



Whether your situation is simple or complex, you should consider hiring an attorney who specializes in Family Law. Certified legal specialists are committed to maintaining their proficiency through ongoing practice and continuing education.



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## Why does the State Bar certify legal specialists?



To help the public identify attorneys who have demonstrated proficiency in specialized fields of law.



To encourage the maintenance and improvement of attorney competence in specialized fields of law.

## What does it mean when an attorney is a certified specialist?

A certified specialist is more than just an attorney who practices in a particular area of law—they've gone above and beyond to demonstrate proficiency. A California attorney who is certified by the State Bar as a Family Law specialist must have:

- ✓ Passed a comprehensive written examination in Family Law;
- ✓ Demonstrated extensive and varied experience in Family Law;
- ✓ Completed additional and ongoing education requirements; and
- ✓ Been favorably evaluated by other attorneys and judges familiar with their work.

What you do now  
affects your future.  
**Hire a certified  
specialist.**

## What can a Family Law certified specialist do for you?

- ✓ Prepare marital settlement agreements and pre- or post-nuptial agreements.
- ✓ Identify tax issues that may affect property division or support payments.
- ✓ Handle complex matters involving community property laws.
- ✓ Negotiate or mediate sensitive issues relating to divorce and child custody.
- ✓ Assist with restraining orders for domestic violence.
- ✓ Manage modification of child custody, spousal support, or child support.
- ✓ Offer collaborative legal services to resolve disputes outside of court.

**Family law is complex and constantly changing –**  
certified specialists meet higher standards to stay current with the law and best practices.



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### In what fields of law are attorneys certified by the State Bar?

- ✓ Admiralty & Maritime Law
- ✓ Appellate Law
- ✓ Bankruptcy Law
- ✓ Criminal Law
- ✓ Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law
- ✓ Family Law
- ✓ Franchise & Distribution Law
- ✓ Immigration & Nationality Law
- ✓ Legal Malpractice Law
- ✓ Taxation Law
- ✓ Workers' Compensation Law

### How can I find a Certified Specialist?

To find a certified specialist, please visit the Attorney Search webpage, select the Certified Specialists link, and use the drop down to search by certified legal specialty: [www.calbar.ca.gov/attorneysearch](http://www.calbar.ca.gov/attorneysearch)

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