Application For Certification as a Legal Specialist

The deadline for submission of this application is AUGUST 5, 2011.

- MAIL YOUR APPLICATION TO: BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION, STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA, 180 HOWARD STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA, 94105-1639.
- SUBMIT PAYMENT OF \$300 APPLICATION FEE WITH THE APPLICATION.
- REFER TO <u>RULES</u> AND <u>STANDARDS</u> AS YOU COMPLETE THE APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS. RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE LEGAL SPECIALIZATION PROGRAM ARE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE, <u>www.californiaspecialist.org</u>.

The Certification Process

STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
THE APPLICATION IS REVIEWED FOR COMPLETENESS	EDUCATION IS VERIFIED	INDEPENDENT INQUIRY & REVIEW (II&R) BEGINS	APPLICATION FORWARDED TO ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION	RECOMMENDATION FORWARDED TO BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION FOR ACTION

From the receipt of your application, the certification process takes an **AVERAGE** of 4 months. Please keep in mind, however, that the Advisory Commissions meet approximately every other month, and a certain amount of lag time in the process is inevitable.

Other than acknowledging receipt of your application, YOU WILL NOT HEAR FROM US UNLESS WE REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTS.

How to Avoid Delays

Step 1 The Application is Reviewed for Completeness

Is the application signed and have all the necessary attachments been included? If the application is not signed, it will be returned to you. If attachments are missing, you will be notified and given 60 days to submit them. If you fail to submit them within 60 days from the date of the notice, the application will be deemed withdrawn.

Step 2 Education is Verified

Have you completed 45 hours of education in your specialty area? If applicable, have all special topic requirements been satisfied? If not, you will be notified and given 60 days to satisfy the education requirement. If you fail to do so within sixty 60 days from the date of the notice, the application will be deemed withdrawn.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTACHMENT B-1.

Approved education activities are activities either individually approved for legal specialist credit or sponsored by approved legal specialist providers. Providers of approved legal specialist activities are subject to the same requirements as MCLE providers, and must provide you 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.

- _ If you attended the program, include with Attachment B-1 a copy of the certificate of attendance that the program sponsor is required to give you.
- If you were a speaker or taught the program, include with Attachment B-1 sufficient documentation to verify it (the list of instructors, a letter or certificate from the provider, etc.). As a speaker, you may claim 4 hours of credit for each hour of speaking time (first time only credit for repeat presentations is limited to speaking time only).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTACHMENT B-2

Programs not previously approved will be reviewed by the Advisory Commission. Enclose sufficient information for the Advisory Commission to determine whether credit should be granted (i.e., promotional materials, a brief description of the program, course outline, list of instructors).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTACHMENT B-3

With the exception of audio/visual reproductions of approved programs, alternate education activities must be reviewed and approved by the Advisory Commission. Enclose sufficient information for the Advisory Commission to determine whether credit should be granted (i.e., promotional materials, a brief description of the program, course outline, list of instructors).

Step 3 Independent Inquiry and Review (II&R)

Reference forms are mailed to the individuals you have listed on Attachment C. Your member record is checked for any public discipline at the start and end of the II&R process. **Most delays in the application process occur at this step.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTACHMENT C

References are given 14 days to respond. The *primary* references you send us are asked to submit two additional names of individuals familiar with your proficiency in the specialty area in which you are seeking certification. These *secondary* references are also given 14 days to respond. If, after 30 days, your primary references have not responded, you will be notified.

Delays are caused by:

- ✓ References who are not correctly identified. Be sure to include each reference's State Bar membership number. Because references must be attorneys or judges, we verify them against our Membership Records. The use of nicknames, incorrect last names (for example, as a result of a change in marital status), or illegible handwriting make this difficult. Including the State Bar membership number will insure that reference forms are sent promptly and to the right individual. Bar numbers can be found online at www.calbar.ca.gov under Attorney Search.
- ✓ **Ineligible references:** a relative, client, current partner, current associate, current employer or current employee. An *associate* is defined as an attorney who works in the same firm as the applicant, not someone who rents an office down the hall or otherwise shares space. If you submit a name or names with the same address as yours, please provide an explanation.
- References who do not respond quickly or at all. Make sure the references you provide know that we will be sending them a form and encourage them to return it promptly.
- ✓ References who decline to comment for various reasons, for example, a reference who is not familiar enough with your work to comment on your proficiency.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING DISCIPLINE

At numbers 8.a and 8.b on the application form, you are required to disclose any attorney or other professional discipline against you by the State Bar of California or other authority authorized to impose professional discipline in California, or in any other state or jurisdiction, including foreign jurisdictions, <u>AND</u> any pending discipline. [For Immigration and Nationality Law, also include the Board of Immigration Appeals. For Bankruptcy Law, also include any bankruptcy courts. For Workers' Compensation Law, also include any workers' compensation forum. For Taxation Law, also include the Internal Revenue Service.]

For attorney discipline, list all instances of discipline in which the sanction imposed was public reproval or greater. Include (1) title of disciplinary action, (2) action number, (3) nature of charge, (4) nature of sanction, (5) date sanction was imposed, and (6) date sanction was terminated. For non-attorney professional discipline (e.g., accountancy), provide information similar to the above.

Step 4 Application is Forwarded to Advisory Commission for Review

The Advisory Commission, after reviewing your employment history, the task and experience attachment(s), your references, discipline (if any), education programs not previously approved, and alternate education activities, may take any of the following actions:

- Recommend Certification The application proceeds to Step 5.
- Request Additional Information
- Recommend Denial You will be notified and given the option of providing additional information or withdrawing your application.

Step 5 Recommendations for Certification and Denial are Forwarded to the Board of Legal Specialization for Action

The Board reviews the recommendations of the Advisory Commission and may take any of the following actions:

Grant		

- Request Additional Information from the Advisory Commission
- Recommend Denial You will be notified and given the option of providing additional information or withdrawing your application before the Board action becomes final.

Fees

Application fee is \$300. Once you become a certified legal specialist, you will be required to pay an annual fee of \$200, which will appear on your State Bar fee statement. The Legal Specialization program is required to be self-funding. The annual fee is used for the maintenance and promotion of the program.

Mailing Address

All correspondence is sent to you at your official address of record registered with the State Bar Member Services Center. If any of the information on your official address of record has changed, please notify Member Services Center (NOT the Board of Legal Specialization) of the change in writing. You can change your address online at www.calbar.ca.gov using My State Bar Profile, or submit an Address Change Form with a photocopy of one piece of identification as indicated on the form. The form can be faxed to (415) 538-2576.

Questions?

A list of contacts is provided on the following page.

INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET:

Instructions
Application for Certification

Снескызт				
Have you: Read the declaration? Signed and dated the application? Provided all information requested on the application and attachments?				
 Provided all information requested on the application and attachments? Enclosed all attachments? Enclosed a check for \$300? Attached additional sheets if you needed more space? Put your name and bar number on the top of all attachments? Made copies for your records? 				

QUESTIONS?			
Education/Task & Exp	perience Requirements		
Appellate Law Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law Immigration & Nationality Law Taxation Law	Ivonne Dos Santos Morte (415) 538-2145 ivonne.dossantosmorte@calbar.ca.gov		
Admiralty & Maritime Law Family Law Franchise & Distribution Law Legal Malpractice Law	Patricia Curd (415) 538-2125 patricia.curd@calbar.ca.gov		
Bankruptcy Law Criminal Law Workers' Compensation Law	Sarah Dean (415) 538-2344 sarah.dean@calbar.ca.gov		
Independent In	quiry & Review		
Appellate Law Criminal Law Franchise & Distribution Law Taxation Law Workers' Compensation Law			
Admiralty & Maritime Law Bankruptcy Law Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law Family Law Immigration & Nationality Law Legal Malpractice Law	Vien Vong (415) 538-2110 vien.vong@calbar.ca.gov		
FAX	(415) 538-2180		

LEGAL MALPRACTICE LAW Approved Education Providers

Because Legal Malpractice Law is a new specialty, no education providers or individual activities have been approved for legal specialization credit. In order for providers to receive specialization approval for an education activity, they must meet the criteria outlined in Rules 7.3 and 7.4 of the Rules Governing the State Bar of California Program For Certifying Legal Specialists. Of particular interest is the following excerpt from 7.3.

- 7.3.1 The content of the activity must be relevant to the specialty or related fields.
- 7.3.2 The curriculum must provide a level of education required to achieve or maintain proficient practice in the specialized area of law. In determining whether the activity is so designed, the type of advertising employed by the sponsor will be considered.
- 7.3.3 The instructors must be qualified experts in the field in which they are teaching.
- 7.3.4 Where the activity is more than one (1) hour in length, substantive written materials must be distributed to the participants at or before the activity.

The following education providers have provided education programs in legal malpractice law or a related field in the past or have programs pending. Related fields can include but are not limited to Civil Practice & Procedure; Insurance; Trial Practice; Conflicts of Laws; Alternative Dispute Resolution. Courses offered by these providers that are relevant to legal malpractice law or a related field and meet the criteria set forth above <u>may</u> be used to satisfy the 45-hour requirement for certification. To submit such courses, use Attachment B-2 of the certification application.

ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability -- National Legal Malpractice

Conference

American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys

American College of Trial Lawyers

American Conference Institute

Bar Association of San Francisco, Legal Malpractice Section – TUFT

Committee on Professional Responsibility and Ethics

Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB)

Insurance Carrier courses on Legal Malpractice

Hinshaw and Culbertson LLP

Lawline.com

Legal Malpractice and Risk Management Conference

Los Angeles County Bar Association

National Institute for Trial Advocacy

San Diego Bar Association

State Bar of California Sections

The Rutter Group

THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION The State Bar of California 180 Howard Street San Francisco, CA 94105-1639 (415) 538-2120 legalspec@calbar.ca.gov

State Bar of California Program for Certifying Legal Specialists

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION Legal Malpractice Law Specialist

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For Office Use Only Legal Specialization
□ No check enclosed □ \$300 Application/Cert Fee

ALTERNATIVE TO WRITTEN EXAMINATION (must be postmarked no later than August 5, 2011)

2. Bar Number

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY.

1. Name & Address (exactly as they appear on State Bar membership

records)			
			Daytime Phone Number ()
			4. E-mail Address
5. I am admitted to State _CA		active been during subm each law forceup	e time of application for certification, I am an member of the State Bar of California. I have engaged in the practice of law continuously the five years immediately preceding the ission of [this] application for certification and, in of those years, have practiced legal malpractice or at least 25% of the time spent in my attional endeavors. STOP HERE. You are not eligible to apply.
	a complete statement of my ST. ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET	employment since my a	dmission to practice law: LIST MOST RECENT LECK HERE IF ADDITIONAL SHEETS ARE ATTACHED.
Dates of Employment	Employer	Employer's Addre	Nature of Employment (summarize nature of work performed)

C	Since your admission to the State Par of California:					
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	a. Have you been disbarred, suspended or disciplined by the State Bar of California or similar					
	b. Do you have any discipline pending?		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	
	h. Have you been denied certification or recertification as a legal specialist by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization, or any other certifying body?		Yes		No	
SE	YOU ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, YOU MUST PROVIDE FULL DETAILS ON A PARATE SHEET. A record of discipline or failure to disclose any of the information quested 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 and the Legal Malpractice Law Advisory Commission any nonprivileged 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 Legal Malpractice Law Advisory Commission to conduct independent inquiry and review as provided in section 9.0 of the Rules.					
Ιa	gree 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 Legal Malpractice Law Advisory Commission such information as they may require to determine my entitlement to certification.						
I am the applicant herein for certification as a legal malpractice 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:						
Da	te:					
	nt Name:					

TASK AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT

ATTACHMENT A - ALTERNATIVE TO EXAM

Applicants for certification in Legal Malpractice Law may satisfy additional requirements in lieu of passing a written examination. This option is available only until August 5, 2011. It is NOT available to an applicant who sat for but did not pass the written examination.

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

1. PRACTICE DESCRIPTION

Provide a description of your legal malpractice law practice, noting the nature of the tasks you routinely perform that you have relied on in seeking qualification as a Legal Malpractice Law specialist. You must submit a total of at least 360 points. Points may be accumulated from any of the tasks, subject to the maximums specified per task. Note: If your point total is at least 450, you are NOT required to complete Attachment D.

2. PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

<u>Within the five years immediately preceding submission of this application</u>, I have been substantially involved in the practice of legal malpractice law as demonstrated by performance of the tasks listed below. **COMPLETE ALL BOXES THAT APPLY.**

EACH TASK MAY BE COUNTED IN ONLY ONE CATEGORY

NOTE: With respect to each task, the applicant must have performed the task personally, or had direct and primary responsibility for its performance under his or her close and ongoing supervision. For purposes of this showing, points may be accumulated from any of the tasks subject to the maximums specified per task. Each task may be counted only once, but cases may be used for more than one task. You need to place in the "Number of Matters" box only the number of matters to support the points you claim; e.g., for a matter counting 10 points; "at least 6" for 60 points claimed.

SECTION	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF MATTERS	NUMBER OF POINTS CLAIMED
2.1	Acting as the principal counsel in devising, implementing or evaluating the advisability or the strategy of litigation and related issues, such as the existence of an attorney-client relationship and the unauthorized practice of law, in connection with pending or threatened litigation where matters of malpractice law are the main contested issue: 10 points per separate litigation case. Maximum number of points in this category: 60 points		
2.2	Representing a claimant or attorney in litigation as its principal counsel where matters of malpractice law are the main contested issue: 10 points per separate litigation case. Maximum number of points in this category: 60 points		
2.3	Acting as principal counsel in the trial, jury or non-jury, or binding arbitration of an action for legal malpractice or action on attorney's fees tried to conclusion to a jury, judge, or arbitrator: 30 points per separate jury trial and 20 points per separate court trial or binding arbitration. Maximum number of points in this category: 120. Up to 80 points may be accumulated for trials or arbitrations that do not involve legal malpractice and/or are prior to the five-year period.		
2.4	Preparing or opposing a demurrer, a motion for summary judgment, or other dispositive motion in litigation where matters of legal malpractice law are the main contested issue: 10 points per separate litigation case. Maximum number of points in this category: 60 points		

SECTION	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF MATTERS	NUMBER OF POINTS CLAIMED
2.5	Preparing briefs in litigation matters before a court or arbitral forum: 10 points per litigation matter. Maximum number of points in this category: 40 points		
2.6	Representing a party in a formal mediation before a neutral party as its principal counsel where matters of legal malpractice are the main contested issue: 10 points per separate formal mediation. Maximum number of points in this category: 60 points		
2.7	Acting as an expert witness or legal consultant in litigation where matters of legal malpractice are among the main contested issues: 10 points per separate litigation case. Maximum number of points in this category: 40 points		
2.8	Acting as an arbitrator or mediator in any litigation or formal mediation where matters of malpractice law are among the main contested issues: 10 points per separate litigation or mediation case. Maximum number of points in this category: 40 points		
2.9	Representing a claimant or attorney in a legal malpractice matter in bringing or defending an anti-SLAAP motion: 10 points per matter. Maximum number of points in this category: 40 points		
2.10	Representing a claimant or attorney in a legal malpractice matter where there is an underlying coverage issue or reservation of rights letter: 5 points per separate litigation case. Maximum number of points in this category: 20 points		
2.11	Providing substantive written legal advice or analysis regarding conflicts of interest issues: 10 points per separate matter or transaction. Maximum number of points in this category: 40 points		
2.12	Providing substantive written legal advice or analysis regarding issues related to fees for legal services rendered by an attorney, including collectability, unconscionability under the Rules of Professional Conduct, reasonableness under Business & Professions Code §§6147-6148, and issues of quantum meruit: 10 points per separate matter. Maximum number of points in this category: 40 points		
2.13	Providing substantive written legal advice or analysis regarding a statute of limitations issue for legal malpractice: 5 points per matter or transaction. Maximum number of points in this category: 20 points		
2.14	Participation in a Bench Bar panel in which there is a fee dispute over the attorney's legal services: 10 points per separate matter. Maximum number of points in this category: 40 points		
2.15	Providing substantive written legal advice or analysis regarding an attorney's errors and omissions insurance policy, including insurance coverage policy limits, reservations of rights, and/or coverage exclusion issues: 5 points per separate matter. Maximum number of points in this category: 20 points		
2.16	Providing substantive written legal advice or analysis regarding other material issues concerning legal malpractice law not otherwise covered above: 5 points per separate matter or transaction. Maximum number of points in this category: 20 points		
	TOTAL		(minimum of 360 pts)

ATTACHMENT B

Applicant Name:	Bar Number:
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In order to satisfy the education requirement for certification, you must have completed at least 45 hours of approved education as specified in section 3.0 of the Standards <u>within</u> the three years immediately preceding submission of this application. One-half, or 22.5 hours, may be satisfied with alternative educational activities as described in section 6.2 of the Rules.

ON ATTACHMENT B-1, list the educational activities you have attended or taught (<u>excluding</u> alternative educational activities) that were specifically approved for legal specialist credit. Refer to Attachment B-1 for the type of documentation required.

REMEMBER: Courses taken to fulfill the MCLE special topic requirements (substance abuse/mental distress, elimination of bias in the legal profession) CANNOT be used to satisfy the education requirement for certification. Courses in legal ethics <u>may</u> qualify.

ON ATTACHMENT B-2, list the educational activities you have attended or taught (<u>excluding</u> alternative educational activities) that were <u>not</u> specifically approved for legal specialist credit. Refer to Attachment B-2 for a further explanation and the type of documentation required.

ON ATTACHMENT B-3, list any alternative educational activities (section 6.2 of the Rules) 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 by the Advisory Commission.

Summarize your hours in the grid provided below.

SUMMARY OF EDUCATION ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING ALTERNATIVES)

HOURS ATTENDED OR TAUGHT (total from B-1 + B-2)	HOURS OF ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION (total from B-3)	TOTAL (minimum of 45 hours)

ATTACHMENT B-1

Applicant Name:		Bar Number:	
On this attachmen	it, list the educational activities you have attended or taugh	nt (excluding alter	native educational activities
as described in se	ction 6.2 of the Rules) that were specifically approved for I	egal specialist cr	edit. Providers of approved
legal specialist act	tivities are subject to the same requirements as MCLE provi	viders, so you sh	ould have been provided
with a certificate	of attendance indicating that the activity was approved for	r legal specialist	credit and stating the number
of hours of credit v	ou received		_

COPY THIS ATTACHMENT IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR EACH ACTIVITY: <u>certificate of attendance</u>. The provider is required to give you a certificate of attendance. If you did not receive a certificate, contact the provider.

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

^{*}Calculate credit for teaching as follows: Next to **HOURS**, put the actual number of hours of speaking time. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether it was your first time presenting the activity or a repeat presentation. If it was the first time, multiply the actual speaking time by 4 and put the result next to **TOTAL**. If it was a repeat presentation, you may claim only actual speaking time. In that case, **HOURS** and **TOTAL** will be the same number.

ATTACHMENT B-2

On this attachment, list the educational activities you have attended or taught (excluding alternative educational activities

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as described in section 6.2 of the Rules) that were NOT specifically approved for legal specialist credit but that you believe meet the criteria for approval of educational activities set forth in section 7.3 of the Rules.					
COPY THIS ATTACHMENT IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED.					
DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR EACH ACTIVITY: Sufficient information for the Advisory Commission to determine whether credit should be granted (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	DATE COMPLETED	
			HOURS 1ST TIME REPEAT TOTAL*		
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_ HOURS

_ TOTAL*

■ 1ST TIME □ REPEAT

Applicant Name: _

ATTACHMENT B-3

Applicant Name:	Bar Number:
On this attachmen	, list the alternative methods you used to satisfy the education requirement. Remember that no more
than one-half (1/2)	of your requirement can be satisfied in this manner. SEE SECTION 6.2 OF THE RULES FOR
LIMITATIONS ON A	LTERNATIVE METHODS TO SATISFY THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT.

If you are submitting activities that require Advisory Commission approval, we recommend that you **SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION NO LATER THAN FOUR MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE.**

The Advisory Commission may require additional information regarding alternative education activities.

	ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION	# HOURS REQUESTED
1.	Self-verified listening to and/or viewing of a complete audio or audio/visual reproduction of an approved program or program segment. Such tapes must be approved for educational credit and listened to or viewed within the time period for which they were approved. YOU MUST ATTACH A LIST OF YOUR SELF-STUDY ACTIVITIES.	
2.	Self-verified participation in other approved audiovisual activities, including interactive video instruction and activities electronically transmitted from another location, such as online education. YOU MUST ATTACH A LIST OF YOUR SELF-STUDY ACTIVITIES.	
3.	Writing or editing published articles or books relating to legal malpractice law. PLEASE SUBMIT A COPY OF THE MATERIALS FOR WHICH YOU ARE CLAIMING CREDIT. The hours of credit to be allowed shall be determined by the Commission after consideration of the amount and quality of the submitted materials.	
4.	Teaching a course in the field of legal malpractice law at an accredited institution of higher education. The hours of credit to be allowed shall be determined by the Commission based upon the amount and quality of professional education involved.	
	NAME OF INSTITUTION:	
	NAME OF COURSE:	
	BRIEF DESCRIPTION:	
	TO WHOM THE COURSE WAS TAUGHT:	
	DATE COMPLETED:	
5.	Completion of an advanced postgraduate course at an accredited law school that includes education in legal malpractice law. The hours of credit to be allowed shall be determined by the Commission based upon the amount and quality of professional education involved.	
	NAME OF LAW SCHOOL:	
	COURSE COMPLETED:	
	DATE COMPLETED:	

INDEPENDENT INQUIRY AND REVIEW

ATTACHMENT C

Applicant Name:

Bar Number:

submit the names and addresses of the following ree attorneys or judges who have had an opportuous observe my work and who can attest to my profice the practice of legal malpractice law. The references do not include any attorney who y relative or who currently is my client, partner	be the property of the State Bar and are confidential and no information concerning them and the matter to which they relate shall be given to any person
ssociate, employer or employee.	Governors of the State Bar or as provided in the Rules and Regulations.
	number to insure that reference forms are sent promptly and found online at www.calbar ca grov under Attorney Search
	o number to insure that reference forms are sent promptly and be found online at www.calbar.ca.gov under Attorney Search. ADDRESS
e right individual. Bar membership numbers can i	e found online at <u>www.calbar.ca.gov</u> under Attorney Search.
ne right individual. Bar membership numbers can l	e found online at <u>www.calbar.ca.gov</u> under Attorney Search.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

ATTACHMENT D – ALTERNATIVE

Applicants for certification in Legal Malpractice Law may satisfy additional requirements in lieu of passing a written examination. This option is available only until August 5, 2011. It is NOT available to an applicant who sat for but did not pass the written examination.

Дри	cant Name:	Bar N	umber:		
Information (e.g.,	in the five years immediately prication, I have fulfilled the following mation submitted on this attachme, courses or publications listed on be listed here).	g <u>additional</u> requirements. Int may be counted only once	Attachmen	t total you lis at A is AT LE at required to ment.	AST 450,
Acc	umulate 360 points in Atta	chment A;			
AND)				
CHE	CK AT LEAST ONE BOX:				
	Author of at least two published a in such book) in the area of legal	rticles, or a contributing authority or edit malpractice law. (ATTACH A COPY)	or of at least o	ne practice bo	ok (or chapter
	NAME OF	ARTICLE OR BOOK/CHAPTER		DATE PUE	BLISHED
	1.				
	2.				
	Presenter of at least eight hours o	of approved continuing legal education in	n at least two c	lifferent progra	ms in the area
N	IAME OF PROGRAM SPONSOR	NAME OF PROGRAM		HOURS TAUGHT	DATE

1.

2.

NAME OF PROGRAM SPONSOR	NAME OF PROGRAM	HOURS TAUGHT	DATE
3.			
4.			

OR

Direct and substantial involvement:

as a member of the Legal Malpractice Law Consulting Group appointed by the Board of Governors in connection with the establishment of the specialty, including participation in the preparation of the Standards for Certification and Recertification in Legal Malpractice Law.

OR

in the development and preparation of the initial written Legal Specialist Examination for the area of legal malpractice law. (PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF NARRATIVE STATEMENT SUMMARIZING YOUR INVOLVEMENT.)