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*of California*

## LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

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What can a  
**Workers'  
Compensation 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 Workers' Compensation 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. A California attorney who is certified by the State Bar as a Workers' Compensation Law specialist must have:

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

**Workers' Compensation law is complex and constantly changing – certified specialists meet higher standards to stay current with the law and best practices.**

What you do now affects your rights. Consult a certified specialist as soon as possible.

## What can a Workers' Compensation Law certified specialist do for you?

Workers' Compensation is a very complicated system and the outcome of your case can be seriously affected by who represents you. Navigating the workers' compensation system can be complex, and having the right attorney can make a big difference. A Workers' Compensation Law certified specialist can:

- ✓ Explain your legal rights, benefits and responsibilities;
- ✓ Advocate for appropriate medical treatment and care;
- ✓ Help select qualified medical professionals to evaluate your injury;
- ✓ Assist with returning to work or obtaining Supplemental Job Displacement Benefits;
- ✓ Identify any legal defenses that may apply to your case;
- ✓ Represent you before the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board with the experience and credibility that comes from certification; and
- ✓ Review your case for any additional benefits or legal options.

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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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