

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
BOARD ON ATTORNEY CERTIFICATION



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Applicant's Number
(To be entered by Board)

MATRIMONIAL LAW ATTORNEY CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

Please refer to the Instructions to Applicants posted on the Board's website prior to submitting your application.

The Board, the Matrimonial Certification Committee, and the Supreme Court require that all questions be answered. Failure to answer all questions completely will result in the rejection of your application. Use additional paper as necessary to respond fully.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN.

THIS APPLICATION SHALL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name (As you wish it to appear on your certificate):

County of Practice: _____

Date and Place of Birth: _____

Date of Plenary Admission to the New Jersey Bar: _____

New Jersey Attorney I. D. #: _____

List other jurisdictions in which you are admitted. Federal District Court for the District of New Jersey does not constitute another jurisdiction for purposes of this question. Attach a current Certificate of Good Standing from each jurisdiction other than New Jersey. If you are not admitted in any other jurisdiction, enter "none."

Have you previously applied for Attorney Certification in New Jersey? YES _____ NO _____

If so, which area of certification and when? _____

Are you certified by the Supreme Court in any other approved area of certification? YES _____ NO _____

If so, identify the certification(s) you presently hold and the date of such certification(s):

Do you hold any other certification in matrimonial law? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, list the name of the certifying organization and the date on which you were certified:

Home Address:

_____ (number and street)

_____ (city, state, zip code)

Office Address:

_____ (name of firm)

_____ (number and street)

_____ (city, state, zip code)

_____ (telephone number)

_____ (FAX number)

_____ (E-mail address)

List all other office addresses used by you during the last five years and their duration. Attach additional sheets as necessary. If you have maintained your office at the above address for the past five years, enter "none" below.

Addresses

Dates

II. REPUTATION AS A MATRIMONIAL ATTORNEY (Rule 1:39-2(c); RG. 204)

List the names and addresses of eight members of the bench or bar of this state who can attest to your competence as a matrimonial law attorney. Each bar member whose name is submitted for such purpose must be substantially engaged in the practice of matrimonial law. At least two references must be an attorney who represented an opposing party in a contested matter or a contested matrimonial trial, and another two who represented an opposing party in a litigated matter or a contested matrimonial law hearing within the three years immediately preceding the filing of the application. In addition, at least three references must be judges before whom you tried one or more cases within the last three years.

Do not list the name of anyone who has been formally associated with you in the practice of law. Justices of the Supreme Court or members of the Board on Attorney Certification or the Certification Committees may not be submitted as references.

NAME _____

FIRM OR COURT _____

ADDRESS _____

NAME OF CASE _____ DOCKET NUMBER _____

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FIRM OR COURT _____

ADDRESS _____

NAME OF CASE _____ DOCKET NUMBER _____

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III. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AS A MATRIMONIAL LAW ATTORNEY (Rule 1:39-2 (b);
RG. 203:2)

Use the attached forms to complete this section and make certain that you provide all of the information requested. Use additional sheets as necessary, but you must follow the formats shown on these forms.

PART A - CONTESTED MATRIMONIAL LAW HEARINGS - List 15 contested matrimonial law hearings [as defined in RG. 203:2(h)(1)] per year over the three years immediately preceding the application (for a total of 45).

CAPTION, DOCKET NO. AND DATE OF DISPOSITION	FORUM & JUDGE	NATURE OF ACTION OR PROCEEDING	NO. OF TRIAL DAYS	ISSUES PRESENTED, ADDRESSED, ARGUED AND RESOLVED i.e. SUPPORT (S), EQUIT. DISTRIB. (ED), CUSTODY/VISITATION (C/V), COUNSEL FEES (CF)	POINT AT WHICH THE PROCEEDINGS WERE TERMINATED	NAME & ADDRESS OF ALL COUNSEL	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF RELEVANT
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PART B - NEGOTIATED MATRIMONIAL LAW JUDGMENTS OR NEGOTIATED PROPERTY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS [RG. 203:2 (d) and (e)] - List 25 negotiated matrimonial law judgments or negotiated property settlement agreements in the three years immediately preceding the application or 40 contested matrimonial law actions in your career.

CAPTION, DOCKET NO. AND DATE OF DISPOSITION	FORUM & JUDGE	NATURE OF ACTION, PROCEEDING, OR NEGOTIATION	NATURE AND EXTENT OR SETTLEMENT, INCLUDING ISSUES PRESENTED, ADDRESSED, ARGUED AND RESOLVED, AND TYPE AND EXTENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES INVOLVED	POINT AT WHICH THE PROCEEDINGS, IF ANY, WERE TERMINATED	NAME & ADDRESS OF ALL COUNSEL	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF RELEVANT
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PART C

CONTESTED MATRIMONIAL LAW TRIALS OR PLENARY HEARINGS [RG. 203:2(f)]

Use the attached form to list five plenary hearings [as defined in RG. 203:2 (h)(3)] during the three year period preceding the application on a substantive or factual issue or, alternatively, a total of ten contested matrimonial law trials during your career. You may include cases that were settled prior to judgment if you were the attorney primarily responsible for preparing the case for trial.

NO. ____ OF ____

CAPTION _____

DOCKET NUMBER _____

COURT & COUNTY OF VICINAGE _____

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL COUNSEL AND PARTY REPRESENTED:
(list individual attorneys, not firm names)

NATURE OF ACTION OR PROCEEDING _____

DATE

THIS MATTER WAS	_____ TRIED TO A CONCLUSION	_____
	_____ PARTIALLY TRIED	_____

NUMBER OF DAYS TRIED _____

NAME OF JUDGE _____

ISSUES PRESENTED, ADDRESSED, ARGUED AND RESOLVED:

POINT AT WHICH PROCEEDINGS WERE TERMINATED:

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT INFORMATION:

PART D List and describe the nature and extent of each activity or factor of additional qualification, including, but not limited to, involvement in Matrimonial Early Settlement programs; service as court appointed counsel or guardian ad litem; service with a county bar, State bar, national bar association, national or State organization dealing primarily in matrimonial law-related matters or service on Supreme Court Committees dealing with matrimonial law; and authorship of published article(s) on matrimonial law.

IV. EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Applicants must demonstrate satisfactory and substantial continuing legal educational involvement within the three years immediately preceding the filing of this application. The Certification Committee and the Board will evaluate the information submitted in light of the requirements and criteria set forth in Rule 1:39-2(d) and RG. 205.

Complete the relevant portions of this section in chronological order (oldest information first) and attach a copy of the Certificates of Attendance as proof of your completion.

A. ATTENDANCE AT LIVE COURSES IN TRIAL PRACTICE OR PROGRAMS OF STUDY FOR MATRIMONIAL LAW ATTORNEYS:

Name of Course: _____

Provider: _____

Subject Matter: _____

Credits: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____

Name of Course: _____

Provider: _____

Subject Matter: _____

Credits: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____

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Subject Matter: _____

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Name of Course: _____

Provider: _____

Subject Matter: _____

Credits: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____

Name of Course: _____

Provider: _____

Subject Matter: _____

Credits: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____

B. ALTERNATIVE VERIFIABLE LEARNING FORMAT COURSES COMPLETED IN TRIAL PRACTICE OR PROGRAMS OF STUDY FOR MATRIMONIAL LAW ATTORNEYS:

Name of Course: _____

Provider: _____

Subject Matter: _____

Credits: _____ Date: _____ Format: _____

Name of Course: _____

Provider: _____

Subject Matter: _____

Credits: _____ Date: _____ Format: _____

Name of Course: _____

Provider: _____

Subject Matter: _____

Credits: _____ Date: _____ Format: _____

Name of Course: _____

Provider: _____

Subject Matter: _____

Credits: _____ Date: _____ Format: _____

Name of Course: _____

Provider: _____

Subject Matter: _____

Credits: _____ Date: _____ Format: _____

C. TEACHING COURSES IN TRIAL PRACTICE OR PROGRAMS OF STUDY FOR MATRIMONIAL LAW ATTORNEYS:

Name of Course: _____

Provider: _____

Subject Matter: _____

Credits: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____

Name of Course: _____

Provider: _____

Subject Matter: _____

Credits: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____

Name of Course: _____

Provider: _____

Subject Matter: _____

Credits: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____

Name of Course: _____

Provider: _____

Subject Matter: _____

Credits: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____

Name of Course: _____

Provider: _____

Subject Matter: _____

Credits: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____

V. OTHER MATTERS

A. Have any claims been made against you or discipline imposed, arising out of the professional relationship or fiduciary relationship with a client, whether criminal, civil, administrative or ethical? (This question includes, but is not limited to, malpractice and ethics claims and/or complaints.)

_____ Yes _____ No

B. Have you been convicted of a crime?

_____ Yes _____ No

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE ALLEGATIONS IF YOU RESPONDED YES TO EITHER OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS AND ATTACH A COPY OF THE PLEADINGS; INCLUDING ANY COMPLAINTS, DISMISSALS, ORDERS, ETC.

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION, WAIVER, AND RELEASE

I hereby certify that the statements and information contained in the foregoing application for certification as a Matrimonial Law Attorney are true and complete.

I authorize the Matrimonial Certification Committee and the Board on Attorney Certification to make such inquiry and investigation as it deems appropriate, and I hereby expressly waive access to any references or other items of information supplied to the Certification Committee and the Board by third parties.

I hereby release, discharge, and exonerate the New Jersey Board on Attorney Certification and Matrimonial Certification Committee, their agents and representatives, and any person so furnishing information from any and all liability of every nature and kind arising out of furnishing or inspection of such documents, records, and other information or the investigation made by the New Jersey Board on Attorney Certification and Matrimonial Certification Committee.

(DATE)

(SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT)