Summary of Requirements for Recertification in a Specialty

Full disclosure of all requirements can be found in the Legal Specialization Rules and Standards of the Specialty

A. Applying for recertification as a specialist requires a fully completed application and $300 fee. Starting 01/2010 the application fee will increase to $350

B. Becoming a certified specialist requires satisfactory completion of the requirements of:
   1) Continuing legal education credits for the specialty
   2) Substantial skill, involvement and time spent in specialty
   3) Professional and disciplinary board record of professional conduct
   4) 30 day call for comment period in Bar Bulletin
   5) Favorable statements from required number of peer references
   6) Agreement to abide by Rules and Regulations of the Board of Legal Specialization and release of all documents necessary for this application
   7) Favorable application review and determination from the applicable Specialty Committee
   8) Favorable review and determination from the Board of Legal Specialization.

SUMMARY OF MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
(Please refer to complete Rules and Standards for specific requirements)

MCLE = Minimum Continuing Legal Education
T-S = Time Spent
EXAM = Written or Oral Exam required
REF = References
N-M = Number of Matters
Prior = Immediately prior to application year

Appellate Practice
MCLE: 50 hours in 5 years prior
REF: 2 Judges, 3 attorneys
(1 opposing counsel)
T-S: 25% of FT practice for 5 years prior
N-M: 12 or more appeals during 5 yrs prior

Bankruptcy Law: Business or Consumer
MCLE: Business: 60 hours in 5 years prior
MCLE: Consumer: 50 hours in 5 years prior
REF: 8 attorneys
T-S: 25% of FT practice for 5 years prior
N-M: See requirements for each specialty
Employment & Labor Law
MCLE: 50 hours in 5 years prior
REF: 5 attorneys or judges
T-S: 33% of FT practice for 5 years prior and substantial experience in 3 specific areas listed
N-M: See Standards for requirements

Environmental Law
MCLE: 50 hours in 5 years prior
REF: 5 attorneys
T-S: 30% of FT practice for 5 years prior
N-M: See Standards for requirements

Estate Planning, Trusts & Probate Law
MCLE: 120 in 5 years prior
REF: 5 attorneys or judges
T-S: 30% of FT practice for 5 years prior
N-M: See Standards for requirements

Family Law
MCLE: 120 in 5 years prior
REF: 1 judge, 4 attorneys
T-S: 33.3% of FT practice for 5 years prior
See Standards for other ways to qualify
N-M: See Standards for requirements

Federal Indian Law
MCLE: 50 hours in 5 years prior
REF: 5 attorneys or judges
T-S: 50% of FT practice for 5 years prior
N-M: See Standards for requirements

Health Law
MCLE: 50 hours in 5 years prior
REF: 5 attorneys
T-S: 40% of FT practice for 5 years prior
N-M: See Standards for requirements

Local Government Law
MCLE: 50 hours in 5 years prior
REF: 5 attorneys and 2 elected or appointed officials
T-S: 40% of FT practice for 5 years prior
N-M: See Standards for requirements
Natural Resources Law
MCLE: 50 hours in 5 years prior
REF: 5 attorneys
T-S: 50% of FT practice for 5 yrs prior
N-M: See Standards for separate requirements for Oil & Gas Law, Water Law, Mining & Mineral Law

Real Estate Law
MCLE: 50 hours in 5 years prior
REF: 5 attorneys
T-S: 50% of FT practice for 5 years
N-M: See Standards for requirements

Taxation Law
MCLE: 120 hours in 5 years prior
REF: 5 attorneys or judges and 2 non-attorneys
T-S: 50% of FT practice for 5 years prior
N-M: See Standards for requirements

Trial Specialist –Civil
MCLE: 50 hours in 5 years prior
REF: 2 judges and 4 attorneys (2 opposing counsel)
T-S: 50% of FT practice for 5 years prior
N-M: See Standards for requirements

Trial Specialist – Criminal
MCLE: 60 hours in 5 years prior
REF: 1 judge, 4 attorneys (2 opposing counsel) and 2 former clients
T-S: 33.3% of FT practice for 5 years prior
N-M: See Standards for requirements

Worker's Compensation Law
MCLE: 50 hours in 5 years prior
REF: 1 WC judge and 4 attorneys
T-S: 25% of FT practice for 5 years prior
N-M: See Standards for requirements