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*of California*

## LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

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What can a  
Immigration &  
Nationality Law  
Certified Specialist do  
for you?

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Whether your situation is simple or complex, you should consider hiring an attorney who specializes in Immigration & Nationality 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 an Immigration & Nationality Law specialist must have:

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

- ✓ Help you, your family, or your business avoid delays or denials by thoroughly analyzing your case and preparing it correctly from the start.
- ✓ Spot potential issues early and help you avoid unnecessary costs, rejections, or delays.
- ✓ Keep you informed of legal changes that may impact your rights or immigration status, and assist in correcting past mistakes.
- ✓ Protect your rights in interactions with immigration authorities, including representing you in bond or deportation hearings, and guiding your business through ICE audits and compliance.
- ✓ Help you maintain your legal residency status and support your path to U.S. citizenship.

**Immigration & Nationality 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](http://www.calbar.ca.gov/attorneysearch)

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