

SMALL CLAIMS

Includes all matters related to small claims issues.

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

CERTIFICATION: I declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

(a) I have completed the two on-line courses entitled: (1) Small Claims Court: Procedures and Practices; and (2) Small Claims Court: Consumer and Substantive Laws, available on the Temporary Judge Resource page at the following web address:

<http://www2.courtinfo.ca.gov/protem/>

My completion certificates are attached.

- (b) I agree to limit my entire fee for assisting a client with a small claims case to \$500. If my client receives a judgment in excess of \$5,000, my fee can exceed \$500, but cannot exceed 10% of the total judgment.
- (c) I will enter into a written fee agreement with each client.
- (d) I will personally handle the client's matter.
- (e) I will not charge for the first half hour consultation (even if retained).
- (f) I agree to submit any fee dispute with a Small Claims Client (if the client agrees) to binding arbitration by the San Diego County Bar Association's Fee Arbitration Committee.

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: _____