

### **CRIMINAL LAW (STATE MISDEMEANORS)**

Includes all matters related to violations of criminal statutes and ordinances involving prosecution by the district attorney's office, city attorney's office or Attorney General, and violations of criminal statutes involving misdemeanor prosecutions 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 one (1) or be able to demonstrate experience in the practice of criminal law as delineated in paragraphs two (2) or three (3).

For those applicants applying with a background of private practice under paragraph (3), applicant must, within the past five years, have competently performed to completion substantially all legal work in (a) not less than ten state misdemeanor cases, and (b) at least two state misdemeanor trials taken to verdict. If the applicant has not taken any trials to verdict, he or she must show that he or she has second-chaired at least two trials to verdict.

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):

\_\_\_\_\_ City Attorney  
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\_\_\_\_\_ District Attorney  
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\_\_\_\_\_ United States  
Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ State Defenders  
Program \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Federal Defenders  
Program \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Other  
Program \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

3. I have been in practice for three (3) or more years, during which time 50% of my practice has been devoted to criminal law. I practice specifically in the following area of criminal law:

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**AND**

**(a) Misdemeanor Cases**

Name of Defendant   Court/Case #   Date   Charges   Disposition   Party Represented

(1)

(2)

(3)

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(6)

(7)

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**(b) State Misdemeanor Jury Trial**

Name of Defendant   Case #   Date   Charge   Disposition   First or Second Chair

(1)

(2)

**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: \_\_\_\_\_