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BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION
APPLICATION FOR RE-CERTIFICATION IN
INJURY AND WRONGFUL DEATH LITIGATION
Revised 12/01/2003

Name: _____ Bar Number: _____
(Please type your name as you wish it to be printed on your certificate of specialization)

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

I. On a separate sheet of paper, please supply the following information:

- A. Record of Discipline. A discipline check will be conducted on every applicant. Since the date of your last application for certification, please list any disciplinary actions taken against you in any state, jurisdiction, or organization. In addition, list all instances of discipline in which the sanction imposed was censure or greater, or an informal reprimand in which the disciplinary record was public, pursuant to Rule 70, Ariz. R.S. Ct. A record of discipline or failure to disclose the same may constitute ground for denial of an application.
B. Employment History. Beginning with your most recent employment, list a complete statement of your employment during the last five years. Include the dates of employment, employer 's name and address, and a brief summary of the nature of the work performed
C. References. List the names and addresses of five attorneys who practice in injury and wrongful death litigation and/or judges before whom you have appeared, familiar with your practice, and not including current partners or associates. Please be advised that the Injury and Wrongful Death Advisory Commission will also select at least five additional references from information submitted in your application. The references will be requested to provide written comments concerning your knowledge, skill, thoroughness, preparation, effectiveness and judgment in injury and wrongful death litigation as well as your ethics and professionalism. Do not submit lawyers serving on the Board of Legal Specialization or on the Injury and Wrongful Death Advisory Commission as references. A list of all lawyers serving in these capacities can be found at www.azbar.org/membership/legalspecialization. The content of statements of reference shall be treated confidentially by the Board of Legal Specialization.

Please be aware that the State Bar Standards for Certification require that an applicant demonstrate a high degree of professionalism and meet high ethical standards in compliance with A Lawyer's Creed of Professionalism of the State Bar of Arizona (copy enclosed) as well as the Rules of Professional Responsibility. These standards are higher than the bare minimum ethical and professionalism standards an attorney must meet to avoid disciplinary action or the threshold conduct that would warrant the filing of a bar complaint.

- D. Substantial Involvement in Injury and Wrongful Death Litigation. Pursuant to the Standards for Certification of Lawyers Specializing in Injury and Wrongful Death Litigation, recertification applicants must demonstrate substantial involvement in the field of injury and wrongful death litigation during the past five years. For purposes hereof substantial involvement shall mean the engagement by the applicant in legal service (as defined in Section 1 of the Rules and Regulations of the Arizona Board of Legal Specialization) equivalent to at least 50% of a full-time practice, in the course of which the applicant has annually devoted at least 1000 hours to injury and wrongful death litigation, and at least 50% of those hours must involve Arizona injury and wrongful death matters.

To demonstrate substantial involvement please provide the following information:

1. Describe the nature of legal services in which you have been engaged in the past five years, identifying the types of issues of Injury and Wrongful Death Litigation with which you have dealt and the frequency of involvement therewith.
2. List the following information for each jury trial in which you were lead counsel during the past five years to demonstrate substantial involvement in the field of injury and wrongful death litigation.

Title of Case:

Plaintiff or Defense Counsel:

Case Number:

Court Where Tried:

Nature of Trial:

Brief Description of Facts:

Description of Injuries Sustained by Plaintiff

Amount of Final Settlement Demand and When Made:

Amount of Final Settlement Offer and When Made:

Date Trial Commenced:

Length of Trial:

Date Submitted to Jury or Date Verdict Rendered:

Jury Verdict:

Judge:

Co-Counsel:

If Co-Counsel listed, detail your participation at trial:

Names and Addresses of Opposing Counsel:

Names of Expert Witnesses at Trial, if any:

3. If you have not acted as lead counsel in 10 jury trials during the past five years, list the following information for the most significant cases you have handled during the past five years. The information provided from a combination of your jury trials and significant cases must equal ten matters including at least three cases with judicial involvement.

Title of Case:

Plaintiff or Defense Counsel:

Case Number:

Nature of Legal Services Provided:

Brief Description of Facts:

Judge:

Co-Counsel:

If Co-Counsel is listed, detail your participation:

Name and Address of Opposing Counsel:

II Fees. An application fee of \$300.00 must be submitted with this application.

APPLICATION AGREEMENT

Read and initial each of the following statements and sign below:

a. _____ I agree to abide by all Rules and Regulations of the Arizona Board of Legal Specialization as amended from time to time, to pay all fees required by the Board of Legal Specialization as due, and to furnish to the Board such information as may be required from time to time to ascertain my entitlement to certification.

b. _____ I certify that I am an active member in good standing of the State Bar of Arizona and that I continue to engage in legal service (as defined in the Rules and Regulations of the Arizona Board of Legal Specialization) on an annual basis equivalent to at least 50% of a full-time practice.

c. _____ I annually devote not less than 50% of a full-time practice to personal injury law, as defined in the Standards for Certification for Lawyers Specializing in Personal Injury Law.

d. _____ Pursuant to Rule 70, Ariz.R.Sup.Ct., I hereby waive confidentiality of any disciplinary proceeding initiated against me by the State Bar of Arizona after January 1, 1992, or which may be initiated against me during the pendency of my application. I understand and agree, to the extent permitted under Rule 70, Ariz.R.Sup.Ct., that my disciplinary records may be requested from the Lawyer Regulations Records Manager (or representative) or Disciplinary Clerk.

e. _____ I agree to advise the Board of Legal Specialization, from the date of filing this current application throughout the next approved five-year period of certification, of any disciplinary action taken against me in any state, jurisdiction, or organization. I will advise of all instances of discipline in which the sanction imposed was censure or greater, or an informal reprimand in which the disciplinary record was public.

f. _____ I authorize all persons, firms, officers, corporations, organizations, associations (including Bar Associations of other jurisdictions), State or Federal agencies and institutions to furnish to the Board of Legal Specialization or any of its authorized representatives, all relevant documents, records or other information that may be requested in the investigation of this application or in any investigation of my continuing satisfaction of the Standards for Certification.

g. _____ I authorize the Board of Legal Specialization to consult with any persons who may have information relating to my professional qualifications, credentials or character, ethics, behavior, or any other matter reasonably bearing on the criteria for initial and continued certification. I further agree that all information received by the Board shall be treated confidentially and that I have no right of access to information received by the Board from third parties. I specifically waive any right to review any reference or other evaluations made to the Board, whether solicited by me or the Board. In addition, I agree not to seek discovery of such references and evaluations, formally or informally, in any legal proceeding or otherwise.

h. _____ I release, discharge and exonerate the State Bar of Arizona, its officers, directors, staff, agents, employees and representatives, and any person furnishing information and evaluations to the Board of Legal Specialization, from any and all liability of every nature and kind arising from the investigation and evaluation of my application or my continued satisfaction of the Standards for Certification.

I certify my application is true or true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that failure to make a truthful disclosure of any material fact or item of information required may result in the denial of my application, revocation of my certificate of specialization if granted, or disciplinary action by the State Bar of Arizona.

Signature of Applicant

Date