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POST-EXAMINATION APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION Criminal Law Certified Specialist

(Filing Fee - \$300)

Applicants who have successfully passed the 2015 legal specialist examination must submit this application along with the required \$300 filing fee by **April 27, 2017** or submit a request for an extension to legalspec@calbar.ca.gov by that date. The most common reason for an extension is to gain the five required years of practice in the specialty. Extensions cannot be granted beyond January 31, 2019.

Interested applicants who have not passed a legal specialist examination should visit www.californiaspecialist.org for up-to-date examination information and to review the rules and standards applicable to your specialty area.

POST EXAM ELIGIBILITY

1. I passed the Legal Specialist Examination administered in October _____ (Year)

CONTACT INFORMATION

2. Name (exactly as it appears on your State Bar Profile)

3. Address (as it appears on your State Bar Profile)

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

4. Bar Number: _____ 5. Daytime Phone Number: _____

6. E-mail Address: _____

LICENSE/CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

7. List all jurisdictions in which you are licensed or have been licensed to practice law:

Jurisdiction	Bar Card/ I.D. Number	Date Admitted

8. List any professional licenses or legal certification(s) you may have previously obtained:

Professional Organization	Professional License (i.e. CPA)	Date of Licensing/ Certification

PRACTICE REQUIREMENT

9. Check the box below that applies to your time in practice in the specialty area, adding additional documentation if requested:

I have practiced law continuously for the last five years, during which I devoted an average of at least 25% of the time to practice in the specialty area.

While I have had breaks in practice over the last five years, I have practiced law for at least five years, and have devoted an average of at least 25% of the time to practice in the specialty area during at least five years. (Please attach a letter summarizing your time in practice, including the nature and frequency of practice in the specialty area.)

I have not yet practiced in the specialty areas for five years, but I believe I have met the remaining requirements for certification in the specialty area, and I understand that while processing on my file will begin, certification will not take place until I have been practicing in the specialty area for at least five years for at least 25% of the time. (Please attach a letter summarizing your time in practice, including the nature and frequency of practice in the specialty area.)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

10. The following is a complete statement of my employment since my admission to practice law:

LIST MOST RECENT EMPLOYMENT FIRST. ATTACH SEPARATE SHEETS IF NECESSARY
CHECK HERE IF ADDITIONAL SHEETS ARE ATTACHED.

Dates of Employment	Employer	Employers Address	Nature of Employment (summarize nature of work performed)

DISCIPLINE

11. Since your admission to the State Bar of California
- a. Have you been disbarred, suspended or disciplined by the State Bar of California or similar attorney disciplinary authority or any other authority that imposes professional discipline in California, or in another state or jurisdiction, including a foreign jurisdiction? Yes No
 - b. Do you have any discipline charges pending as described above? Yes No
 - c. Have you had any felony convictions? Yes No
 - d. Did you resign from any bar, court or body before whom you appear? Yes No
 - e. Have there been three or more judgments of professional negligence against you? (If yes, please attach the relevant documents.) Yes No
 - f. Have any sanctions, other than discovery sanctions, been entered against you by any court or body before whom you appear? Yes No
 - g. Have any findings of contempt been made against you by any court or body before whom you appear? Yes No

IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, YOU MUST PROVIDE FULL DETAILS ON A SEPARATE SHEET. A record of discipline or failure to disclose any of the information requested above may constitute grounds for denial of your application.

DECLARATION

I hereby authorize all educational institutions, governmental agencies and instrumentalities (including bar associations and bar examiners of other jurisdictions), employers and business and professional associates (past and present), to release to the California Board of Legal Specialization ("CBLs") and/or its agents or advisors any non-privileged information, files or records requested by them for the purpose of processing this application. The foregoing release does not apply to matters communicated by me in confidence to any lawyer, spouse, physician, psychotherapist or clergyperson for which I have privilege of nondisclosure under the provisions of Chapter 4, Division 8 of the California Evidence Code.

I further authorize the CBLs to conduct independent inquiry and review, including contacting the references I provide and other references within the discretion of the CBLs and agree that neither I nor my agents will seek to review the materials collected during the evaluation of my application.

I agree to pay all fees required by the California Board of Legal Specialization when due.

I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the California Board of Legal Specialization as amended from time to time and to furnish to the Board and the Criminal Law Advisory Commission, such information as they may require, to determine my entitlement to certification.

I am the applicant herein for certification as a criminal law specialist under the State Bar of California Program for Certifying Legal Specialists. I fully understand that failure to make a truthful disclosure of any fact, item or information required may result in the denial of my application, revocation of my certificate of specialization, or disciplinary action by the State Bar of California. I have carefully read and answered each question completely and truthfully in the foregoing application and any attachments hereto, and certify that the information therein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration is executed on:

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

**TASK AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT
ATTACHMENT A**

Applicant Name: _____ Bar Number: _____

The Criminal Law Advisory Commission may require additional evidence of completion of tasks and experience as indicated in this Attachment A.

Applicants unable to provide complete information in items 1 through 4 below may be permitted to file a partially complete application, provided applicants furnish certification by supervising attorneys, former employers, or other appropriate persons as to satisfaction of the requirements. If the information provided is incomplete, attach the following to this Attachment A: (1) a statement explaining why it was impossible or overly burdensome to provide complete information, and (2) the certification described above.

If you are using the alternative tasks set forth in section 3.0 of the Standards to certify, complete Attachment A-1 instead.

For purposes of 1 through 4 below, *principal counsel* means an attorney who presents the case or proceeding to the court or jury during its entire course or a substantial part thereof. More than one attorney may be a principal counsel so long as each is involved in the presentation of a substantial part of the case or proceeding.

Within the five years immediately preceding submission of this application, I have been principal counsel of record in criminal proceedings as follows: *Provide requested information for each case listed. Use common abbreviations in listing case titles, courts, etc.*

1. Five jury trials in California, or in any U.S. District Court, in cases submitted to the jury for decision wherein the offenses charged were felonies.

	TITLE OF CASE	COURT & CASE NO.	NATURE OF CASE & CHARGES	DATE CASE SUBMITTED TO JURY OR DATE VERDICT RENDERED
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

AND

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2. Five additional jury trials in any jurisdiction in cases submitted to the jury for decision, regardless of the nature of the offenses.

	TITLE OF CASE	COURT & CASE NO.	NATURE OF CASE & CHARGES	DATE CASE SUBMITTED TO JURY OR DATE VERDICT RENDERED
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

AND

3. Forty additional criminal matters, which may include juvenile court proceedings relating to allegations of criminal misconduct, to disposition in a Superior Court within the State of California or a U.S. District Court or Federal Magistrate Court. Information should be furnished as completely as possible based on the applicant's office records; recourse to court records is not required. *Disposition* means pronouncement of judgment, including conviction, acquittal and dismissal in a criminal case or a final order on the merits in a criminal matter or proceeding. **APPLICANTS LISTING LESS THAN THE 40 MATTERS REQUIRED OR OMITTING MATTER NUMBERS MUST REFER TO THE INFORMATION AT THE BEGINNING OF ATTACHMENT A.**

List the 40 criminal matters on a separate sheet, using the format indicated below, and attach it to this Attachment A.

	TITLE OF CASE	COURT & CASE NO.	DATE & NATURE OF MATTER (e.g., plea, trial, 1538.5 motion, etc.)	NATURE OF DISPOSITION (judgment, order revoking probation, information set aside, etc.)
1				
2				
3				

AND

(CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

4. **ANY TWO** of 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3:

4.1 Five (5) hearings, pursuant to section 1538.5 of the Penal code or any other motion to suppress evidence, in which oral testimony was taken and in which decisions have been rendered, **AND** three (3) petitions or answers filed in extraordinary writ proceedings in the following courts: U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals, U.S. District Court, California Supreme Court, California Court of Appeal, California Superior Court.

HEARINGS

	TITLE OF CASE	CASE NO.	COURT WHERE TRIED	DATE DECISION RENDERED
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

PETITIONS OR ANSWERS FILED IN EXTRAORDINARY WRIT PROCEEDINGS

	TITLE OF CASE	CASE NO.	COURT WHERE HEARD	NATURE OF PROCEEDING
1				
2				
3				

OR

(CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

- 4.2 Three appeals in the following courts in which briefs were filed by the applicant: U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals, U.S. District Court, California Supreme Court, California Court of Appeal, California Superior Court.

	TITLE OF CASE	CASE NO.	COURT WHERE HEARD	WERE BRIEFS FILED BY BOTH SIDES? (YES OR NO)
1				
2				
3				

OR

- 4.3 Five jury trials submitted to the jury for decision, regardless of the nature of the offense, in addition to those listed in sections 1 and 2 above.

	TITLE OF CASE	CASE NO.	COURT WHERE TRIED	DATE CASE SUBMITTED TO JURY OR DATE VERDICT RENDERED
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

**TASK AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT
ATTACHMENT A-1
Alternative to Criminal Task Requirements**

Applicant Name: _____ Bar Number: _____

The Criminal Law Advisory Commission may require additional evidence of completion of tasks and experience as indicated in this Attachment A-1.

As an alternative to the criminal trial practice task requirements listed in section 2.0 of the Standards, I qualify by showing the following law practice requiring similar skills, as described in section 3.0 of the Standards:

CHECK THE BOXES THAT APPLY AND COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS BELOW. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NEEDED. Refer to SECTION 3.0 of the Standards for additional information regarding alternatives to criminal trial practice task requirements.

- 1. I have had substantial involvement in other areas of law practice requiring skills similar to criminal trial practice, such as:
 - a. Litigation in contested civil matters involving jury trials

NAME OF CASE	CASE NO.	COURT WHERE TRIED	TYPE OF CASE	DECISION DATE

- b. Appellate practice in either criminal or non-criminal matters in proceedings in which decisions after hearing have been reached

TITLE OF CASE	CASE NO.	COURT WHERE HEARD	NATURE OF PROCEEDING

- c. Practice in a government agency in which the practitioner is engaged in activities substantially equivalent to criminal law practice

NAME OF AGENCY	CASE NO.	TYPE OF CASE/ACTIVITY	NATURE OF PROCEEDING

- 2. I have engaged in research, writing and/or special studies of criminal law and procedure:

TITLE OF ARTICLE	WHERE PUBLISHED	DATE PUBLISHED	NATURE OF RESEARCH, TIME SPENT & DATES

- 3. I possess some, but not all, of the criminal trial practice task requirements of section 2.0 of the Standards as listed below: **ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY.**

**EDUCATION REQUIREMENT
ATTACHMENT B
Total Educational Reporting**

Applicant Name: _____ Bar Number: _____

In order to satisfy the education requirement for initial certification, you must have completed at least 45 hours of education in the substantive area as described below **within the three years immediately preceding submission of this application.** One-half, or 22.5 hours, may be satisfied with alternative educational activities, sometimes also called non-participatory activities, in which your participation is not verified by an independent party such as the educational provider.

ON ATTACHMENT B-1, list the educational activities pre-approved for legal specialist credit that you have attended or taught (excluding alternative educational activities, which will be listed on Attachment B-3). Refer to Attachment B-1 for the type of documentation required.

ON ATTACHMENT B-2, list the educational activities you have attended or taught (excluding alternative educational activities) that were not specifically approved for legal specialist credit, but were approved for MCLE credit and concern the direct legal subject matter in the specialty area. Refer to Attachment B-2 for a further explanation and the type of documentation required.

ON ATTACHMENT B-3, list any alternative educational activities that you have completed to satisfy the education requirement. Keep in mind that, with the exception of approved tapes, hours claimed for alternative educational activities are subject to approval and/or adjustment by the CBLs.

REMEMBER: Courses taken to fulfill the MCLE special topic requirements (legal ethics, substance abuse/competency, elimination of bias) CANNOT be used to satisfy the education requirement for certification unless they specifically discuss the substantive law of your specialty area.

Summarize your hours in the grid provided below.

SUMMARY OF EDUCATION ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING ALTERNATIVES)
(Section numbers refer to specific education requirements set forth in Standards)

AREA	HOURS ATTENDED OR TAUGHT* (total from B-1 + B-2)	HOURS OF ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION (total from B-3)	TOTAL
Section 4.1 Evidence			
Section 4.2 Trial Advocacy			
Section 4.3 Substantive Criminal Law and Procedure			
Section 4.4 Writs, Appeals and Ancillary Proceedings			
Section 4.5 Other Subjects related to Criminal Law			
TOTAL (minimum of 45 hours)			

*You may claim four hours for each hour that you taught a new or substantially updated course.

**EDUCATION REQUIREMENT
ATTACHMENT B-1
Education Approved for Legal Specialist Credit**

Applicant Name: _____ Bar Number: _____

On this attachment, list the educational activities you have attended or taught that were specifically pre-approved for legal specialist credit. Providers of approved legal specialist activities are subject to the same requirements as MCLE providers, so you should have been provided with a **certificate of attendance** indicating that the activity was approved for legal specialist credit and stating the number of hours of credit you received.

COPY THIS ATTACHMENT IF ADDITIONAL LINES ARE NEEDED IN THE TABLE BELOW.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR EACH ACTIVITY: Certificate of Attendance. The provider is required to give you a certificate of attendance. If you did not receive a certificate, contact the provider directly. If the course was a course taught by the State Bar, contact sections@calbar.ca.gov if you need to request a duplicate certificate of attendance.

NAME OF PROGRAM SPONSOR OR APPROVED PROVIDER	NAME OF PROGRAM	HOURS ATTENDED	HOURS TAUGHT 1 ST TIME*	HOURS TAUGHT REPEAT*	DATE COMPLETED

*Calculate credit for teaching as follows: Under Hours Taught First Time, record the actual number of hours of speaking time multiplied by four. On that same line, if there was also a portion of the class in which another speaker was teaching, claim actual hours for that time. If it was a repeat presentation that you have taught before with the same content, you may claim only actual speaking time. In that case, record your hours under Hours Attended.

**EDUCATION REQUIREMENT
ATTACHMENT B-2
Classes Approved Only for MCLE Credit**

Applicant Name: _____ Bar Number: _____

On this attachment, list the educational activities you have attended that were approved for MCLE credit and specifically teaching the law of your specialty areas, but NOT specifically pre-approved for legal specialist credit. The CBLs has discretion as to whether to approve these courses. Do not include alternative educational activities for which the provider does not issue a certificate on this page. Rather, list them on Attachment B-3.

COPY THIS ATTACHMENT IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR EACH ACTIVITY: Certificate of participation, plus sufficient information for the CBLs to determine whether credit should be granted if the title and program sponsor do not make this clear (for example, promotional materials, a brief description of the program, course outline, list of instructors).

NAME OF PROGRAM SPONSOR	NAME OF PROGRAM	HOURS ATTENDED	HOURS TAUGHT 1 ST TIME*	DATE COMPLETED

*Calculate credit for teaching as follows: Under Hours Taught First Time, record the actual number of hours of speaking time multiplied by four. On that same line, if there was also a portion of the class in which another speaker was teaching, claim actual hours for that time. If it was a repeat presentation that you have taught before with the same content, you may claim only actual speaking time. In that case, record your hours under Hours Attended.

**EDUCATION REQUIREMENT
ATTACHMENT B-3
Alternative Education**

Applicant Name: _____ Bar Number: _____

On this attachment, list the alternative methods you used to satisfy the legal specialist education requirement. Your participation in these activities is self-verified, so the provider does not provide a certificate of attendance. Remember that no more than one-half (1/2) of your requirement can be satisfied in this manner, except for course under options 4 and 5.

Note that webinars and tapes can sometimes be participatory activities that should be reported on B-1 or B-2 if they involve some sort of independent verification of attendance, such as a test during or after the class; in this case, the provider will provide a certificate of attendance.

If you are submitting activities that require CBLS approval, please provide sufficient information to allow evaluation of the self-study. Reading of treatises on your own is generally not approved.

The CBLS may require additional information regarding alternative education activities.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION	# HOURS REQUESTED
<p>1. Self-verified listening to and/or viewing of a complete audio or audio/visual reproduction of a program approved for legal specialist credit or MCLE credit if the subject is your substantive area of law. Such tapes must involve current law. <u>LIST THE ACTIVITIES AND HOURS REQUESTED FOR EACH ON A SEPARATE SHEET.</u></p>	
<p>2. Self-verified participation in MCLE-approved audiovisual activities, including interactive video instruction or webinars, if the subject is your substantive area of law. <u>LIST THE ACTIVITIES AND HOURS REQUESTED FOR EACH ON A SEPARATE SHEET.</u></p>	
<p>3. Authoring or co-authoring published articles, chapters or books in the substantive area of law. PLEASE SUBMIT A COPY OF THE MATERIALS FOR WHICH YOU ARE CLAIMING CREDIT. Credit generally will not be awarded for reading or editing. The hours of credit to be allowed shall be determined by the CBLS after consideration of the amount and quality of the submitted materials. Estimate the time you spend preparing the materials, up to a maximum of half of your total educational requirement as noted above.</p>	
<p>4. Completion of an advanced postgraduate course at an accredited law school that includes education in your specialty, such as an L.L.M. The hours of credit to be allowed shall be determined by the Commission based upon the amount and quality of professional education involved. Note that this option can be used to fully satisfy your educational requirement and it is not subject to the cap noted above. NAME OF LAW SCHOOL: COURSE COMPLETED: DATE COMPLETED:</p>	
<p>5. Teaching a course in the specialty area at an accredited law school. The hours of credit to be allowed shall be determined by the CBLS based upon the amount and quality of professional education involved. If teaching a course as an adjunct or guest lecturer, claim four hours per speaking hour. If serving as the course professor, claim twelve hours per credit hour. Note that this option can be used to fully satisfy your educational requirement and it is not subject to the cap noted above. NAME OF INSTITUTION: NAME OF COURSE: BRIEF DESCRIPTION: AUDIENCE (LAW STUDENTS, ATTORNEYS, ETC.): DATE COMPLETED:</p>	

**INDEPENDENT INQUIRY AND REVIEW
ATTACHMENT C**

Applicant Name: _____ Bar Number: _____

I submit the names and addresses of a minimum of **eight** individuals to act as references who can attest to my proficiency in the practice of criminal law: **four** lawyers who practice in the same geographical area as I do, **one** judge of a Justice or Superior Court within the State of California, or a United States District Court or Federal Magistrate Court, before whom I have appeared as an advocate within the two years immediately preceding application; and **three** California lawyers with whom I have tried a criminal case but with whom I am not associated.

References may include attorneys who are clients, partners, associates, employers or employees. Note, however, that references will be asked to disclose any such relationship.

References will be contacted by the State Bar of California via questionnaire. The information gathered shall be the property of the State Bar of California and shall not be revealed to you.

Include each reference's California bar membership number to insure that reference forms are sent promptly and to the right individual. Bar membership numbers can be found online at www.calbar.ca.gov under Attorney Search. If the attorney does not have a California Bar membership number or is a judge, please provide a full address.

NAME AND BAR NUMBER	ADDRESS
1. (lawyer practicing in same geographical area)	
2. (lawyer practicing in same geographical area)	
3. (lawyer practicing in same geographical area)	
4. (lawyer practicing in same geographical area)	

5. (judge)	
6. (CA lawyer with whom I have tried a case)	
7. (CA lawyer with whom I have tried a case)	
8. (CA lawyer with whom I have tried a case)	
9. (Additional lawyer)	
10. (Additional lawyer)	
11. (Additional lawyer - optional)	
12. (Additional lawyer - optional)	

In addition to the above references, I submit:

The names and mailing addresses of the opposing counsel, judges and any co-counsel in the **last two** jury trials I conducted, if any:

NAME AND BAR NUMBER	ADDRESS
1.a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	
2.a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	

The names and mailing addresses of the opposing counsel, judges and any co-counsel in the **last two** preliminary hearings I conducted, if any:

NAME AND BAR NUMBER	ADDRESS
1.a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	
2.a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	

The names and mailing addresses of the opposing counsel, judges and any co-counsel in the **last two** writ or appellate matters I conducted, if any:

NAME AND BAR NUMBER	ADDRESS
1.a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	
2.a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	

The names and mailing addresses of the opposing counsel, hearing officer or referee, and any co-counsel in the **last two** administrative hearings I conducted, if any:

NAME AND BAR NUMBER	ADDRESS
1.a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	
2.a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	



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Date: _____

Attorney Name: _____ Bar Number: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Description	Fee
<i>Legal Specialization Certification Application Fee</i>	<i>\$300</i>

I authorize the State Bar of California to charge my credit card for \$ _____

(This form may not be used to pay dues or other attorney fees; it only may be used to pay fees related to Legal Specialization. Please print legibly.)

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Credit Card Security Code: _____ Expiration Date (Month/Year): _____

Credit Card Type: Visa MasterCard

Name on Card (print legibly): _____

Signature of Card Holder: _____

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