

CRIMINAL LAW (FEDERAL)

Includes all matters related to violations of penal statutes and ordinances involving prosecution by the District Attorney's office, City Prosecutor or Attorney General, violations of the Vehicle Code involving the Department of Motor Vehicles, and violations of penal statutes involving prosecution by all agencies of the Federal Government.

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS: Applicant must be able to declare and provide a copy of their specialist certificate as set forth in paragraph (1) or be able to demonstrate experience in the practice of criminal law as delineated in paragraph (2).

For those applicants applying with a background of private practice under paragraph (2), applicant must have (a) been in practice for at least three years and have devoted at least 50% of applicant's practice to federal criminal law, and (b) have attended the Criminal Justice Act Panel Presentations or listened to tapes of same, and (c) within the past five years, have competently performed to completion substantially all legal work in not less than two federal criminal cases, including one jury trial taken to verdict, and (d) within the past five years, have been primarily responsible for at least five cases in federal court including sentencings.

If the applicant has not taken at least one jury trial to verdict than (e) the applicant must provide evidence that, within the past five years, he or she has attended a formal legal education program, either as a student or a practicing attorney, that, in the discretion of the LRIS Committee, demonstrates a sufficient level of criminal federal court training. Such programs generally must have included at least 30 hours of training in all areas of trial practice. Approved training programs include the National Federal Defenders Office training or local CJA training. Such evidence should include, if available, a substantive description of the program published by the program provider.

1. _____ I am certified by the California Board of Legal Specialization as a specialist in the field of Criminal Law. Attached is a copy of my certificate. This qualifies me for membership on the panel without the necessity of completing the remainder of this form.

OR

2. (a) _____ I have been in practice for three or more years, during which time 50% of my practice has been devoted to Federal criminal law. I practice specifically in

AND

3. _____ I have attended the Criminal Justice Act Panel Presentation sponsored by the Federal Court and Federal Defenders' program or have listened to the tapes of such presentation.

AND

4. Federal Court Trials (at least one must be a jury trial)

<u>Name of Defendant</u>	<u>Court/Case #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Charges</u>	<u>Disposition</u>	<u>Party Represented</u>
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AND

5. Federal Cases with Sentencings

<u>Name of Defendant</u>	<u>Court/Case #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Charges</u>	<u>Sentence</u>
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6. Training (if no jury trials to verdict):

<u>Title of Program</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Hours of Training</u>	<u>Subjects Covered</u>
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EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: In addition to the requirements above, an applicant practicing law for less than three years must certify that he or she has completed not less than four hours of State Bar approved MCLE credits in the subject area of the panel for each year of practice. An applicant practicing law for three or more years must certify that he or she has completed not less than six hours of State Bar approved MCLE credits in the subject area of the panel during the three years preceding the application.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The applicant must provide two LRIS “Recommendation of Professional Qualification” forms from licensed lawyers who practice in the same area for which the applicant is applying, or from state or federal judges sitting in California, attesting to the applicant’s qualifications in the area for which he or she is applying. (If the recommender is a practicing lawyer, he or she should be licensed in California unless the practice area involves federal law only.) These form letters must specifically reflect the authors’ knowledge of the applicant’s qualifications and include the authors’ opportunity to observe the applicant’s qualifications in the area for which he or she is applying. If these form letters are from lawyers, those lawyers may not be affiliated with the applicant’s firm, and the applicant may not have any economic interest with them.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I have met the above criteria and requirements, and that I am competent to handle referral matters in the panel subject area described above.

Attorney’s Name: _____

Attorney’s Signature: _____ Date: _____