing; turbine blades; hoverboards.

Trade Secret Law and Litigation Experience (does not have to be exclusive):

f. Approximate Number of Years practicing trade secret law:

3

g. Approximate Number of

3

Years practicing trade secret litigation:

Trademark/Trade Dress Law and Litigation Experience:

h. Approximate Number of Years practicing trademark/trade dress law:

3

i. Approximate Number of Years practicing trademark/trade dress litigation:

3

j. Have you handled cases involving survey evidence?

Yes

Copyright Law and Litigation Experience:

k. Approximate Number of Years practicing copyright law:

1

l. Approximate Number of Years practicing copyright litigation:

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9. Other Memberships, Recognitions and Experiences

a. Major Professional Recognitions: [If, necessary, refer to your resume]

Managing Intellectual Property: IP Star (2013 to 2015); The Best Lawyers in America© (2008 to present); Washington, D.C.: Litigation – Intellectual Property; Washington, D.C.: Litigation – Patent; ♣ Washington, D.C. “Super Lawyer” (2009 to 2010, 2013 to 2019)

b. Professional and other Associations and Leadership Positions: [If,

Federal Circuit Bar Association: (1) Chairman or Vice Chairman of Hutchinson Writing Competition Committee continuously from 2013 to present; (2) Bench Bar Conference Planning Committee (2014); Federal Circuit Historical Society: member of Board of Trustees; American Intellectual Property Law Association: AIPLA Quarterly Journal, Editorial Board: Member (2010 to 2013)

necessary, refer to your resume]

c. Other relevant experience: (for example, judicial experience presiding over/settling patent and/or trade secret cases, teaching ADR and/or IP courses, etc.):

Co-authored treatise and lectured for several years for Patent Resources Group's chemical patent practice course; I have for decades represented applicants for asylum on a pro bono basis.

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10. A CURRENT RESUME OR CURRICULUM VITAE MUST BE UPLOADED BELOW. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCURACY THEREOF BY STATING "YES" BELOW:

Yes (Required)

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11. PERSONAL CERTIFICATION:

I hereby represent that the foregoing information about me is true and correct as of this date, and that I meet the current AIPLA criteria, as stated on the AIPLA website, for serving as a Mediator and/or Arbitrator of the types of disputes designated in Question 2 above. I hereby represent that I am a current member in good standing of the bar(s) (active or inactive) of the courts and agencies listed in question 5, and that there is no disciplinary activity pending against me in any court, agency, or bar association.

I acknowledge that if I am accepted for listing as an AIPLA arbitrator or mediator, the AIPLA has my permission to publish this application and all attachments thereto on the AIPLA website, for the benefit of those wishing to consult the list and the qualifications of those persons listed. I further understand and agree, if I am listed on the AIPLA List of Arbitrators and Mediators, that, for all arbitration and mediation matters wherein I am retained as a result of such listing, I will promptly inform the parties and counsel in writing that I am an independent contractor and that the AIPLA has no responsibility or liability for any of my acts or omissions.

Electronic Signature:

- Allen M. Sokal

Date:

- 10/14/2019

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1. REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION NOW.

You MUST review your Application above for correctness and completeness BEFORE SUBMISSION thereof!!!!

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT WITH PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

Upon submission of your Application, you will receive a return acknowledgement e-mail from AIPLA, which e-mail will provide you with instructions for making your application fee payment. Fee payments will be accepted only via electronic submission; no check payments will be accepted by AIPLA. Your Application to be Listed will NOT be processed until your payment is received.

3. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION:

Submission of this Application may be made only via electronic submission. No paper filings will be accepted by AIPLA. When you are satisfied with the accuracy and completeness of your Application, click on the Submit button below.