



# Join A Network of Specialists: Become Board Certified In **Marital & Family Law**

**The Florida Bar's certification program is consistently recognized as a national leader among other state programs.**

*Board certified lawyers are:  
"Evaluated for professionalism and tested for expertise."*

**Florida Bar board certification can benefit you in the following ways:**

- ★ *Certification provides an objective measure that a potential client can rely upon when selecting a lawyer.*
- ★ *By becoming board certified, you join an existing network – and a directory of lawyers at [FloridaBar.org/certification](http://FloridaBar.org/certification) – of specialists who frequently refer others to specialists in their fields of practice.*
- ★ *Certification may enhance the stature of your law firm and can result in lower malpractice insurance rates. Florida Lawyers Mutual Insurance Co. offers a 10 percent discount to board certified lawyers.*

**Minimum standards for marital and family law certification, provided in Rule 6-6.3, include:**

- Practice of law for at least 5 years;
- Substantial involvement in the specialty of marital and family law- 50% or more- during the 5 years immediately preceding application;
- Handling of at least 25 contested marital and family law cases in the 5 years immediately preceding application, with at least 7 trials;
- 75 hours of approved marital and family law certification continuing legal education in the 5 years immediately preceding application;
- Peer review; and,
- A written examination.

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

**[FloridaBar.org/certification](http://FloridaBar.org/certification).**