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The Board administers the program by which an attorney may earn a certificate of special competence in a particular field of law. The program is voluntary and is funded entirely by fees imposed on participating attorneys.

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WHAT IS A REAL ESTATE LAW BOARD CERTIFIED ATTORNEY?



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An attorney who is Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Real Estate Law must have experience in the law covering land and improvements and their use, acquisition, transfer, development and financing. The attorney must also be knowledgeable in statutory and case law and governmental regulations concerning real estate and its use. There are subcategories in Real Estate Law of Commercial, Residential, and Farm and Ranch Real Estate Law.

To become Board Certified in Real Estate Law, an attorney must have:

- Been licensed to practice law for at least five years;
- Devoted a required percentage of practice to real estate law for at least three years;
- Handled a wide variety of real estate law matters to demonstrate experience and involvement;
- Attended real estate law continuing education seminars regularly to keep legal training up to date;
- Been evaluated by fellow lawyers and judges;
- Passed a day-long written examination.

Initial certification is valid for a period of five years. To remain certified, an attorney must apply for recertification every five years and meet practice, peer review and continuing legal education requirements for the specialty field of law.

The consumer can identify a Real Estate Law Board Certified attorney in one of many ways. A Real Estate Law Board Certified attorney is entitled to indicate certification on business cards and letterhead by stating “Board Certified - Real Estate Law - Texas Board of Legal Specialization.” The attorney may also display the Certificate of Special Competence awarded by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, and list the certification in legal directories and telephone listings under “Attorneys - Board Certified.”

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