



## San Fernando Valley Bar Association

### ATTORNEY REFERRAL SERVICE

#### FAMILY LAW AND FAMILY CHILD CUSTODY PANEL

#### Statement of Qualifications

Please check all areas that apply

- ☐ Divorce, Legal Separation
- ☐ Adoptions (Family or Agency)
- ☐ Contested Custody
- ☐ Contested Paternity
- ☐ Support Modification
- ☐ Pre-Nuptial, Living Together Agreements
- ☐ Interstate/International

I. Certified Specialist:

An applicant who is currently certified as a legal specialist by the California Board of Legal Specialization will automatically meet the experience requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am certified as a specialist in Family Law by the State Bar.  
(Initial)

II. Minimum Education and Experience Qualifications: (If not certified check all that apply)

☐ **To qualify for Family Law Referrals, I attest that within the two (2) years immediately proceeding, I have:**

\_\_\_\_\_Handled at least three (3) dissolutions of marriage from inception to final decrees, opposing party being represented by counsel at all stages, including one (1) contested trial before a court involving issue or support or property division; and

\_\_\_\_\_Handled at least three (3) Orders to Show Cause, with opposing party represented by counsel, with contested hearings (excluding attorney fee issues) presenting testimony before court; and

\_\_\_\_\_At least one (1) contested hearing from the listed options above including a contested child custody issue including visitation rights.

☐ **To qualify for Dissolutions with Child Custody Referrals, I attest that within the last three (3) years, I have:**

\_\_\_\_\_Handled one (1) child custody hearing with witness; OR

\_\_\_\_\_Three (3) child custody or visitation disputes, one of which must have been a child custody matter, which had gone through the evaluation process of the Offices of Family Court Services or its equivalent in other countries.

☐ **To qualify for Dissolutions Involving Self-Employed Spouse Referrals, I attest that:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have handled one (1) dissolution case in which applicant made evaluation of the business of a self-employed spouse.

☐ **To qualify for Paternity Referrals, I attest that:**

\_\_\_\_ I have personally performed all legal work and prepared or supervised the preparation of all papers in connection with at least three (3) cases within the last two (2) years involving paternity actions or am certified as a specialist by the California Board of Legal Specialization.

☐ **To qualify for Adoption Referrals, I attest that:**

\_\_\_\_ I have handled two (2) direct adoptions within the last five years.

☐ **To qualify for Guardianship of Minor Referrals, I attest that:**

\_\_\_\_ I have handled one (1) matter with in the last five (5) years in which custody was the primary issue.

☐ **I will handle TRO for domestic violence.**

☐ **I will handle non-income clients where the court can order the employed spouse to pay attorney fees.**

**III. Minimum Library Requirements:**

Applicant must have access to annotated codes and case reporters for all relevant authorities.

**IV. Alternative Qualifications:**

☐ **Certification by a Certified Family Law Specialist:**

Notwithstanding the above provisions and in substitution thereof, an applicant may submit to the LRIS Committee a letter from an attorney who is certified by the State as a Family Law Specialist attesting to the applicant's qualifications to handle Family Law Cases.

☐ **Certification by Judge:**

Notwithstanding the above provisions and in substitution thereof, an applicant may submit to the LRIS committee a letter from a Family Law Judge currently sitting on the Los Angeles County Superior Court attesting to the applicant's qualifications to handle family law Cases

☐ **Application for Special Consideration:**

In lieu of, or in addition to, the above provisions, an applicant may make application to the LRIS Committee, in person or in writing, for consideration of the attorney's legal education, experience and special qualifications for participation on the Family Law Panel.

I understand that the information contained herein is subject to reasonable verification and I agree to cooperate with the LRIS Committee and its designees in the process of evaluating my qualifications. I declare, under penalty of perjury that I have met the above criteria and requirements, and that I am competent to handle Family Law referral matters in the panel subject areas checked above.

Attorney Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Family Law & Family Child Custody Panel Experience Qualifications Statement

Use additional sheets if necessary

