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

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 Franchise & Distribution Law specialist must have:

- ✓ Passed a comprehensive written exam in Franchise & Distribution Law;
- ✓ Demonstrated extensive and varied experience in Franchise & Distribution 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 Franchise & Distribution Law certified specialist do for you?

Franchise and distribution law involves unique legal requirements that can impact both franchisors and franchisees. A certified specialist can:

- ✓ Determine whether a business model qualifies as a franchise under state or federal law;
- ✓ Guide a franchisor through disclosure, registration, and compliance requirements;
- ✓ Draft franchise agreements and related contracts tailored to the business;
- ✓ Advise potential franchisees on risks, obligations, and opportunities;
- ✓ Help franchisors and franchisees navigate legal issues, including termination, renewals, and transfers; and
- ✓ Represent clients in litigation with a deep understanding of franchise law and contract interpretation.

Franchise & Distribution law is complex and constantly changing –certified specialists meet higher standards to stay current with the law and best practices.



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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

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