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## LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

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What can a  
Bankruptcy  
Law Certified  
Specialist  
do for you?

Whether your situation is simple or complex, you should consider hiring an attorney who specializes in Bankruptcy Law. Certified legal specialists are committed to maintaining their proficiency through ongoing practice and continuing education.

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## Why does the State Bar certify legal specialists?



To help the public identify attorneys who have demonstrated proficiency in specialized fields of law.



To encourage the maintenance and improvement of attorney competence in specialized fields of law.

## What does it mean when an attorney is a certified specialist?

A certified specialist is more than just an attorney who practices in a particular area of law—they've gone above and beyond to demonstrate proficiency. A California attorney who is certified by the State Bar as a Bankruptcy Law specialist must have:

- ✓ Passed a comprehensive written examination in Bankruptcy Law;
- ✓ Demonstrated a high level of experience in Bankruptcy Law;
- ✓ Completed additional and ongoing education requirements; and
- ✓ Been favorably evaluated by other attorneys and judges familiar with their work.

A certified specialist knows the overall picture and can discuss different strategies to help you choose the best one for your needs.

## What can a Bankruptcy Law certified specialist do for you?

Bankruptcy is complex and the outcome of your case can be significantly impacted by your choice of representation. A Bankruptcy Law certified specialist can:

- ✓ Assess your situation and clarify your legal rights and options;
- ✓ Take action to halt lawsuits, garnishments, tax levies, foreclosures, and other collection efforts;
- ✓ Strongly advocate for you throughout the bankruptcy process, including defending against creditors;
- ✓ Help reorganize business and personal debts;
- ✓ Offer guidance on your credit post-bankruptcy;
- ✓ Support your fresh start; and
- ✓ Safeguard your rights as a debtor or creditor in bankruptcy proceedings.

A bankruptcy specialist brings the expertise needed to protect your rights and secure the best outcome for your future.



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### In what fields of law are attorneys certified by the State Bar?

- ✓ Admiralty & Maritime Law
- ✓ Appellate Law
- ✓ Bankruptcy Law
- ✓ Criminal Law
- ✓ Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law
- ✓ Family Law
- ✓ Franchise & Distribution Law
- ✓ Immigration & Nationality Law
- ✓ Legal Malpractice Law
- ✓ Taxation Law
- ✓ Workers' Compensation Law

### How can I find a Certified Specialist?

To find a certified specialist, please visit the Attorney Search webpage, select the Certified Specialists link, and use the drop down to search by certified legal specialty: [www.calbar.ca.gov/attorneysearch](http://www.calbar.ca.gov/attorneysearch)

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