



POST-EXAMINATION APPLICATION FOR INITIAL CERTIFICATION
Legal Malpractice Law Certified Specialist

Filing Fee - \$300\*

\*You may submit payment via check or Legal Specialization Credit Card Authorization Form. For credit card payments, a processing fee of 2.5% will be added to all charges. There is no processing fee associated with payments by check.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Bar Number:

Phone: Email:

Address Street:

City: State: Zip:

POST-EXAM ELIGIBILITY

I passed the Legal Specialist Examination administered in October (year)

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

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

Table with 3 columns: Jurisdiction, Bar/ID Number, Date Admitted

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

Table with 3 columns: Professional Organization, Professional License (i.e. CPA), Date Licensed/Certified

**PRACTICE REQUIREMENT**

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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 area 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**

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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.

<b>Dates of Employment</b>	<b>Employer</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Nature of Employment</b> (summarize nature of work performed)

## DISCIPLINE

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Since your admission to the State Bar of California:

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

Do you have any discipline charges pending as described above?  Yes  No

Have you had any felony convictions?  Yes  No

Did you resign from any bar, court or body before whom you appear?  Yes  No

Have there been three or more judgments of professional negligence against you? (If yes, please attach the relevant documents.)  Yes  No

Have any sanctions, other than discovery sanctions, been entered against you by any court or body before whom you appear?  Yes  No

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

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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 State Bar of 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 clergy person 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 CBLS, as described in the Rules of the State Bar, Appendix A: Schedule of Charges and Deadlines.

I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the CBLS as amended from time to time and to furnish to the CBLS such information as it may require, to evaluate my application.

I am the applicant herein for certification as a 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Additional Information**

*Submit complete application and payment via mail to State Bar of California, Department of Legal Specialization, 180 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105 or fax to (415) 438-2180. Alternatively, the application and payment can be submitted in the Admissions Information Management System (AIMS) community at <https://admissions.calbar.ca.gov>.*

*Applicants who have successfully passed the Legal Specialist Examination must submit this application along with the required \$300 filing fee by **April 24** in the year after their results were released (i.e. if passing the 2019 exam, results were released in 2020, the application will be due April 24, 2021) or submit a request for an extension to [legalspec@calbar.ca.gov](mailto:legalspec@calbar.ca.gov) by the due 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** in the third year after receiving results (i.e. if passing the 2019 exam, results were released in 2020, the maximum extension date is January 31, 2023).*

*Interested applicants who have not passed a legal specialist examination should visit [www.californiaspecialist.org](http://www.californiaspecialist.org) for up-to-date examination information and to review the rules and standards applicable to your specialty area.*