

IMMIGRATION

This panel is categorized into three (3) sub-panels including a) Business Immigration; b) Removal Proceedings/In Detention; and/or c) Family/Affirmative Petitions. The applicant may apply for one, two or all three panels depending on the applicant meeting the criterion outlined below.

Sub-panel a): Business Immigration Panel

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS: Applicant must be able to provide a copy of his or her specialist certificate as set forth in paragraph one (1) or must meet the experience requirements set forth in paragraph two (2).

1. I am certified by the California Board of Legal Specialization as a specialist in the field of Immigration 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. In the past two years, I have competently performed to completion substantially all legal work on no fewer than ten cases involving at least four of the following six different areas:
 - a. Labor Certifications: Prepared and processed an application for Alien Employment Certification through the Department of Labor, continuing to issuance of the immigrant visa;
 - b. Citizenship/Naturalization: Prepared and processed either a derivative citizenship case, a Not applicable. Certificate of citizenship case or a naturalization case;
 - c. Non-immigrant or Immigrant Visa Waivers: Handled to completion one waiver application under any of the following §§ of the INA: 212(a)(9)(B)(v); 212(d)(1); 212(e); 212(g); 212(h); 212(i); 212(d)(3);
 - d. Appeals: Handled any appeal to the Board of Immigration, Board of Alien Labor Certification Appeals.
 - e. Employment-based Non-Immigrant Visa Petitions: Including but not limited to: E-1/E-2; H-1B; L-1; O; P; R; TN;
 - f. State Department or Consular Practice;

These cases are identified as follows:

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Sub-panel (b): Removal Proceedings/In Detention Panel

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS: Applicant must be able to provide a copy of his or her specialist certificate as set forth in paragraph one (1) or must meet the experience requirements set forth in paragraph two (2).

1. I am certified by the California Board of Legal Specialization as a specialist in the field of Immigration 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. In the past two years, I have competently performed to completion substantially all legal work on no fewer than ten cases involving at least six of the following eight different areas:
 - a. Removal Proceedings: Handled a contested removal proceeding before Immigration Court;
 - b. Citizenship/Naturalization: Prepared and processed either a derivative citizenship case, a Not applicable. Certificate of citizenship case or a naturalization case;
 - c. Refugee/Asylum: Handled an application to decision either before the Asylum Office or the Immigration Judge;
 - d. Bond or custody proceedings;
 - e. Appeals: Handled any appeal to the Board of Immigration, Board of Alien Labor Certification Appeals.
 - f. Motions, writs or pleas in criminal cases relating to collateral immigration consequences in Federal or State courts;
 - g. Prosecutorial discretion requests;
 - h. Immigration applications for humanitarian relief, including but not limited to VAWA, U visa, T visa, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, DACA, or TPS.

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Sub-Panel (c): Family/Affirmative Panel

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS: Applicant must be able to provide a copy of his or her specialist certificate as set forth in paragraph one (1) or must meet the experience requirements set forth in paragraph two (2).

1. I am certified by the California Board of Legal Specialization as a specialist in the field of Immigration 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. In the past two years, I have competently performed to completion substantially all legal work on no fewer than ten cases involving at least four of the following five different areas:
 - a. Immigrant Visas: Handled a family-based immigrant visa petition plus consular processing or adjustment of status either before the District Director or an Immigration Judge;
 - b. Citizenship/Naturalization: Prepared and processed either a derivative citizenship case, a Not applicable. Certificate of citizenship case or a naturalization case;
 - c. Non-immigrant or Immigrant Visa Waivers: Handled to completion one waiver application under any of the following §§ of the INA: 212(a)(9)(B)(v); 212(d)(1); 212(e); 212(g); 212(h); 212(i); 212(d)(3);
 - d. Appeals: Handled any appeal to the Board of Immigration, Board of Alien Labor Certification Appeals.
 - e. Other Non-Immigrant Visa Petitions: Including but not limited to B-1/2; K-1; F-1; M-1; J-1; Q-1.

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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 six 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 four 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 Printed Name: _____

Attorney’s Signature: _____ Date: _____