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Minimum standards for intellectual property law certification, provided in Rule 6-26.3, include:

- **Practice of law for at least 5 years;**
- **Experience in one or more of the 4 areas of intellectual property law: patent prosecution, patent infringement litigation, trademark law or copyright law, in the 5 years immediately preceding application;**
- **Substantial involvement in the specialty of intellectual property law- 30% or more- in the 3 years immediately preceding application;**
- **45 hours of approved intellectual property law certification continuing legal education in the 3 years immediately preceding application;**
- **Peer review; and,**
- **A written examination.**

If you're considering board certification in intellectual property law, applications must be postmarked by October 31 for the following year's exam. Standards, policies, applications and staff contacts are available online at

FloridaBar.org/certification.