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# CRIMINAL TRIAL LAW



Board certification demonstrates a lawyer's significant commitment to and experience in a specialty field of law. Board-certified lawyers have dedicated themselves to a heightened level of excellence through character, professionalism, ethics, and credibility in the practice of law.

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## BENEFITS OF FLORIDA BAR BOARD CERTIFICATION

- Certification provides an objective measure that a potential client can rely on when selecting a lawyer.
- By becoming board certified, you join an existing network – and an online directory – 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% discount to board certified lawyers.

## MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CRIMINAL TRIAL LAW CERTIFICATION

- Practice of law for at least five years;
- Substantial involvement in the specialty of criminal trial law – 30% or more – during the three years immediately preceding application;
- Handling of at least 25 contested criminal cases, with 20 jury trials, tried to a verdict, 15 which involved a felony, and 10 as lead counsel;
- 45 hours of approved criminal trial law certification continuing legal education in the three years immediately preceding application;
- Peer review; and,
- A written examination.

*See Rule 6-8.3 for more information.*



Board certification is the #1 criteria of Floridians when selecting an attorney according to a 2020 survey.