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The Board administers the program by which an attorney may earn a certificate of special competence in a particular field of law. The program is voluntary and is funded entirely by fees imposed on participating attorneys.

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WHAT IS AN IMMIGRATION & NATIONALITY LAW BOARD CERTIFIED ATTORNEY?



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An attorney who is Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Immigration and Nationality Law must have advised clients to their rights to live and work in the U.S. under appropriate non-immigrant visa or lawful permanent resident status and prepared the necessary documentation to secure these rights. The attorney must also have prepared and filed appropriate visa petitions to obtain and retain U.S. citizenship and must have represented clients in deportation and other administrative hearings.



To become Board Certified in Immigration and Nationality Law, an attorney must have:

- Been licensed to practice law for at least five years;
- Devoted a required percentage of practice to immigration and nationality law for at least three years;
- Handled a wide variety of immigration and nationality law matters to demonstrate experience and involvement;
- Attended immigration and nationality 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.

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Initial certification is valid for a period of five years. To remain certified, an attorney must apply for recertification every five years and meet practice, peer review and continuing legal education requirements for the specialty field.



The consumer can identify an Immigration and Nationality Law Board Certified attorney in one of many ways. An Immigration and Nationality Law Board Certified attorney is entitled to indicate certification on business cards and letterhead by stating “Board Certified - Immigration and Nationality 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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