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## Board Certification for Lawyers: What Does It Mean?

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Board certification recognizes attorneys' **special knowledge, skills and proficiency** in various areas of law and **professionalism and ethics** in practice.

Established in 1982 by the Florida Supreme Court, board certification **helps consumers identify specialists** in various areas of law.

Certification is the **highest level of evaluation** by The Florida Bar of the competency and experience of attorneys in the 24 areas of law approved for certification by the Supreme Court of Florida.

Board certified Florida Bar members are the only Florida attorneys allowed to use the terms **Board Certified, Specialist, Expert** or **B.C.S.** for **Board Certified Specialist** when referring to their legal credentials.

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### **Six percent of eligible Florida Bar members, approximately 4,600 lawyers, are board certified.**

A lawyer who is a member in good standing of The Florida Bar and who meets the standards prescribed by the state's Supreme Court may become board certified in one or more of the 24 certification fields.

Minimum requirements for certification are listed below; each area of certification may contain higher or additional standards.

- A minimum of five years in law practice.
- Substantial involvement in the field of law for which certification is sought.
- Satisfactory peer review assessment of competence in the specialty field as well as character, ethics and professionalism in the practice of law.
- Satisfaction of the certification area's continuing legal education requirements.
- A passing grade on the examination required of all applicants or meet strict criteria to exempt the exam.

*"The Florida Bar's board certification program is one of the best in the country. It assists the public in locating lawyers who have demonstrated their level of skill, excellence and commitment to professionalism."*

**Florida Bar President  
Gwynne A. Young**

**Board certification is valid for five years, during which time the attorney must continue to practice law and attend Florida Bar-approved continuing legal education courses. To be recertified, lawyers must meet requirements similar to those for initial certification.**

***Not all qualified lawyers are certified, but those who are board certified have taken the extra steps to have their competence and experience evaluated.***

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