

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 03 - 9014

ORDER OF THE COURT APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE
ATTORNEY STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE
TEXAS BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

The Texas Board of Legal Specialization approved amendments to the Attorney Standards for Certification on December 11, 2002, and it appears to this Court that these Standards will advance the administration of justice.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Attorney Standards for Certification be amended to read:

PART II -- SPECIFIC AREA REQUIREMENTS FOR REAL ESTATE LAW
SECTION 1 -- SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT AND SPECIAL COMPETENCE

B. Substantial Involvement for Certification

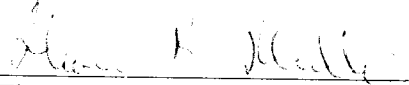
Certification applicants must show substantial involvement and special competence in Texas real estate practice during each of the 3 years immediately preceding application by providing such information as may be required by the TBLS.

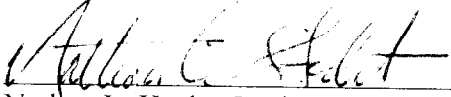
1. Certification applicants must show that during each of the 3 years immediately preceding application he or she has devoted a minimum of 30% of his or her total time practicing Texas real estate law as defined in Section I,A of the Specific Area Requirements for Real Estate Law.
2. Certification applicants shall be certified in the following individual categories of Texas real estate law and shall demonstrate substantial involvement and special competence within each category for which certification is sought.

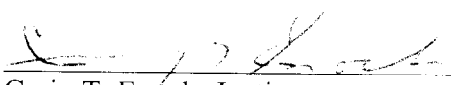
a. RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE LAW


Certification applicants must show that during each of the 3 years immediately preceding application he or she has devoted a minimum of 30% of his or her total time practicing Texas real estate law. Twenty (20%) percent of an applicant's total time must have been in residential real estate law as defined in Section I,A,2(a) of the Specific Area Requirements for Real Estate Law.

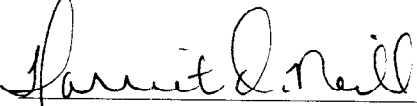
Signed this 7th day of February, 2003.

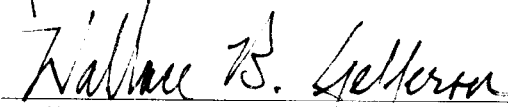

Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

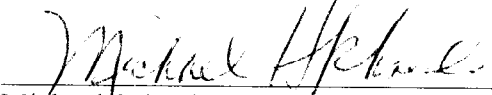

Nathan L. Hecht, Justice



Craig T. Enoch, Justice

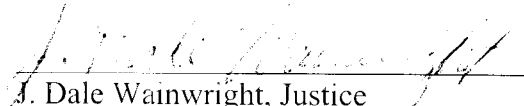

Priscilla R. Owen, Justice


Harriet O'Neill, Justice


Wallace B. Jefferson, Justice


Michael Schneider, Justice


Steven W. Smith, Justice


J. Dale Wainwright, Justice

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- b. COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE LAW
Certification applicants must show that during each of the 3 years immediately preceding application he or she has devoted a minimum of 30% of his or her total time practicing Texas real estate law. Twenty (20%) percent of an applicant's total time must have been in commercial real estate law as defined in Section I,A,2(b) of the Specific Area Requirements for Real Estate Law.
- c. FARM AND RANCH REAL ESTATE LAW
Certification applicants must show that during each of the 3 years immediately preceding application he or she has devoted a minimum of 30% of his or her total time practicing Texas real estate law. Ten (10%) percent of an applicant's total time must have been in farm and ranch real estate law as defined in Section I,A,2(c) of the Specific Area Requirements for Real Estate Law.

C. **Substantial Involvement for Recertification**

- 1. Except as provided for in Section I,C,2 below, recertification applicants must show substantial involvement and special competence in Texas real estate law by providing such information as may be required by the TBLS, including confirmation that during each year of the five years of certification he or she has devoted a minimum of 30% of his or her total time practicing Texas real estate law as defined in Section I,A of the Specific Area Requirements for Real Estate Law in one or a combination of the following methods:
 - a. Residential Real Estate Law. Twenty percent (20%) of an applicant's total time must have been in residential real estate law as defined in Section I,A,2(a) of the Specific Area Requirements for Real Estate Law.
 - b. Commercial Real Estate Law. Twenty percent (20%) of an applicant's total time must have been in commercial real estate law as defined in Section I,A,2(b) of the Specific Area Requirements for Real Estate Law.
 - c. Farm and Ranch Real Estate Law. Ten percent (10%) of an applicant's total time must have been in farm and ranch real estate law as defined in Section I,A,2(c) of the Specific Area Requirements for Real Estate Law.

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