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## LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

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Taxation Law  
Certified  
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Whether your situation is simple or complex, you should consider hiring an attorney who specializes in Taxation 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.

Knowledge is power.  
Good planning will  
save you taxes.

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

Taxes can impact nearly every financial decision. A certified specialist in Taxation Law can help you navigate complex tax issues with confidence by:

- ✓ Advising on strategies to reduce income, property, and estate (death) taxes for both personal and business matters.
- ✓ Representing you in disputes with the IRS or California tax authorities;
- ✓ Helping you plan your estate, retirement benefits, and life insurance to minimize tax consequences;
- ✓ Guiding you on how to take title to your home or transfer property in a tax-efficient way; and
- ✓ Supporting complex business transactions like forming partnerships, corporate tax planning, or selling a business.

## 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. A California attorney who is certified by the State Bar as a Taxation Law specialist must have:

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

Taxation 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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