

## What is a Board Certified Attorney?

An attorney who is Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Family Law must have prepared for and participated in contested of cases involving matters such as divorce, property division, child custody, child support, adoption, paternity and other matrimonial matters

To become Board Certified in Family Law, an attorney must have

- Been licensed to practice law for at least five years;
- Devoted a required percentage of practice to family law for at least three years;
- Handled a wide variety of family law matters to demonstrate experience and involvement;
- Attended family law continuing education seminars regularly to keep legal training up to date;
- Been evaluated by fellow lawyers and judges;
- Passed a day-long written examination.

The consumer can identify a Family Law Board Certified attorney in one of many ways. A Family Law Board Certified Attorney is entitled to indicate a certification on business cards and letterhead by stating "Board Certified - Family Law - Texas Board of Legal Specialization." The attorney may also display the Certificate of Special Competence awarded by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, and list the certification in legal directories and telephone listings under "Attorneys - Board Certified."

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