

Board of Legal Specialization & Education
Application for New Certification Area

Proposed Area _____

Lawyer(s) and/or Organization seeking new certification area: _____

Please respond to the following by separate attachment(s):

1. Define the proposed specialty area and any relevant subspecialties it may encompass.
2. Does the proposed specialty area conflict or overlap with any existing certification area(s)? If no, please skip to Question 5.
3. If yes, please provide a statement identifying the area(s) of conflict or overlap and explain why the proposed specialty should be established as a separate area.
4. If yes, could the proposed specialty, in your opinion, be incorporated within an existing certification area as a subspecialty, and if so, how would you propose that be accomplished?
5. How will certification standards for the proposed specialty benefit consumers of legal services?
6. How will certification standards for the proposed specialty benefit lawyers who practice in the area and the Bar overall?

Please check all that you have provided to support this proposal:

- Letters of endorsement or Petitions from a minimum of 100 members of The Florida Bar, who support the establishment of the area, would qualify under the proposed standards, and who agree to seek certification when the area is available for certification.
- Petition of recognized Section of The Florida Bar (if applicable)
- Petition of substantive law standing committee of The Florida Bar (if applicable)
- Demonstration that the proposed specialty is an established practice area by providing documentation or information as to:
 - Other states or accredited national organizations that offer certification in this area
 - Listing as a practice area in *Martindale-Hubbell*
 - Referral service listings (The Florida Bar or other services)
 - CLE availability options in proposed area
 - Proposed Draft of Certification Standards
 - Other (_____)