

Why Hire a Board Certified Attorney?

The Texas Board of Legal Specialization (“TBLS”) is the nation's largest legal board certification program and is the only organization authorized to provide this service to Texas citizens.

TBLS Board Certified attorneys are the only attorneys allowed by the State Bar of Texas to publicly represent themselves as a specialist in a select area of law.

TBLS Board Certification sets the attorney apart as being an attorney with the highest, public commitment to excellence in their specialty area of law.

Our Board Certified Attorney

C. Kelvin Adams has been Board Certified in both Personal Injury Trial Law and Civil Trial Law by TBLS since 1995 and has been re-certified by TBLS every five-years since.

Out of 110,000 attorneys licensed to practice law in Texas, only 7,200 are Board Certified and less than 400 have earned Mr. Adams’ dual Board Certification in Personal Injury Trial Law and Civil Trial Law.

Board Certification: Questions & Answers

Q. What does "Board Certified " mean?

A. Board Certification is a voluntary designation program for attorneys. Initial certification is valid for a period of five years. To remain certified, an attorney must apply for recertification every five years and meet substantial involvement, peer review and continuing legal education requirements for the specialty area.

To become Board Certified in a specialty area, an attorney must have:

- Been licensed to practice law in Texas for at least five years;
- Annually devoted a required percentage of practice to a specialty area;
- Tried the required number of trials in the specialty area to demonstrate substantial experience and involvement;
- Annually attended the required number of hours of continuing education seminars in the specialty area to keep legal training up to date;
- Been qualified vetted through references by fellow lawyers and judges;
- Passed a 6-hour written examination.

Q. Is there a specialty certification for Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law?

A. TBLS currently certifies attorneys in 25 specialty areas of law. Personal Injury

Trial Law and Civil Trial Law are 2 of the specialty areas recognized by TBLS. TBLS describes the specialty areas of Personal Injury Trial Law and Civil Trial Law as follows:

- **Personal Injury Trial Law** is litigation based on an individual's personal injury from automobile accidents, professional malpractice, defective products or negligence by another.
- **Civil Trial Law** is litigation involving contracts, businesses and business owners, negligence, creditors and debtors, fair debt collection, landlord and tenants, and deceptive trade practices

Q. How can I find out if an attorney is Board Certified?

A. Look for the TBLS logo:



The attorney's Board Certification specialty area of law will be listed at the bottom of the logo. Only a TBLS Board Certified attorney can use the TBLS logo.

Q. Where can I find out more about Board Certified attorneys?

A. The best source is the TBLS site at <https://www.tbls.org/> or call TBLS at 1-833-413-0253 or 512-706-4500, or e-mail TBLS at tbls@texasbar.com.

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