

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

Criminal Law Subpanels

(Please check all subpanels for which you are applying)

- 1. Misdemeanor
- 2. Felony
- 3. Felony Homicide
- 4. Death Penalty/No Possibility of Parole
- 5. White Collar Crimes
- 6. Appeals
- 7. Traffic
- 8. DUI

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

(Numbers correspond to Subpanels listed above)

1. Misdemeanor
Applicant must have been attorney of record and personally performed or supervised all legal work in connection with at least three (3) misdemeanor cases and at least one (1) completed jury trial through verdict. Federal, State or both.
2. Felony
Applicant must have been attorney of record and personally performed or supervised all legal work in connection with at least five (5) felony jury trials through verdict or two (2) such felony jury trials and five (5) such misdemeanor cases. Federal, State or both.
3. Felony Homicide
Within the past three (3) years, applicant must have been the principal attorney of record and personally performed or supervised all legal work in connection with at least one (1) felony homicide jury trial through verdict and at least [5] jury trials.
4. Death Penalty/No Possibility of Parole
In addition to meeting the experience requirements for 2 and 3, applicant must have been attorney of record and personally performed or supervised all legal work in connection with at least two (2) death penalty/no possibility of parole cases through verdict within the last five (5) years. Federal, State level or both.
5. White Collar Crimes
Applicant must have been attorney of record and personally performed or supervised all legal work in connection with at least two (2) white collar crimes through verdict. Federal, State, or both
6. Appeals
Within the past five (5) years, applicant must have been attorney of record and personally performed or supervised all legal work and prepared, or supervised the preparation of, all papers, in connection with at least three (3) criminal appeals in which briefs were filed and an opinion rendered. Federal, State or both.
7. Traffic
Applicant must have personally performed all legal work in connection with at least five (5) traffic matters.

8. DUI

Applicant must have personally performed all legal work in connection with at least three (3) DUI matters.

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 Criminal 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.”

(Initial)

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE APPLICATION AND QUALIFICATION STANDARDS FOR THE CRIMINAL 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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