



Whether your situation is simple or complex, you should consider hiring an attorney who specializes in Admiralty & Maritime Law. Certified legal specialists are committed to maintaining their proficiency through ongoing practice and continuing education.



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Why does the State Bar certify legal specialists?



To help the public identify attorneys who have demonstrated proficiency in specialized fields of law.



To encourage the maintenance and improvement of attorney competence in specialized fields of law.

What does it mean when an attorney is a certified specialist?

A certified specialist is more than just an attorney who practices in a particular area of law—they've gone above and beyond to demonstrate proficiency. A California attorney who is certified by the State Bar as an Admiralty & Maritime Law specialist must have:

- ✓ Passed a comprehensive written exam in Admiralty & Maritime Law;
- ✓ Demonstrated extensive and varied experience in Admiralty & Maritime Law;
- ✓ Completed additional and ongoing education requirements; and
- ✓ Been favorably evaluated by other attorneys and judges familiar with their work.

A certified specialist knows the overall picture and can discuss different strategies to help you choose the best one for your needs.

What can an Admiralty & Maritime Law certified specialist do for you?

- ✓ Review, negotiate, and draft charter parties, crew agreements, and other maritime agreements regarding vessel purchases, sales, construction and repairs.
- ✓ Advise vessel owners regarding a wide variety of maritime matters including liens, vessel documentation, and financing, and laws, including treaties, regarding the environment, safety, and navigation.
- ✓ Evaluate, prosecute, and defend claims for personal injury and death that occur on board vessels, in the water, on piers and docks, and in other shore side facilities.
- ✓ Represent parties in Coast Guard investigations and maritime casualties such as vessel collisions.
- ✓ Arrange for vessels to be arrested and released from arrest.

Given how specialized this field is, consulting a certified specialist is highly recommended.



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In what fields of law are attorneys certified by the State Bar?

- ✓ Admiralty & Maritime Law
- ✓ Appellate Law
- ✓ Bankruptcy Law
- ✓ Criminal Law
- ✓ Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law
- ✓ Family Law
- ✓ Franchise & Distribution Law
- ✓ Immigration & Nationality Law
- ✓ Legal Malpractice Law
- ✓ Taxation Law
- ✓ Workers' Compensation Law

How can I find a Certified Specialist?

To find a certified specialist, please visit the Attorney Search webpage, select the Certified Specialists link, and use the drop down to search by certified legal specialty: www.calbar.ca.gov/attorneysearch

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