

CRIMINAL LAW (STATE FELONIES)

Includes all matters related to violations of penal statutes and ordinances involving prosecution by the district attorney's office or attorney general, and violations of penal statutes involving prosecution by all agencies of the federal government.

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS: The applicant must either be able to provide his or her certification under paragraph (1), below, or qualify for panel membership by the experience requirements in paragraphs (2) or (3).

Applicants applying with a background of private practice under paragraph (3) must (a) have been in practice for three or more years, during which time 50% of his or her practice has been devoted to criminal law; (b) within the past five years, have competently performed to completion substantially all legal work in not less than six state felony cases, including two - jury trials taken to verdict involving a felony; and (c) within the past five years, have competently conducted three preliminary examinations and drafted one felony pretrial motion involving either the submission of written points and authorities at or before the hearing or a hearing which witnesses were sworn and testimony was taken. If the applicant has not taken two jury trials to verdict as required under (b) above, the applicant may satisfy the requirement under (b) above by showing proof of having sat second-chair in three state felony trials to verdict.

Finally, any applicant who wishes to be referred **serious or violent** felony cases must either show evidence of completing training specifically related to serious or violent felony representation under (3)(d) or have competently performed to completion substantially all legal work in not less than three serious or violent felony matters under paragraph (4).

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. I have served for at least three years in the office of (check one if applicable and identify the office, job title, and number of years in service):

_____ District Attorney

_____ United States

Attorney _____

_____ State Defenders

Program _____

_____ Federal Defenders

Program _____

OR

3. Private Practice Qualifications

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

(b) State Felony Cases:

<u>Defendan.</u>	<u>Court /Case #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>	<u>Verdict?</u>	<u>First/Second Chair</u>
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(c) Trial Preparation:

Preliminary Examinations

People v. _____ Date: _____

People v. _____ Date: _____

People v. _____ Date: _____

Felony Pre-Trial Motion

People v. _____ Date: _____

4. Serious Felony or Violent Felony Matters

People v. _____ Date: _____

People v. _____ Date: _____

People v. _____ Date: _____

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: _____