

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXPERIENCED *CRIMINAL* PANEL
MEMBERS OF THE BHBA LAWYER REFERRAL &
INFORMATION SERVICE**

A. Current Certification as a criminal law specialist by the California Board of Legal Specialization;

B. Each of the following:

1. **EDUCATION:** An applicant shall have attended, either as student or teacher, programs of study relating to the practice of criminal law aggregating, during the two (2) years immediately preceding the application and every 2 years thereafter, no fewer than six (6) hours; and

2. **EXPERIENCE:** An applicant shall have the following experience to handle the following types of criminal cases:

a. Misdemeanor Cases (excluding Misdemeanor Homicide) In order to be referred any misdemeanor cases, the applicant must qualify for Part b below, or, during the two years proceeding the date of the application, and every 2 years thereafter, have been lead trial counsel, and prepared or supervised the preparation of all papers in connection with at least two (2) criminal jury trials through verdict.

b. Misdemeanor Homicide and Felony Cases

In order to be referred any misdemeanor homicide or felony cases (except cases described in parts c or d below), during the two years immediately preceding the application, and every 2 years thereafter, applicant must have been lead trial counsel, and prepared or supervised the preparation of all papers in connection with at least two (2) Federal and/or State Court felony jury trials through verdict, or one (1) felony homicide jury trial through verdict.

c. Felony Homicide Cases

In order to be referred any felony homicide cases, during the two years immediately proceeding the date of the application, and every 2 years thereafter, applicant must have been lead trial counsel, and prepared or supervised the preparation of all papers in connection with at least one (1) felony homicide jury trial through verdict.

d. Appeals

In order to be referred any cases involving appeals relating to areas of law described above, applicant must qualify for referrals in such section, and, during the two years immediately proceeding the date of application, and every 2 years thereafter, shall have performed all legal work in connection with at least one appeal involving such subject matter in which briefs were filed and an opinion rendered.

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C. If an applicant can prove to the satisfaction of the Committee that, although the specific standards set forth above are not met, the applicant has equivalent knowledge, ability, and experience in each area, the Committee has the discretion to modify the above requirements.

D. Any attorney wishing to join the panel shall attest to his/her qualifications every two years on a form prepared by the Committee.

E. At any time, upon request of the Service or Committee, the applicant shall demonstrate compliance with the requirements for membership on the Criminal Law experience panel by providing in writing whatever information is required.

F. Referrals in Criminal Law shall only be made to members of the experience panel.

I CERTIFY UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT I MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTIONS Bal and (Circle all that apply) B2 (a) (b) (c) (d) ABOVE.

I AM CERTIFIED AS A CRIMINAL LAW SPECIALIST BY THE BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Print Name _____