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**Application and Qualifications Standards for
BANKRUPTCY LAW PANEL**

Bankruptcy Law Subpanels

(Please check all Subpanels for which you are applying)

- 1. Personal Bankruptcy (Chapter 7)
- 2. Straight Bankruptcy Business Liquidation
- 3. Chapter 11 (Business Reorganization)
- 4. Chapter 13 (Business Reorganization)
- 5. Creditor's Rights

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

(Numbers correspond to Subpanels listed above)

1. Personal Bankruptcy

Within the past four (4) years, applicant must have been counsel or record for a consumer debtor and have personally performed all legal work and prepared, or supervised the preparation of, all papers in connection with at least four (4) proceedings under the Bankruptcy Act. Applicant must have sufficient knowledge of Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Act to inform a debtor about it and advise the debtor whether it would be in the debtor's interest to file Chapter 13.

2. Straight Business Liquidation

Within the past four (4) years, applicant must have been counsel of record and have personally performed all legal work and prepared, or supervised the preparation of, all papers for at least three (3) business debtors in connection with at least two (2) of the following categories, one of which must be a straight bankruptcy proceeding involving a business or professional practice:

- (a) A proceeding of Chapter 11 or 13 of the Bankruptcy Act in which a Plan of Arrangement was confirmed.
- (b) A straight bankruptcy proceeding involving a business or professional practice.
- (c) A state court receivership, or a corporate dissolution where the assets were liquidated for the benefit of creditors, or a composition or an assignment for benefit of creditors.

3. Chapter 11 (Business Reorganization)

Within the past four (4) years, applicant must have been counsel of record and have personally performed all legal work and prepared, or supervised the preparation of, all papers for at least three (3) business debtors in connection with at least two (2) of the following categories, one of which must be a proceeding of Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Act in which a Plan of Arrangement was confirmed:

- (a) A proceeding of Chapter 11 or 13 of the Bankruptcy Act in which a Plan of Arrangement was confirmed.
- (b) A straight bankruptcy proceeding involving a business or professional practice.
- (c) A state court receivership or a corporate dissolution where the assets were liquidated for the benefit of creditors, or a composition or an assignment for benefit of creditors.

4. Chapter 13 (Business Receivership)

Within the past four (4) years, applicant must have been counsel of record and have personally performed all legal work and prepared, or supervised the preparation of, all papers for at least three (3) business debtors in connection with at least two (2) of the following categories, one of which must be a proceeding of Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Act in which a Plan of Arrangement was confirmed:

- (a) A proceeding of Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Act in which a Plan of Arrangement was confirmed.
- (b) A straight bankruptcy proceeding involving a business or professional practice and
- (c) A state court receivership or a corporate dissolution where the assets were liquidated for the benefit of creditors, or a composition or an assignment for benefit of creditors.

5. **Creditor's Rights**

Within the past five (5) years, applicant must have been counsel of record and have personally performed all legal work and prepared, or supervised the preparation of, all papers in connection with at least three (3) secured creditors in a bankruptcy proceeding; one (1) Chapter 7 and one (1) Chapter 11 or 13 involving analysis and confirmation of debtor's plans; and at least two (2) matters involving the preparation and filing of a proof of claim on behalf of an unsecured creditor.

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 Bankruptcy 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 BANKRUPTCY 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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