



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



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What can a
**Legal Malpractice
Law Certified
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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 Legal Malpractice Law specialist must have:

- ✓ Passed a comprehensive written examination in Legal Malpractice Law;
- ✓ Demonstrated extensive and varied experience in Legal Malpractice Law;
- ✓ Completed additional and ongoing education requirements; and
- ✓ Been favorably evaluated by other attorneys and judges familiar with their work.

What you do now
affects your future.
**Hire a certified
specialist.**

What can a Legal Malpractice Law certified specialist do for you?

A certified specialist in Legal Malpractice Law can help when you have concerns about your attorney's conduct or quality of service. They can:

- ✓ Evaluate whether your attorney's actions fell below the standard of care or violated fiduciary duties.
- ✓ Advise on issues involving fee disputes, conflicts of interest, trust accounts, or violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
- ✓ Analyze legal options and draft demand appellate briefs and petitions.
- ✓ Represent you in a legal malpractice claim, including filing appeals or petitions if appropriate.

For more complex legal matters, having a certified specialist on your side can make all the difference.



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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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