

## Biographical Statement

Participation on the mediation panel would enable me to effectively assist parties in a meaningful and efficient resolution of their respective controversies. Given my five (5) year experience in the bankruptcy field as a law clerk and attorney with Southwell & O'Rourke, P.S., and my participation in mediation classes at both Gonzaga School of Law and the University of Washington, I believe I am qualified to serve on the bankruptcy mediation panel. This experience has enabled me to effectively resolve disputes with other parties and successfully advocate the interest of clients in both adversary and non-adversary cases.

The educational experience I received at Gonzaga School of Law will serve as a foundation to assist others in the resolution of disputes as a mediator. At Gonzaga I received numerous awards for academic excellence, leadership, and public service, including, the Academic Achievement Award, Outstanding Academic Achievement Scholarship, Willard Roe Memorial Scholarship, Dean's List 1995-1999, 6 CALI Awards, Leadership Award, and Public Service Award. In addition, I was a semi-finalist in Gonzaga's Linden Cup Appellate Competition. Moreover, I was appointed to serve two (2) consecutive years on the Student Affairs Committee to assist in the resolution of matters concerning faculty and students.

It would be an honor to serve others through the appointment of the bankruptcy mediation panel. If appointed to the panel, I will continue to serve the public through pro bono cases, seek further education and experience in mediation through additional mediation courses in order to enhance my ability to help others, and will serve the mediation panel, bankruptcy bar, and parties to mediation in the best of my ability. I sincerely appreciate your time and consideration of my application for the appointment to the bankruptcy mediation panel.

Yours truly,



KEVIN O'ROURKE