



The State Bar *of California*

**OPEN SESSION
AGENDA ITEM
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DATE: March 29, 2019

TO: Members, California Board of Legal Specialization

FROM: Amy C. Nuñez, Director, Admissions

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF NATIONAL BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCACY'S APPLICATION FOR
ACCREDITATION OF SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IN TRUCK ACCIDENT
LAW

SUMMARY

Current State Bar accredited certifying organization, National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA), seeks accreditation of its Truck Accident Law certification program for attorneys.

BACKGROUND

The California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLs) is authorized to certify legal specialists, and may also recommend that the Board of Trustees approve other national certifying organizations to certify legal specialists. The NBTA was the first certifying organization to receive such accreditation, receiving its first approval in 1997. It then received subsequent approvals in 1999 and 2007.

The NBTA is currently approved by the State Bar in the following specialty areas and number of California specialists:

- Civil Trial Advocacy – 79
 - Criminal Trial Advocacy – 9
 - Family Law Trial Advocacy – 6
 - Social Security Disability Law – 5
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DISCUSSION

In August 2018, the NBTA was accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) for its certification program in Truck Accident Law. The NBTA subsequently submitted an Application for Accreditation of Specialty Certification Program(s) for Attorneys, and is attached for review as Attachment A.

Included in the application are:

- Articles of Incorporation
- ABA Certificate for Truck Accident Law
- Standards and Applications for Truck Accident Law
- Membership List

The CBLS may approve, request more information, or deny the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the California Board of Legal Specialization approve the following motion:

MOVE, that the recommendation of accrediting the NBTA's specialty certification program in Truck Accident Law be approved for transmittal to the Board of Trustees.

Or

MOVE, that the CBLS request _____ from the NBTA to further review and consider its application for accreditation.

Or

MOVE, that the CBLS request deny the request from the NBTA.

ATTACHMENT(S) LIST

- A. National Board of Trial Advocacy's Application for Accreditation of Specialty Certification Program(s) for Attorneys