

**MEXICAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION  
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**Application and Qualifications Standards for  
IMMIGRATION LAW PANEL**

**Immigration Law**

*(Please check all Subpanels for which you are applying)*

- 1. Business Immigration
- 2. Removal/Deportation
- 3. Labor Certification
- 4. Asylum
- 5. Visas/Naturalization

**EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS**

*(Numbers correspond to Subpanels listed above)*

1. Business Immigration: Within the past three (3) years, applicant must have personally performed all legal work and prepared or supervised the preparation of all papers in connection with five (5) business immigration matters.
2. Removal/Deportation: Within the past three (3) years, applicant must have personally performed all legal work and prepared all the papers in connection with at least five (5) removal/deportation cases. At least three (3) such cases must have been ones in which the Respondent denied the charges contained in the Government's Notice to Appear/Order to Show Cause or made an affirmative application for relief from removal/deportation, other than an uncontested application for voluntary departure.

3-5. Labor Certification, Asylum and Visas/Naturalization:

In addition to the requirements set forth for the Removal/Deportation subpanel, applicant must have handled within the past five (5) years, at least five (5) other cases involving at least three (3) of the following examples in proceedings before the United States department of Justice, Labor, State or in the federal courts. Examples of such causes are: visa petition, visa applications, labor certifications, fraud investigations, adjustments of status, change of nonimmigrant status, administrative appeal, naturalization petition and civil or criminal court proceedings.

**Certified Specialist**

An applicant who is currently certified as a legal specialist by the California Board of Legal Specialization will automatically meet the experience requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am certified as a Specialist in Immigration Law by the State Bar.  
(Initial)

**Request for Exemption**

If you do not qualify for a specific standard but believe that because of your experience and knowledge you are otherwise qualified to receive referrals through the applicable panel, indicate the title of the subpanel, the specific experience criteria that you do not meet, and detail your experience and knowledge and describe how you are otherwise qualified.

**California Rules of Professional Conduct**

You certify that you will comply with all Rules of Professional Conduct, including, without limitation, *Rule 3-110 Failing to Act Competently*, which states, in relevant part, that "A member shall not intentionally, recklessly, or repeatedly fail to perform legal services with competence... [and] If a member does not have sufficient learning and skill when the legal service is undertaken, the member may nonetheless perform such services competently by 1)

associating with or, where appropriate, professionally consulting another lawyer reasonably believed to be competent, or 2) by acquiring sufficient learning and skill before performance is required.”

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(Initial)

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE APPLICATION AND QUALIFICATION STANDARDS FOR THE IMMIGRATION LAW PANEL, AND I HEREBY CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT I MEET ALL STANDARDS FOR THIS PANEL AND FOR THE SUB PANELS FOR WHICH I HAVE APPLIED. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO REASONABLE VERIFICATION AND I AGREE TO COOPERATE WITH THE LRIS COMMITTEE AND ITS DESIGNEES IN THE PROCESS OF EVALUATING MY QUALIFICATIONS.**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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