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February 23, 2019

Department of Legal Specialization
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180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

To whom it may concern,

Enclosed please find our Application for Accreditation in Truck Accident Law and the \$500.00 application fee.

Please note the following answers and attachments for section 6 of the application:

- 6 A & B (Attachment 1): Articles of Incorporation. Founded in 1977, Incorporated in 1988.
- 6 C: No organizations or entities sponsor the organization.
- 6 D: The American Bar Association is the only jurisdiction that has granted approval of Truck Accident
- 6 E: No jurisdictions have denied approval of Truck Accident
- 6 F: Truck Accident Law: deals with the procedural, substantive and practical issues unique to collision cases involving commercial tractor trailers, buses and other commercial motor vehicles and all of the people and entities in the transportation cycle.
- 6 G: (Attachment 2) ABA certificate for Truck Accident Law
- 6 H: (Attachment 3) NBTA Pledge on Confidentiality that must be signed by a CTC representative before NBTA exam(s) are released.
- 6 I: (Attachment 4) Standards and application forms for Truck Accident Law
- 6 J: Please see section C of the NBTA Truck Accident Standards
- 6 K: (Attachment 5) Membership list
- 6 L: N/A

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Melissa Sternbach

Melissa Sternbach
Executive Director



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**Application for Accreditation
of Specialty Certification Program(s) for Attorneys**

A \$500 application fee and must accompany this application.

COMPLETION OF THIS FORM DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APPROVAL OF YOUR APPLICATION. IF GRANTED, APPROVAL WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE SET FORTH IN THE NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL LETTER.

NOTE: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED. SEE STEP 6 BELOW FOR DETAILS.

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION

Include all other names your organization has used or is currently using.

National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA)

Has applicant ever been known by any other name? Yes, the National Board of Legal Specialty Certification (NBLSC).

2. ORGANIZATION

Phone 508-384-6565
Contact Phone 508-384-6565
Fax 508-384-8223
E-mail msternbach@nbtalawyers.org
Website www.nbtalawyers.org

3. CONTACT

Name Melissa Sternbach
Title Executive Director
Phone 508-384-6565
E-mail msternbach@nbtalawyers.org

4. TYPE OF ORGANIZATION *Check one.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> sole proprietorship | <input type="checkbox"/> partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> corporation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> professional association | <input type="checkbox"/> voluntary association | <input type="checkbox"/> state bar association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> local bar association | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (describe) <u>non-profit</u> | |

5. List the area of law for which your organization is seeking State Bar of California accreditation. Note that each area in which certificates are offered will be evaluated separately.

Truck Accident Law

6. Please include/attach the following information/documentation with your submission, as it relates to each specialty area of law in which you are seeking accreditation:

- (a) Date on which your organization was formed.
- (b) If a corporation, the state in which the organization was incorporated.
- (c) Name and address of each organization or entity that sponsors your organization, if any.
- (d) Jurisdictions that have granted approval to your organization to certify attorneys as specialists.
- (e) Jurisdictions, if any, that have denied approval to your organization to certify attorneys as specialists.
- (f) Definition of the specialty area of law.
- (g) Proof of ABA accreditation.
- (h) Evidence of the written examination that applicants must pass in order to become certified by your organization, including proof of a California component, where appropriate.
- (i) Evidence of the task requirements that applicants must satisfy in order to become certified or recertified by your organization, including proof of a California component, where appropriate.
- (j) Evidence of the educational requirement that the applicant must complete a minimum of 45 hours of approved education in the specialty field in order to become certified by your organization.
- (k) For each specialty, a list of the names, addresses, bar numbers, specialty fields, and certification periods (beginning and ending dates) of California attorneys which have been certified by your organization.
- (l) For each specialty, a list of the names, addresses, and bar numbers of previously certified California attorneys who held certificates of specialization.

STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION

As authorized representative of the applicant for purposes of this application for accreditation, I authorize and consent to an investigation as to the matters requested and disclosed in this application. Further, I agree to the following:

- (1) to provide further information which may be required in reference to the current or prior activities of our organization, and to cooperate in the investigation of the statements on this application;
- (2) that in connection with making this application, I have read and agree to abide by the Rules Governing Approval to Certify Legal Specialists;
- (3) to release, discharge, exonerate, and hold harmless the State Bar of California, its officers, agents and employees from liability of any kind, including costs and expenses, for any suit or damages sustained by any person or property by virtue of the undersigned's activities relating to application for accreditation or accreditation by the State Bar of California;
- (4) that the ABA Standing Committee on Specialization may make materials submitted by our organization in connection with the ABA's application available to the Office of Admissions of the State Bar of California and other State Bar offices and sub-entities as designated by the Office of Admissions, except for copies of examinations and other materials as may be agreed upon between our organization and the Office of Admissions.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I am authorized by our organization to submit this application and bind our organization to the requirements listed and that the information disclosed and the items provided pursuant to the requirements of this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Melissa Sternbach

Digitally signed by Melissa Sternbach
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ou, email=msternbach@nbtalawyers.org, c=US
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Signature

Executive Director

Title

National Board of Trial Advocacy

Organization

State of MA)

County of Norfolk)

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William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the
Commonwealth

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Secretary of the Commonwealth
State House, Boston, Massachusetts 02133

June 16, 2015

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby certify that

NATIONAL BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCACY, INC.

appears by the records of this office to have been incorporated under the General Laws of this Commonwealth on **February 11, 1988 (Chapter 180)**.

I also certify that by Articles of Amendment filed here **August 26, 2004**, the name of said corporation was changed to

NATIONAL BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION, INC.

I further certify that by Articles of Amendment filed here **June 10, 2015**, the name of said corporation was changed to

NATIONAL BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCACY, INC.

I also certify that so far as appears of record here, said corporation still has legal existence.



In testimony of which,
I have hereunto affixed the
Great Seal of the Commonwealth
on the date first above written.

William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
(General Laws, Chapter 180, Section 7)

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I hereby approve the within Articles of Amendment and, the filing fee in
the amount of \$ 15 having been paid, said articles are deemed
to have been filed with me this 26th day of August
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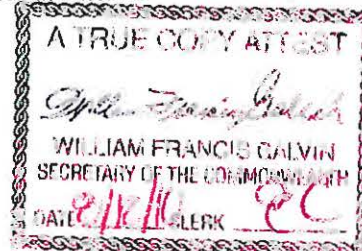
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William Francis Galvin

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN

Secretary of the Commonwealth



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Kotin, Crabtree & Strong, LLP

One Bowdoin Square

Boston, MA 02114

Telephone: (617) 227-7031

Email: areichlin@kcslegal.com

A copy this filing will be available on-line at www.state.ma.us/sec/cor once
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Fee: \$15.00

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth
One Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02108-1512

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
(General Laws, Chapter 180, Section 7)

We, Michael J. Labow, *President / *Vice President,
and Roberta Hugus, *Clerk / *Assistant Clerk,
of National Board of Trial Advocacy, Inc.,
(Exact name of corporation)
located at 200 Stonewall Boulevard, Suite 1, Wrentham, MA 02093,
(Address of corporation in Massachusetts)

do hereby certify that these Articles of Amendment affecting articles numbered:

1 and 2

(Number those articles 1, 2, 3, and/or 4 being amended)

of the Articles of Organization were duly adopted at a meeting held on _____ 20_____, by vote of:

_____ members, _____ directors, or _____ shareholders**,

- ☐ Being at least two-thirds of its members legally qualified to vote in meetings of the corporation; OR
☐ Being at least two-thirds of its directors where there are no members pursuant to General Laws,
Chapter 180, Section 3; OR
☐ In the case of a corporation having capital stock, by the holders of at least two-thirds of the capital
stock having the right to vote therein.

See Petition Pursuant to Ch. 180 s.7A attached.

See Continuation Sheet attached.

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*Delete the inapplicable words.
**Check only one box that applies.
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only of separate 8 1/2 x 11 sheets of paper with a left margin of at least 1 inch. Additions to more than one article may be
made on a single sheet so long as each article requiring each addition is clearly indicated.

Continuation Sheet

National Board of Trial Advocacy, Inc.

Articles of Amendment

VOTED: That the name of the Corporation be changed to National Board of Legal Specialty Certification, Inc., effective immediately.

VOTED: That the Paragraph 1 of Section 2 (Purposes of the Corporation) of the Articles of Organization of the Corporation be deleted in its entirety and be replaced with the following:

1. The corporation is organized:

To foster and encourage the proficiency of attorneys-at-law practicing in the areas designated by the Board of such corporation as legal specialties including but not limited to the areas of trial advocacy and litigation; and

To foster and encourage the continuing professional education of attorneys- at- law practicing in the areas designated by the Board of such corporation as legal specialties-including but not limited to the areas of trial advocacy and litigation; and

To establish and maintain standards of excellence for the areas designated by the Board of such corporation as legal specialties including but not limited to the areas of trial advocacy and litigation; and

To establish and operate a national certification program for experienced attorneys specializing in those areas designated by the Board of such corporation as legal specialties including but not limited to the areas of trial advocacy and litigation; and

To inform and educate the public with respect to legal representation by areas designated by the Board of such corporation as legal specialties including but not limited to the areas of trial advocacy and litigation; and

To promote the interests of such areas of practice designated by the Board of such corporation as legal specialties including but not limited to the areas of trial advocacy and litigation; and

For any other lawful non-profit purpose.

The foregoing amendment(s) will become effective when these Articles of Amendment are filed in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 180, Section 7 unless these articles specify, in accordance with the vote adopting the amendment, a *later* effective date not more than *thirty* days after such filing, in which event the amendment will become effective on such later date.

Later effective date: _____.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY, this 12 day of August, 20 04


_____, *President / *Vice President,
Michael J. Lebow


_____, *Clerk / *Assistant Clerk.
Roberta E. Huges

*Delete the inapplicable words.

Petition Pursuant to Ch. 180 s. 7A

National Board of Trial Advocacy, Inc.

National Board of Trial Advocacy, Inc. ("NBTA") hereby petitions the Secretary of the Commonwealth for relief pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 180, Section 7A. In support of its petition, NBTA states the following:

1. NBTA was originally founded in 1977 under the auspices of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. In 1988 it was incorporated in Massachusetts under Chapter 180 of the General Laws as an autonomous entity, and was promptly recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax exempt organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.
2. NBTA has functioned since its inception as a certifying body for practicing trial lawyers throughout the United States. To date it has certified more than 4000 such lawyers, with 2533 being currently certified. Its certification process has been approved in the U.S. Supreme Court and upheld in federal court litigation.
3. Because of its experience and success in legal specialty certification, and because of its firm belief that such certification and the consumer education that accompanies it are beneficial to the public, the Board of Directors of NBTA, after lengthy discussion and examination, determined to pursue an expanded role for the organization. It proposed to change the name of the corporation to National Board of Legal Specialty Certification, Inc. and to enlarge the purposes of the corporation to include certification and consumer education in a number of legal specialty areas.
4. Voting rights are vested in the Members of NBTA, who comprise more than 2,500 persons and are located throughout the United States. The proposal to amend the Articles of Organization was approved by the Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting in July, 2003, was announced in the organization's newsletter and was placed on the agenda of NBTA's 2004 Annual Meeting of Members. Because its Annual Meetings are typically attended by a small percentage of the Membership, votes by proxy were solicited. Copies of the notices to Members are attached as Exhibit "B".
5. The result of the votes on the amendment of the Articles of Organization was as follows:

In favor:	1497
Not in favor:	595
Not voting:	441

Therefore, of the votes cast, the resolution was approved by almost 72%, but when those not voting at all (presumably because of lack of interest) are added, the affirmative votes only come to just under 60%.

6. Consequently, the Board has been unable to achieve the numerical requirement of Ch. 180, s.7, which requires the vote of 66 2/3% of all members eligible to vote, while it has achieved a significantly greater percentage of those who bothered to vote. In light of the size and geographic diversity of its membership, it is believed that the 2/3 requirement of Section 7 is an unnecessarily difficult challenge. Given that almost 3/4 of the members voting approved the change, the Board feels that relief under Section 7A is warranted and appropriate.

For the foregoing reasons it is requested that the Secretary accept and approve the Articles of Amendment which are filed herewith.

In accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 180, S. 7A, there are attached hereto a list of the Directors and Officers of NBTA (Exhibit "B") and of the Members of NBTA (Exhibit "C").

If any further information or clarification is required, the undersigned will promptly supply the same.

Respectfully submitted

National Board of Trial Advocacy, Inc.

By: 

Name: Michael J. Lebow

Title: President

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CORPORATION

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION
GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 180

I hereby certify that, upon an examination of the within-written articles of organization, duly submitted to me, it appears that the provisions of the General Laws relative to the organization of corporations have been complied with, and I hereby approve said articles; and the filing fee in the amount of \$30.00 having been paid, said articles are deemed to have been filed with me this 11th day of February 1988

Effective date

Michael J. Connolly
MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

TO BE FILLED IN BY CORPORATION
PHOTO COPY OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION TO BE SENT

TO: Abbott L. Reichlin, Esquire
Kotin, Crabtree & Strong
61 Chatham Street
Boston, MA 02109
Telephone... (617) 227-7031

A TRUE COPY ATTEST
William Francis Galvin
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
DATE 10/4/06 CLERK *(Signature)*

Filing Fee \$30.00

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The Commonwealth of MassachusettsOffice of the Secretary of State
One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108

Michael Joseph Connolly, Secretary

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

(Under G.L. Ch. 180)

Incorporators

NAME**RESIDENCE***Include given name in full in case of natural persons; in case of a corporation, give state of incorporation.*

Timothy Wilton

364 Weston Road
Wellesley, MA 02181

The above-named incorporator(s) do hereby associate (themselves) with the intention of forming a corporation under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 180 and hereby state(s):

1. The name by which the corporation shall be known is:

National Board of Trial Advocacy, Inc.

2. The purposes for which the corporation is formed is as follows:

See Continuation Sheet 2A

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3. If the corporation has more than one class of members, the designation of such classes, the manner of election or appointment, the duration of membership, and the qualification and rights, including voting rights, of the members of each class, are as follows:

N/A

- *4. Other lawful provisions, if any, for the conduct and regulation of the business and affairs of the corporation, for its voluntary dissolution, or for limiting, defining, or regulating the powers of the corporation, or of its directors or members, or of any class of members, are as follows:-

See Continuation Sheets 4A-4D

*If there are no provisions state "None".

NATIONAL BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCACY, INC.

PURPOSES OF THE CORPORATION

1. The Corporation is organized:

To foster and encourage the proficiency of attorneys-at-law practicing in the areas of trial advocacy and litigation; and

To foster and encourage the continuing professional education of attorneys-at-law practicing in the areas of trial advocacy and litigation;

To establish and maintain standards of excellence for the practice of trial advocacy and litigation; and

To establish and operate a national certification program for experienced attorneys specializing in civil trial advocacy, criminal trial advocacy and litigation; and

To inform and educate the public with respect to legal representation by trial lawyers and litigators; and

To promote the interests of the trial and litigation bar.

2. The Corporation shall have, and may exercise in the furtherance of the foregoing purposes, the power to solicit and receive dues and other contributions; the powers specified in Section Nine of Chapter 156 B of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (except the powers specified in paragraph (m) thereof) and the power to be a partner in any enterprise which the Corporation would have the power to conduct by itself, provided that no such power shall be exercised in a manner inconsistent with Chapter 180 or any other chapter of said General Laws, and further provided that no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the foregoing purposes. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

OTHER LAWFUL PROVISIONS

1. The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, amend, or repeal the By-Laws.

2. Meetings of Members may be held anywhere within the United States.

3. Except as otherwise provided below, the Corporation shall, to the extent permitted by law and only to the extent that the status of the Corporation as an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code is not adversely affected, indemnify each person who is, or shall have been, a Director or officer of the Corporation or who is serving, or shall have served, at the request of the Corporation as a Director, officer or trustee of another organization (including, without limitation an employee benefit plan) in which the Corporation directly or indirectly has any interest, as a shareholder, creditor or otherwise, against all liabilities and expenses (including judgments, fines, penalties and reasonable attorneys' fees and all amounts paid, other than to the Corporation or such other organization, in compromise or settlement) imposed upon or incurred by any such person in connection with, or arising out of, the defense or disposition of any action, suit or other proceeding, whether civil or criminal, in which he or she may be a defendant or with which he or she may be threatened or otherwise involved, directly or indirectly, in his or her capacity as, or by reason of his or her being or having been, such a Director, officer or trustee.

If any claim, action, suit or proceeding in which any such Director, officer, or trustee becomes involved as aforesaid is disposed of, on the merits or otherwise, without the disposition being adverse to such person, without a plea of guilty or of nolo contendere or its equivalent by such person and without an adjudication that such person did not act in good faith in the reasonable belief that his or her action was in the best interests of the Corporation, he or she shall be considered for the purposes hereof to have been wholly successful with respect thereto and shall be entitled to indemnification hereunder as of right.

In all cases other than those with respect to which such person is entitled to indemnification as of right pursuant to the above Section 2, any indemnification hereunder shall be made as of right unless such person shall have been finally adjudicated in such action, suit or proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his or her action was in the best interests of the Corporation, or unless after investigation

(a) the Board of Directors, acting by a majority vote for a quorum consisting of Directors who are not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, or (b) independent legal counsel (who may be the regular counsel of the Corporation), retained for such purpose by the Board of Directors, or (c) the Members of the Corporation acting by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Members who are not parties to such action, suit, or proceeding, shall determine by clear and convincing evidence that such person did not act in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation. If such determination is made by legal counsel, it shall be set forth in a written opinion to the Board of Directors.

Indemnification shall include payment by the Corporation of expenses in defending a civil or criminal action for proceeding in advance of the final disposition of such action or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by the person indemnified to repay such payment if it is ultimately determined that such person is not entitled to indemnification under this Article.

As used in this Article, the terms "Director," "officer" and "trustee" include their respective heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives, and an "interested" Director, officer or trustee is one against whom in such capacity the proceeding in question or another proceeding on the same or similar grounds is then pending.

The right of indemnification provided in this Article shall not be exclusive of or affect any other rights to which any Director, officer, or trustee may be entitled under any Director, officer, or trustee may be entitled under any agreement, statute, vote of members or otherwise. The Corporation's obligation to provide indemnification under this Article shall be offset to the extent of any other source of indemnification or any otherwise applicable insurance coverage under a policy maintained by the Corporation or any other person. Nothing contained in this Article shall affect any rights to which Corporation personnel other than Directors, officers, or trustees may be entitled by contract or otherwise.

4. Neither the Board of Directors, nor any Member or officer, shall have power to bind the Members or the individual Directors or officers of the Corporation, personally. All persons or corporations extending credit to, contracting with, or having claims against the Corporation, shall look only to the

funds and property of the Corporation for payment of any debt, damage, judgment or decree, or of any money that may otherwise become due and payable to them from the Corporation, so that neither the members nor the directors nor the officers, present or future, shall be personally liable therefor.

5. No officer or Director of the Corporation shall be liable to the Corporation or to the Corporation's Members for any breach of his or her fiduciary duty as officer or Director, notwithstanding any provision of law imposing such liability; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not eliminate or limit the liability of an officer or Director (i) for any breach of his or her duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its Members, (ii) for any act or omission not in good faith or which involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, or (iii) for any transaction from which he or she derived an improper personal benefit.

6. If and during any period of time in which the Corporation is or is deemed to be a private foundation as defined in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, and notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles or the by-laws of the Corporation:

a. The Corporation shall distribute or set aside its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

b. The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

c. The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holding as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

d. The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

e. The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

7. Upon dissolution of the Corporation no assets of the Corporation shall be distributed to any Member of the Corporation, and after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations as in their judgment have purposes most closely allied to those of the Corporation, as the Board of Directors shall determine; provided, however, that the transferee organization or organizations shall be organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes or for purposes substantially similar to those of the Corporation and shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, exclusively for such charitable purposes or to such organization or organizations, exempt under said section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, as said Court shall determine, as provided in Sec. 11A of Chapter 180.

NATIONAL BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCACY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>POST OFFICE ADDRESS</u>
J.D. Lee	605 Union Avenue Knoxville, TN 37902	same
Samuel Shore	5224 Los Encantos Way Los Angeles, CA 90052	same
Jerry Palmer	305 Greenwood Topeka, KS 66606	same
Don Brown	708 Via La Poloma Riverside, CA 92507	same
Jim Carrigan	2350 Dennison Lane Boulder, CO 80303	same
James Russ	205 Riverbend Ct. Longwood, FL 32750	same
Mary Jo Cusack	229 West Southington Worthington, OH 43085	same
Paul Leary	42 Centre Lane Milton, MA 02186	same
Douglas Amdahl	2322 West 53rd Street Minneapolis, MN 55410	same
Richard Bieder	RFD-3 Miller - Town Road Bedford, NY 10506	same
J.R. Crockett, Jr.	7029 Bright Springs Court Las Vegas, NV 89113	same
Jacob Fuchsberg	Park Drive South Rye, NY 10580	same
James Jeans	Rte. 2 - Box 172A Platte City, MO 64079	same
Don Keenan	3478 Sheridan Chase Marietta, GA 30068	same
Arlo McKinnon	5671 North Bay Ridge Ave. Whitefish Bay, WI 53217	same

James Nance	150 Poinciana Drive Indian Harbor Beach, FL 32937	same
John Norton	903 Briar Hill Road Belleville, IL 62223	same
David Shrager	1085 Squirrel Rd. Jenkintown, PA 19046	same
William Sneed	4148 Dietz Farm Circle, N.W. Albuquerque, NM 87107	same
Stephen Wisner	49 McKinley Avenue New Haven, CT 06515	same

5. By-laws of the corporation have been duly adopted and the initial directors, president, treasurer and clerk or other presiding, financial or recording officers whose names are set out below, have been duly elected.
6. The effective date of organization of the corporation shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of the Commonwealth or if later date is desired, specify date. (not more than 30 days after date of filing).
7. The following information shall not for any purpose be treated as a permanent part of the Articles of Organization of the corporation.

- a. The post office address of the initial principal office of the corporation in Massachusetts is:

In residence at Suffolk University Law School
Beacon Hill
Boston, MA 02114

- b. The name, residence, and post office address of each of the initial directors and following officers of the corporation are as follows:

	NAME	RESIDENCE	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
President:	J.D. Lee	605 Union Avenue Knoxville, TN 37902	Same
Treasurer:	Jerry Palmer	305 Greenwood Topeka, KS 66606	Same
Clerk:	Timothy Wilton	364 Weston Road Wellesley, MA 02181	Same

Directors: (or officers having the powers of directors)

See Continuation Sheets 7A - 7B

- c. The date initially adopted on which the corporation's fiscal year ends is:

December 31

- d. The date initially fixed in the by-laws for the annual meeting of members of the corporation is:

Second Monday in July

- e. The name and business address of the resident agent, if any, of the corporation is:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and under the penalties of perjury the INCORPORATOR(S) sign(s) these Articles of Organization this 10th day of February, 1988

I/We the below signed INCORPORATORS do hereby certify under the pains and penalties of perjury that I/We have not been convicted of any crimes relating to alcohol or gaming within the past ten years; I/We do hereby further certify that to the best of my/our knowledge the above named principal officers have not been similarly convicted. If so convicted, explain.

[Signature]

The signature of each incorporator which is not a natural person must be by an authorized agent who shall show the capacity in which he acts and by signing shall represent under the penalties of perjury that he is duly authorized on its behalf to sign these Articles of Organization.

Corporations Division

Business Entity Summary

ID Number: 042996246

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Summary for: NATIONAL BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCACY, INC.

The exact name of the Nonprofit Corporation: NATIONAL BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCACY, INC.

The name was changed from: NATIONAL BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION, INC. **on** 06-10-2015

The name was changed from: NATIONAL BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCACY, INC. **on** 08-26-2004

Entity type: Nonprofit Corporation

Identification Number: 042996246

Old ID Number:001003646

Date of Organization in Massachusetts: 02-11-1988

Last date certain:

Current Fiscal Month/Day: /

Previous Fiscal Month/Day:01/01

The location of the Principal Office in Massachusetts:

Address: 200 STONEWALL BLVD., SUITE 1

City or town, State, Zip code, WRENTHAM, MA 02093 USA

Country:

The name and address of the Resident Agent:

Name:

Address:

City or town, State, Zip code,

Country:

The Officers and Directors of the Corporation:

Title	Individual Name	Address	Term expires
PRESIDENT	DAVID E. RAPOPORT	1720 MAPLE AVENUE EVANSTON, IL 60201 USA	2015
TREASURER	JOHN A THOMAS	105 SAC-FOX COURT EVANSTON, WY 82930 USA	2016
CLERK	MELISSA STERNBACH	14 GREENHILL AVE. ATTLEBORO, MA 02703 USA	.
ASSISTANT CLERK	GWEN ARCANGELO	22 ALFALFA DR. S. GRAFTON, MA 01560 USA	.
DIRECTOR	MELISSA STERNBACH	14 GREENHILL AVE. ATTLEBORO, MA 02703 USA	.

ATT#2

Certificate of Accreditation

*awarded on this 6th day of August, 2018
for a period of five years to:*

*Truck Accident Law Program
of the National Board of Truck Accident Attorneys
a division of the National Board of Trial Advocacy*

*Which was found to meet the American Bar Association Standards for
Specialty Certification Programs for Lawyers*

August 6, 2018
Date

Barbara Howard
Chair, Standing Committee on Specialization

ATT#3

NATIONAL BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCACY
PLEDGE OF CONFIDENTIALITY

This is to certify that upon receipt of the National Board of Trial Advocacy's (NBTA) Examination materials, I _____ an appointed examination reviewer for the _____, understand that any information obtained about the written examinations during the performance of my duties must remain confidential and specifically that the actual examinations are not:

- A. to be duplicated;
- B. for public use (for my eyes only);
- C. for distribution to non-examination committee review members;
- D. to be seen by any potential examination taker.
- E. to be used in any other way.

And, that all written and oral information and materials provided regardless whether provided before or after the date of this agreement or how provided are confidential and remain the exclusive property of the NBTA.

Use of Confidential Information

I will not use the Confidential Information of the NBTA for any purpose other than to fulfill my duties as an examination reviewer. I will not use the Confidential Information for my own benefit or otherwise disclose any of the Confidential Information for any purpose.

I will maintain and protect the confidentiality of any and all Confidential Information of the NBTA, and I will not disclose or transmit the Confidential Information of the NBTA in any other way.

Return of Confidential Material

I agree that immediately upon the completion of my review of the examination materials but no later than _____ I will promptly return all documents, electronic or otherwise in my possession to the NBTA. I hereby agree that I will not make any copies, in any form whatsoever, of any of the NBTA examination materials. All notes, studies, reports, memoranda and other documents prepared by me that contain or reflect the Confidential Information of the NBTA, shall be immediately and confidentially destroyed.

Breach

I understand that any unauthorized release or carelessness in the handling of this Confidential Information is considered a breach of the duty to maintain confidentiality.

Remedy

I acknowledge that the NBTA will not have an adequate remedy in the event that I breach this Agreement and disclose the Confidential Information and that the NBTA will suffer irreparable damage and injury in such event. I agree that the NBTA, in addition to any other available rights and remedies, will be entitled to an injunction (without the necessity of posting a bond) restraining me from committing or continuing any violation of this Agreement.

Governing Law; Jurisdiction

This Agreement shall be construed, interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I hereby consent and submit to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the courts located in Suffolk County in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in connection with any actions or proceedings arising out of or relating to this Agreement.

_____ Print name & Entity

_____ Signature of Examination Reviewer

_____ Date

Revision Date – August 8, 2017

ATT #4



BOARD CERTIFIED-PROVEN, TESTED EXCELLENCE

APPLICATION FORM

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address 1: _____ Address 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Web Site: _____ Email: _____

1. Please list all state bar(s) you are a member of and include bar number(s):

2. What is your state of principle practice? _____

3. Year first admitted to bar? _____

4. What certification are you applying for? **CIVIL / CRIMINAL / SSD**
FAMILY / CIVIL PRACTICE / TRUCKING

5. Are you certified by your state? **Yes / No**

Note concerning special agreement with The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization & Education:

If you are contemplating applying for NBTA Board Certification in Civil Trial Advocacy, Criminal Trial Advocacy or Family Law Trial Advocacy and you are a member of the Florida Bar, please **DO NOT** apply unless you are already Board Certified by the Florida Bar in their similar specialty area. If you are interested in applying for certification with the Florida Bar they can be reached at: 850-561-5850.

6. Have you ever been denied or revoked certification by any state or national agency? **Yes / No**

7. Have you read the Standards for Certification? **Yes / No**

<http://www.nbtalawyers.org/standards>

8. Have you read the State Rules Regarding Stating Certification? **Yes / No**

<http://www.nbtalawyers.org/state-rules>

9. How did you learn about the NBTA?

To initiate the application process, please send back this form along with your \$400 check made payable to:

National Board of Trial Advocacy

850 Franklin Street, Suite 8

Wrentham, MA 02093

We will return the full application packet that will need to be completed. Please call 508.384.6565 if you have any questions and please visit our website <http://www.nbtalawyers.org/> for more information about NBTA.



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General Principles for Certification of Truck Accident Advocates

- (A) The National Board of Truck Accident Attorneys is dedicated to the identification of lawyers who possess an enhanced level of skill and expertise in truck accident law and have demonstrated integrity and dedication to the interests of their clients, thereby improving the professional competence of lawyers.
- (B) Application will be made to the National Board of Truck Accident Attorneys, on the forms supplied by the Board, and accompanied by the appropriate fee.
- (C) Applicant must complete all requirements, including the examination, within two years of application. If the certification process is not satisfactorily completed within the two-year period, the applicant will need to reapply and re-submit all required fees. An application can be denied at any time within the two-year application period for failure to successfully meet the requirements for certification.
- (D) A certificate will be issued upon a showing by the applicant, and by the National Board of Truck Accident Attorneys' own investigation, that the applicant complies with the standards and regulations for certification.
- (E) Certification shall be for five years, after which time the certificate cannot be used unless the lawyer is recertified. Certification may be revoked at any time for violations of the General Principles or Standards of the National Board of Truck Accident Attorneys (a division of the National Board of Trial Advocacy).
- (F) No standards shall in any way limit the right of a truck accident lawyer to practice law in all fields.
- (G) No lawyer shall be required to obtain a certificate in truck accident law before he or she can practice.
- (H) Certification is individual and voluntary. Certification is open to all who qualify.
- (I) All applications and other information submitted to the National Board of Truck Accident Attorneys shall be privileged and confidential, except as compelled by law and, except that the Board may reveal the fact of an application for the purpose of verifying information submitted by the applicant, and for the purpose of making such inquiries with respect to the character and professional reputation of the applicant as may be authorized by its rules.
- (J) The National Board of Truck Accident Attorneys does not discriminate against any lawyer seeking certification on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or age.
- (K) A qualified lawyer may have more than one board certification, whether from other divisions of the National Board of Trial Advocacy, other ABA accredited national attorney board certification programs, or state sponsored attorney board certification programs.

Standards for Truck Accident Law Certification-rev. 8/2018

A. Good Standing and Period of Practice

- (1) The applicant shall furnish evidence of his or her good standing in the state of his or her admission, or if admitted in more than one state, in the state of his or her principal practice.
- (2) Immediately preceding application, the applicant must have spent five years in the actual practice of Truck Accident Law

B. Substantial Involvement

Instructions:

In this section you are providing information to satisfy both the substantial involvement requirements and the required experience requirements for Board eligibility. Your proof of satisfying any criteria can be counted to satisfy other criteria as well as applicable. For example, if you were lead counsel in a commercial motor vehicle case and in handling that case you were substantially involved in a vehicle inspection, several depositions and hearings, and you ultimately settled the case, you can use that single case to satisfy elements of paragraphs 2(a), 2(b), 2(d), 2(e), and several matrix criteria under 2(f). Anything used to satisfy the requirements of 2(a)-2(d) that also falls within the definition of an adversarial event, can also be counted toward the 100 adversarial events required under paragraph 2(e). Anything used to satisfy the requirements of paragraph 2(a)-2(e) that also meets any line item in the Truck Accident Law Experience Matrix, can also be counted under paragraph 2(f).

Notes: "CMV Cases" include all cases where a defendant was operating a vehicle that qualifies under the FMCSRs and/or applicable state trucking regulations as a "Commercial Motor Vehicle." "Lead Counsel" shall mean the lead lawyer primarily responsible for the handling of the case. All other lawyers involved in the case would be considered "counsel of record".

- (1) The applicant must make a satisfactory showing of substantial involvement relevant to truck accident law with at least thirty percent of his or her time spent practicing truck accident law, during the three years preceding the filing of the application.
- (2) Within the applicant's career, the applicant must make a satisfactory showing of substantial involvement relevant to truck accident law by checking yes to the following: (a-e) and then completing (f) the Truck Accident Law Experience Matrix.
 - (a) Being substantially involved in at least 25 litigated matters that have been brought to conclusion (settlement or verdict) in the past 7 years including at least 12 litigated truck accident cases. Substantially involved means serving as counsel of record or having been retained for a fee or fee interest as a consulting attorney to handle trucking law aspects of case.
 - (b) Being substantially involved in at least 3 current open litigation cases involving truck accident law,
 - (c) Be substantially participated in at least 5 jury trial cases that went to verdict. This is a general experience criterion and therefore the cases do not have to have involved truck accident law,
 - (d) Examination of at least 30 witnesses, including at least 10 liability expert witnesses (standard of care, accident reconstruction, conspicuity, human factors, biomechanics, or the like). These examinations can be at trial or in deposition. In the alternative, demonstrate primary authorship of at least 15 trucking law specific motions/briefs that were filed in litigation cases.

- (e) The applicant must have actively participated in at least one hundred adversarial events in their career as an attorney. You may count anything that satisfies the definition of an adversarial event even if you are also using that event to count toward other criteria under paragraphs 2(a)-2(d) and/or the paragraph 2(f) Matrix. An adversarial event is any event where you appeared as a lawyer for one side and another lawyer appeared at the event for another party. This would include but is not limited to any trial, hearing, deposition, mediation, settlement conference, pre-trial conference, judicial status conference, or jury charge conference.
- (f) Scoring a minimum of 125 points on the Truck Accident Law Experience Matrix. (Please do not fill in this graph and use the separate Matrix form.

Truck Accident Law Experience Matrix

In the past 7 years, how many of the following can you verify	Number	Multiplier	Total	Max Points
Lead counsel at trial of CMV case		x 5 =		40
Counsel of record (not lead) at trial of CMV case (e.g., second chair)		x 3 =		30
Primarily responsible for settlement of CMV case (under \$3 million)		x 1 =		20
Primarily responsible for settlement of CMV case (\$3 million or more)		x 2 =		20
Primarily responsible for initial investigation of CMV case		x 1 =		5
Draft Complaint/Petition for CMV case		x 1 =		5
Draft initial discovery for CMV case		x 1 =		5
In CMV case, take deposition of truck driver		x 1 =		10
In CMV case, take deposition of corporate safety director/manager		x 1 =		10
In CMV case, take deposition of 30(b)(6) designee		x 1 =		10
In CMV case, take deposition of defense standard of care expert		x 1 =		10
In CMV case, take deposition of defense accident reconstruction expert or police accident reconstructionist		x 1 =		10
In CMV case, take deposition of defense human factors/conspicuity expert		x 1 =		5
In CMV case, personally attend inspection of CMV		x 1 =		5

In CMV case, defend Daubert challenge to a plaintiff liability expert		x 1 =	5
In CMV case, draft and pursue Daubert challenge of a defense liability expert		x 1 =	5
In CMV case, author a brief on discovery issue(s)		x 1 =	5
In CMV case, argue a discovery issue to a judge		x 1 =	5
In CMV case, author brief regarding trucking specific legal issue (e.g., application of FMCSR, broker liability, shipper liability, preemption, self-critical analysis, etc.)		x 2 =	10
In CMV case, prepare a Rule 26 Expert Report for your liability expert		x 1 =	5
In CMV case, prepare and/or argue any other CMV related substantive brief for court		x 1 =	5
Member in Good Standing of AAJ TLG ATAA, TIDA, DRI or other approved CMV specific organization (1 point for each year up to 3 years) (last 7 years only)		X1	
Leadership position in AAJ TLG, ATAA, TIDA or other approved CMV specific organization		x 1	10
Attend approved CMV Specific CLE Program(s) (up to 10 programs)		x 1	10
Speaker at CLE program on CMV specific subject (up to 10 programs and topics)		x 2	20
Primary author of book on CMV/trucking		x 10	20
Author book chapter on CMV/trucking topic (do not include book for which credit given above as primary author)		x 3	12
Author article on CMV/trucking topic in peer reviewed journal (e.g. State TLA, AAJ Trial Magazine, AAJ TLG Journal, etc.)		x 2	10
Hired as a paid consultant by other attorneys handling CMV cases (this is not intended to include cases that are referred to you to handle as lead counsel, but rather cases where you are paid to handle specific CMV aspects of a case or to consult on the approach to a CMV case)		x 2	10
For how many of the past 7 years can you certify that you spent at least 30% of your time practicing law handling cases involving CMVs?		x 1	7
For how many of the past 7 years can you certify that you spent at least 50% of your time practicing law handling cases involving CMVs?		x 1	7
For how many of the past 7 years can you certify that you spent at least 75% of your time practicing law handling cases involving CMVs?		x 2	14

Are you presently actively involved as lead counsel or counsel of record in 10 or more MV cases? If yes, insert 10 points in	Xxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx		10
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C. Educational Experience

- (1) The applicant must demonstrate substantial participation in continuing legal education and the development of the law with respect to the specialty, in the three-year period immediately preceding application either:
- By attendance and/or electronic participation in not less than forty-five hours in programs of continuing legal education in the specialty or ethics, approved by the Standards Committee, or
 - By equivalent participation through, but not limited to, the following means, approved by the Standards Committee:
 - Teaching courses or seminars in truck accident law or ethics;
 - Participation as panelist, speaker, or workshop leader, at educational or professional conferences;
 - Authorship of books, or of articles published in professional journals, on truck accident law;
 - By combination of the three subsections above.

Please note: Florida, South Carolina and Ohio require a higher number of CLE credit hours in order to advertise or communicate the NBTA certification. Check with your local rules or the NBTA for more details.

NBTA does not recognize an age or years in practice exemption for CLE.

D. Peer Review

- The applicant shall submit with application the names of twelve references who are not present partners, associates, or relatives. Such references should be familiar with the applicant's practice in the relevant field within the past three years and who can attest to the applicant's proficiency in handling commercial motor vehicle cases. References satisfactory to the NBTA must be received from at least one judge before whom you have practiced before, one opposing counsel against whom you have worked, one truck accident expert you have worked with or against, one lawyer who has handled a commercial motor vehicle case and two which are either judges or attorneys.
- The National Board of Truck Accident Attorneys will solicit confidential statements from all persons listed as references and may solicit confidential statements of reference from other persons, familiar with the applicant's practice, not specifically named by the applicant. All reference statements received will be reviewed by the National Board of Truck Accident Attorneys to assess whether the applicant has demonstrated an enhanced level of skill and expertise in the practice area, integrity and consideration for the interests of clients.

E. Examination

The applicant must pass a written examination to test his or her proficiency, knowledge, and experience in truck accident law, so that the applicant may justify his or her representation of specialization to the public.

F. Legal Writing Document

The applicant shall submit a copy of a legal writing document, no more than three years before the date of application which he or she has prepared, but not necessarily published. This will be a substantial document in the area of truck accident law, containing concise and accurate writing, stating facts (either actual or hypothetical), stating applicable law, analysis of how the law applies to the facts, written in an appropriately argumentative manner and well-constructed (i.e. organized, grammatical, demonstrative of good syntax and usage). Acceptable documents include, but are not limited to: briefs (trial or appellate), motions for summary judgment, bar journal, law review and legal magazine articles, motions in limine, etc. The quality of the legal document will be evaluated on those criteria and will determine whether the applicant is qualified for certification.

G. Disclosure of Conduct

- In order to assist the evaluation of whether the applicant possesses an enhanced level of skill and expertise in trial advocacy and has demonstrated integrity and dedication to the interest of clients, the applicant shall, to the extent known, disclose to the National Board of Truck Accident Attorneys as soon as permitted by law:
 - The filing of any criminal charges against the applicant together with all details called for by the Disclosure of Conduct Form;
 - The filing or submission of any allegation of unethical or inappropriate professional conduct with any court, grievance committee or disciplinary board or body together with all details called for by the Disclosure of Conduct Form.
 - The assertion of any claim of professional negligence or professional liability, whether or not suit has been filed, which is based in any part on alleged acts or omissions of the applicant or member or on the acts or omissions of any other attorney over whom the applicant or member had any responsibility together with all details called for by the Disclosure of Conduct Form.
- The National Board of Truck Accident Attorneys shall determine, in accordance with its standards and procedures whether the conduct is such that certification should be granted, denied, suspended or revoked, or whether action should be deferred pending receipt of additional information. The National Board of Truck Accident Attorneys will take into consideration any findings made by other bodies concerning such conduct, but is not bound by any such findings and will make its own independent assessment concerning how such conduct bears on whether an attorney is qualified to obtain or maintain certification.
- The failure of an applicant to disclose such conduct is a material misrepresentation and may be cause for rejecting an application or refusing to grant certification, or for suspending or revoking a certificate. The applicant shall have a continuing duty to disclose such matters to the board.

Annually, members will be required to submit a Disclosure of Conduct/Liability and annual dues. The applicant's annual dues and Disclosure of Conduct (Part G of the Certification Standards) must be current before an application for recertification will be granted. Disclosures of Conduct/Liability shall be submitted to the Standards Committee to determine if certification should be continued.

Denial or Revocation of Certification

- (A) An application for certification may be denied for failure to comply with any of the requirements relating to good standing, substantial involvement, educational experience, peer review, examination, legal writing document, disclosure of conduct, financial responsibility, or any other failure to demonstrate possession of an enhanced level of skill and expertise in trial advocacy and demonstrated integrity and dedication to the interests of clients.
- (B) An application for recertification may be denied for failure to comply with any of the requirements relating to good standing, substantial involvement, educational experience, peer review, disclosure of conduct or any other failure to demonstrate possession of an enhanced level of skill and expertise in trial advocacy and integrity and dedication to the interests of clients.
- (C) An existing certification may be revoked for failure to demonstrate maintenance of an enhanced level of skill and experience in trial advocacy and integrity and dedication to the interests of clients as required for certification or for failure to maintain compliance with the financial responsibility requirements.
- (D) Decisions of the Examination Committee and the Legal Writing Review Committee are final and not subject to further review or appeal. An attorney who is refused certification for any other reason, or who is refused recertification or whose certification is revoked may pursue review under the Appeal Procedures of the NBTA. Exhaustion of this right shall be a condition precedent to judicial review.
- (E) A lawyer who is refused certification or recertification, or whose certification is revoked, may not apply for certification until one year after the date of such refusal, denial or revocation.
- (F) Suspension of the license to practice law shall operate as an automatic revocation of certification.
- (G) A lawyer who publicizes a certification or application for certification prior to its being granted, or continues to publish a certification after it has been revoked or suspended, may be barred from certification.



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Application Agreement

In connection with my application and certification (if granted) I agree to abide by all rules, regulations and procedures promulgated by the Board as amended from time to time and to pay all fees required by the Board as due.

In making and filing this application for certification and in any subsequent evaluation of my status, I authorize all persons, firms, officers, corporations, associations, organizations, State or Federal agencies and institutions to furnish to the Board 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.

I further agree that all information received by the Board from any person may be treated confidentially by the Board. I hereby waive that confidentiality with regard to any state agency with jurisdiction over legal specialization and also with regard to any organization or entity approved by the state to certify legal specialists to which I have applied or by which I am certified.

I specifically waive any right to review any Statements of Reference or other evaluations and references submitted to the Board, whether solicited by me or by the Board, and I agree to make no contact with any persons listed as a reference concerning whether or what material may have been submitted by them to the Board. In addition, to protect the assurances of confidentiality given to persons providing references, I agree not to seek discovery of such references and evaluations, formally or informally, in any legal proceeding or otherwise.

I release, discharge and exonerate the National Board of Trial Advocacy, its officers, directors, staff, agents, employees and representatives, and any person furnishing information or evaluations to the Board, from any and all liability of every nature and kind arising from the investigation and evaluation of my application or my continuing satisfaction of the standards for certification.

I agree to defend or pay the costs of defense, at the discretion of the Board, for any suit or claim initiated against the Board or any of its Directors, and to indemnify the National Board of Trial Advocacy and its Directors for any judgment or settlement ordered or paid as a result of any legal action arising from my application or from my certification by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

I agree that in the event my certificate is suspended or revoked or I am not recertified, I shall immediately cease to hold myself out in any way as certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy, and will remove my certificate from public display.

I hereby certify that I have personally reviewed each part of my application and all supporting documents carefully, and made each statement and representation therein, and answered each question therein, fully and frankly and without concealment or reservation. Such questions and answers are, within my personal knowledge, true and complete.

Print Name: _____

Signature of Certified Member: _____



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Continuing Legal Education (section (C) of Standards)

Name _____

- (1) The applicant must demonstrate substantial participation in continuing legal education and the development of the law with respect to the specialty, in the three-year period immediately preceding application either:
- By attendance and/or electronic participation in not less than forty-five hours in programs of continuing legal education in the specialty or ethics, approved by the Standards Committee, or
 - By equivalent participation through, but not limited to, the following means, approved by the Standards Committee:
 - Teaching courses or seminars in truck accident law or ethics;
 - Participation as panelist, speaker, or workshop leader, at educational or professional conferences;
 - Authorship of books, or of articles published in professional journals, on truck accident law;
 - By combination of the three subsections above.

When listing conventions, seminars, meetings and/or forums, you must include the specific program, course or work to insure credit toward NBTA's CLE requirement. The submission of state CLE reports is acceptable if such report contains all pertinent information consistent with this form.

Title of program, course, or work	
Date(s) presented or published	
Sponsor (no abbreviations please)	
Hours of attendance, teaching, presentation and/or preparation	

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References (section (D) 1-2 of Standards)

Name _____

Instructions: Submit twelve names, who are not present partners, associates or relatives. Such references should be familiar with the applicant's practice in the relevant field within the past three years and who can attest to the applicant's proficiency in handling commercial motor vehicle cases. The list must consist of at least two judges before whom you have practiced before in the relevant field, at least two opposing counsel against whom you have worked in the relevant field, at least two trucking industry experts you have worked with or against and at least two additional lawyers who have handled commercial motor vehicle cases. The remaining references may be either judges or attorneys. References *satisfactory* to the NBTA must be received from at least one judge, one opposing counsel, one truck accident expert, one lawyer who has handled a commercial motor vehicle case and two which are either judges or attorneys. References will be reviewed by the NBTA to assess qualifications of the applicant. Please put these same names & addresses on labels & submit along with this list.

Judge #1

Name		
Firm		
Street Address		
City, State, Zip		
Phone		Email

Judge #2

Name		
Firm		
Street Address		
City, State, Zip		
Phone		Email

Opposing Counsel #1

Name		
Firm		
Street Address		
City, State, Zip		
Phone		Email

Opposing Counsel #2

Name		
Firm		
Street Address		
City, State, Zip		
Phone		Email

Trucking industry expert #1

Name		
Firm		
Street Address		
City, State, Zip		
Phone		Email

TRUCKING INDUSTRY EXPERT #2

Name		
Firm		
Street Address		
City, State, Zip		
Phone		Email

Attorney #1 who has handled commercial motor vehicle cases

Name		
Firm		
Street Address		
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Attorney #2 who has handled commercial motor vehicle cases

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Judge or Attorney

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Substantial Involvement (section B of the Standards)

Name: _____

Instructions:

In this section you are providing information to satisfy both the substantial involvement requirements and the required experience requirements for Board eligibility. Your proof of satisfying any criteria can be counted to satisfy other criteria as well as applicable. For example, if you were lead counsel in a commercial motor vehicle case and in handling that case you were substantially involved in a vehicle inspection, several depositions and hearings, and you ultimately settled the case, you can use that single case to satisfy elements of paragraphs 2(a), 2(b), 2(d), 2(e), and several matrix criteria under 2(f). Anything used to satisfy the requirements of 2(a)-2(d) that also falls within the definition of an adversarial event, can also be counted toward the 100 adversarial events required under paragraph 2(c). Anything used to satisfy the requirements of paragraph 2(a)-2(c) that also meets any line item in the Truck Accident Law Experience Matrix, can also be counted under paragraph 2(f).

Notes: "CMV Cases" include all cases where a defendant was operating a vehicle that qualifies under the FMCSRs and/or applicable state trucking regulations as a "Commercial Motor Vehicle."

"Lead Counsel" shall mean the lead lawyer primarily responsible for the handling of the case. All other lawyers involved in the case would be considered "counsel of record".

- (1) The applicant must make a satisfactory showing of substantial involvement relevant to truck accident law with at least thirty percent of his or her time spent practicing truck accident law, during the three years preceding the filing of the application.
- (2) Within the applicant's career, the applicant must make a satisfactory showing of substantial involvement relevant to truck accident law by checking yes to the following: (a-e) and then completing (f) the Truck Accident Law Experience Matrix.
 - (a) Being substantially involved in at least 25 litigated matters that have been brought to conclusion (settlement or verdict) in the past 7 years including at least 12 litigated truck accident cases. Substantially involved means serving as counsel of record or having been retained for a fee or fee interest as a consulting attorney to handle trucking law aspects of case. _____ YES
 - (b) Being substantially involved in at least 3 current open litigation cases involving truck accident law, _____ YES
 - (c) Being substantially participated in at least 5 jury trial cases that went to verdict. This is a general experience criterion and therefore the cases do not have to have involved truck accident law, _____ YES
 - (d) Examination of at least 30 witnesses, including at least 10 liability expert witnesses (standard of care, accident reconstruction, conspicuity, human factors, biomechanics, or the like). These examinations can be at trial or in deposition. In the alternative, demonstrate primary authorship of at least 15 trucking law specific motions/briefs that were filed in litigation cases _____ YES
 - (e) The applicant must have actively participated in at least one hundred adversarial events in their career as an attorney. You may count anything that satisfies the definition of an adversarial event even if you are also using that event to count toward other criteria under paragraphs 2(a)-2(d) and/or the paragraph 2(f) Matrix. An adversarial event is any event where you appeared as a lawyer for one side and another lawyer appeared at the event for another party. This would include but is not limited to any trial, hearing, deposition, mediation, settlement conference, pre-trial conference, judicial status conference, or jury charge conference. _____ YES
 - (f) Scoring a minimum of 125 points on the Truck Accident Law Experience Matrix provided below.

In the past 7 years, how many of the following can you verify	Number	Multiplier	Total	Max Points
Lead counsel at trial of CMV case		x 5 =		40
Counsel of record (not lead) at trial of CMV case (e.g., second chair)		x 3 =		30
Primarily responsible for settlement of CMV case (under \$3 million)		x 1 =		20

Primarily responsible for settlement of CMV case (\$3 million or more)		x 2 =		20
Primarily responsible for initial investigation of CMV case		x 1 =		5
Draft Complaint/Petition for CMV case		x 1 =		5
Draft initial discovery for CMV case		x 1 =		5
In CMV case, take deposition of truck driver		x 1 =		10
In CMV case, take deposition of corporate safety director/manager		x 1 =		10
In CMV case, take deposition of 30(b)(6) designee		x 1 =		10
In CMV case, take deposition of defense standard of care expert		x 1 =		10
In CMV case, take deposition of defense accident reconstruction expert or police accident reconstructionist		x 1 =		10
In CMV case, take deposition of defense human factors/conspicuity expert		x 1 =		5
In CMV case, personally attend inspection of CMV		x 1 =		5
In CMV case, defend Daubert challenge to a plaintiff liability expert		x 1 =		5
In CMV case, draft and pursue Daubert challenge of a defense liability expert		x 1 =		5
In CMV case, author a brief on discovery issue(s)		x 1 =		5
In CMV case, argue a discovery issue to a judge		x 1 =		5
In CMV case, author brief regarding trucking specific legal issue (e.g., application of FMCSR, broker liability, shipper liability, preemption, self-critical analysis, etc.)		x 2 =		10
In CMV case, prepare a Rule 26 Expert Report for your liability expert		x 1 =		5

In CMV case, prepare and/or argue any other CMV related substantive brief for court		x 1 =		5
Member in Good Standing of AAJ TLG ATAA, TIDA, DRI or other approved CMV specific organization (1 point for each year up to 3 years) (last 7 years only)				
Leadership position in AAJ TLG, ATAA, TIDA or other approved CMV specific organization		x 1		10
Attend approved CMV Specific CLE Program(s) (up to 10 programs)		x 1		10
Speaker at CLE program on CMV specific subject (up to 10 programs and topics)		x 2		20
Primary author of book on CMV/trucking		x 10		20
Author book chapter on CMV/trucking topic (do not include book for which credit given above as primary author)		x 3		12
Author article on CMV/trucking topic in peer reviewed journal (e.g. State TLA, AAJ Trial Magazine, AAJ TLG Journal, etc.)		x 2		10
Hired as a paid consultant by other attorneys handling CMV cases (this is not intended to include cases that are referred to you to handle as lead counsel, but rather cases where you are paid to handle specific CMV aspects of a case or to consult on the approach to a CMV case)		x 2		10
For how many of the past 7 years can you certify that you spent at least 30% of your time practicing law handling cases involving CMVs?		x 1		7
For how many of the past 7 years can you certify that you spent at least 50% of your time practicing law handling cases involving CMVs?		x 1		7
For how many of the past 7 years can you certify that you spent at least 75% of your time practicing law handling cases involving CMVs?		x 2		14
Are you presently actively involved as lead counsel or counsel of record in 10 or more CMV cases? If yes, insert 10 points in	Xxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx		10

Tally of your points: _____
Make sure your total is at least 125 points



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Legal Writing (section (F) of Standards)

Name _____

An initial applicant for certification shall submit one (1) copy of a legal writing document which he or she has prepared no more than three (3) years before the date of application.

The document **must** be:

- (a) in the area for which the applicant seeks certification;
- (b) a substantial document no less than 15-20 pages in length;
- (c) concise and accurately written;
- (d) well constructed (i.e. organized, grammatical, demonstrative of good syntax & usage).

The document **should** contain the following:

- (a) statement of facts (either actual or hypothetical);
- (b) statement of applicable law;
- (c) analysis of how the law applies to the facts;
- (d) written in an appropriately argumentative manner.

Acceptable documents include, but are not limited to: briefs (trial or appellate), motions for summary judgment and motions in limine which have been prepared and filed, bar journal, law review and legal magazine articles, etc. which have been prepared, but not necessarily published. The quality of the document will be evaluated on the above criteria and will determine whether the applicant is qualified for certification.

Any document which requires a certificate of service must have such attached to the document. Please complete all applicable sections below and submit this cover page with one (1) copy of your document.

Type of Document

Title of Document

Date of Document



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Disclosure of Conduct Applicant (section (G) of Standards)

To my best personal knowledge: (Please check all applicable boxes)

- ☐ No criminal charges have been filed against me.
- ☐ No allegations of unethical or inappropriate professional conduct have been filed against me with any court, grievance committee or other disciplinary board or body.
- ☐ No claim of professional negligence or other professional liability has been asserted against me (with or without the filing of suit) based in any part on my acts or omissions or on those of any other attorney over whom I have supervisory responsibility.

If you cannot check all of the above, please attach a detailed explanation of the matter. The National Board of Trial Advocacy may request additional information bearing on the matter and shall determine, in accordance with its Standards and Procedures Regarding Conduct, whether the circumstances are such that the attorney should be granted certification, denied certification, have his or her certification suspended or revoked, or whether it will take no action or defer action pending receipt of further information. This disclosure should include material that would not otherwise be disclosed to the public in your state unless disclosure to the NBTA is prohibited by state law and cannot be waived.

The failure of a member to promptly disclose the requested information is a material misrepresentation and may be cause for refusing to grant recertification or revoking your current certification. The member shall have a Continuing Duty to disclose promptly to the Board any such matters that may arise. A Board Certified member has a Continuing Duty to report such information. Failure to promptly report may be cause for revocation of certification.

I hereby certify that I have personally reviewed the above information and that it is true according to my best knowledge and belief.

Print Name: _____

Signature of Certified Member: _____



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- 1) Contact the appropriate authority for your state of principal practice, from the attached state listing, and request your **public and private disciplinary history and current status**.
- 2) Have this information forwarded directly to:

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- 2) Certify that I have requested my disciplinary history and current status be forwarded to the above address.

Signature of Applicant: _____

This _____ day of _____, 20____.

For Contact Information please use this link:

<https://nbta.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/obtain%20history%20states.pdf>



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Signature of Applicant: _____

This ____ day of _____, 20__.

State	Contact	Address	Special Notes
Alabama	Bonnie Mainor Disciplinary Clerk	Alabama State Bar Office of General Counsel 415 Dexter Avenue Montgomery, AL 36104 334-269-1515 Fax:334-261-6311 e-mail:bonnie.mainor@alabar.org	<i>Special Notes:</i> All requests must be made in writing.
Alaska	Stephen J. Van Goor Bar Counsel	Alaska Bar Association 840 K St., Ste 100 Anchorage, AK 99501 907-272-7469 Fax:907-272-2932 e-mail:vangoors@alaskabar.org	<i>Special Notes:</i>
Arizona	Sandra Montoya Lawyer Regulation Records Manager	State Bar of Arizona 4201 N. 24 th Street, Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ 85016-6266 602-340-7384 Fax:602-271-4930 e-mail: lawyerinfo@staff.azbar.org	<i>Special Notes:</i> office requests copy of the signed form titled, 'Application Agreement' along with written request for history (please call NBTA office if you need a copy), \$20.00 service charge per lawyer (please make checks out to the State Bar of Arizona).
Arkansas	Stark Ligon Executive Director	Committee on Professional Conduct 2100 Riverfront Drive, Suite 200 Little Rock, AR 72202-1747 501-376-0313 Fax:501-376-3438 e-mail: stark.ligon@attorneyconduct.org	<i>Special Notes:</i> office requests copy of the signed NBTA form titled, 'Application Agreement' along with written request for history (please call NBTA office if you need a copy)
California	Attention: Membership Records	Membership Records c/o State Bar of California 180 Howard Street San Francisco, CA 94105-1639 Ph: 888-800-3400 Fax:415-538-2576 e-mail: msc@calbar.ca.gov	<i>Special Notes:</i> Special Notes: Please order a standard Certificate of Standing online at http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Attorneys/MemberServices/CertificateofStanding.aspx Cost: \$25.00, payable online by VISA or MasterCard
Colorado	Ralph L. Carr	Judicial Center Colorado Supreme Court Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel 1300 Broadway Suite 500 Denver, CO 80203 Ph: 303-866-6400	<i>Special Notes:</i> send a written request, signed by the requesting attorney, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Colorado Supreme Court, Attorney Regulation Counsel, 1560 Broadway, Suite 1800, Denver, CO 80202, with check or money order for \$10.00 payable to the Colorado Supreme Court ARC. Please include your full name and attorney registration number and confirm that your current address has been updated with Attorney Registration. The turn-around time is 2 or 3 days. If necessary, the certificate may be expedited if you provide the return envelope for express delivery and a completed air bill showing the payment as your responsibility.

Connecticut	Michael P. Bowler Statewide Bar Counsel	Statewide Grievance Committee 287 Main Street 2nd Floor, Suite 2 East Hartford, CT 06118-1885 860-568-5157 Fax: 860-568-4953 e-mail: Michael.Bowler@jud.ct.gov	<i>Special Notes:</i> certificate of good standing issued listing any grievances filed; request must be made in writing. Certificate of good standing: \$10 Certificate of good standing with disciplinary history statement: \$20
Delaware	Jennifer-Kate Aaronson Chief Counsel	Office of Disciplinary Counsel 820 N. French Street Wilmington, DE 19808 (302) 577-7042 (302) 577-7048 fax	<i>Special Notes:</i> All requests must be made in writing.

District of Columbia	Hamilton P. Fox, III Disciplinary Counsel	Office of Bar Counsel 515 Fifth Street, NW Building A, Room 117 Washington, DC 20001 202-638-1501 Fax:202-638-0862 e-mail:	<p><i>Special Notes:</i> only certificate of discipline, request must be made in writing, office requests copy of the signed NBTA form titled, 'Application Agreement' along with written request for history (please call NBTA office if you need a copy), All requests should be accompanied by a check or money order made payable to the DC Bar in the amount of \$20.00.</p> <p>Your request must contain the following language: In connection with this request, I expressly authorize the Office of Bar Counsel to reveal confidential information about me, including information about any complaint filed against me that might be pending or that has been dismissed; any informal admonition issued prior to January 1, 1995; or any other investigation of me conducted by Bar Counsel in connection with disciplinary matters.</p> <p>SAMPLE LETTER:</p> <p>Office of Bar Counsel 515 5th Street, N.W. Building A, Room 117 Washington, D.C. 20001</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern: Please prepare a Certificate Concerning Discipline and or Administrative Suspension for me. I have enclosed a check or money order payable to the D.C. Bar in the amount of \$20.00 and a self addressed, postage prepaid envelope for returning the Certificate to me. I have also provided my D.C. Bar number and have had my request affirmed before a Notary Public as indicated below.</p> <p>In connection with this request I expressly authorize the Office of Bar Counsel to reveal confidential information about me, including information about any complaint filed against me that might be pending or that has been dismissed; any informal admonition issued prior to January 1, 1995; or any other investigation of me conducted by Bar Counsel in connection with disciplinary matter.</p>
Florida	Rebecca Blackburn	The Florida Bar Department of Lawyer Regulation 651 East Jefferson Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300 850-561-5781 Fax:850-561-9403 e-mail: rblackburn@flabar.org	<p><i>Special Notes:</i> office requires a written request for history on letter head. Please include your physical signature and bar number.</p> <p>*office will not accept via email. Please mail or fax your letter.</p>

Georgia	John J. Shiptenko Assistant General Counsel Or Deloise Mathews Legal Assistant	State Bar of Georgia 104 Marietta Street NW Suite 100 Atlanta, GA 30303 404-527-8720 or 800-334-6865 Fax:404-527-8744 e-mail:deloisem@gabar.org	<i>Special Notes:</i> request must be made in writing, office requests copy of the signed NBTA form titled, 'Application Agreement' along with written request for history (please call NBTA office if you need a copy)
Hawaii	Faye F. Hee Office Administrator	Office of the Disciplinary Counsel 201 Merchant Street, Suite 1600 Honolulu, HI 96813 808-521-4591 Fax: 808-545-2719 e-mail: FayeH@odchawaii.com	<i>Special Notes:</i> Our office only provides a listing of any complaints filed; request must be made in writing, signed by the attorney requesting their own information.
Idaho	Sue Nelson Administrative Assistant to Bar Counsel	Idaho State Bar P.O. Box 895 Boise, ID 83701 Phone: (208) 334-4500 Fax: (208) 334-2764 Website: isb.idaho.gov e-mail: snelson@isb.idaho.gov	<i>Special Notes:</i> request must be made in writing.
Illinois	Thomas W. Peters Registrar	Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission 130 East Randolph Drive Suite 1500 Chicago, IL 60601-6219 312-565-2600 x219 or 800-826-8625 Fax:312-565-2320 e-mail:tpeters@iardc.org	<i>Special Notes:</i> To get a prorate disciplinary history: go to www.iardc.org and fill out "attorney's request for written verification of status" under the lawyer registration tab. Fax form back to ARDC. To get a public disciplinary history: go to www.iardc.org and click on the lawyer search tab. Enter the attorney's first and last name and submit. Print out the results of the search and send to Melissa Sternbach.
Indiana	G. Michael Witte Executive Secretary	Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission 30 South Meridian St, Suite 850 Indianapolis, IN 46204-3520 Phone: 317-232-1807 Fax:317-233-0261	<i>Special Notes:</i> request must be made in writing.
Iowa	Charles L. Harrington Ethics Administrator	Iowa Supreme Court Attorney Disciplinary Board Iowa Judicial Branch Building 1111 E. Court Avenue Des Moines, IA 50319 515-725-8017 Fax:515-725-8013 e-mail: charles.harrington@iowacourts.gov	<i>Special Notes:</i> request must be made in writing.
Kansas	Stanton A. Hazlett Disciplinary Administrator	Supreme Court of Kansas 701 Jackson Street First Floor Topeka, KS 66603-3729 785-296-2486 Fax:785-296-6049 e-mail:shazlett@kscourts.org	<i>Special Notes:</i> request must be made in writing.
Kentucky	Michele M. Pogrotsky	Kentucky Bar Association 514 West Main Street Frankfort, KY 40601-1883 502-564-3795 Fax:502-564-3225 e-mail: mpogrotsky@kybar.org	<i>Special Notes:</i> Office requests copy of the signed NBTA form titled, 'Application Agreement' along with form found at: here: http://www.kybar.org/page/certificate

Louisiana	Charles B. Plattsmier Chief Disciplinary Counsel	Office of the Disciplinary Counsel 4000 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard / Suite 607 Baton Rouge, LA 70816 225-293-3900 or 800-326-8022 Fax:225-293-3300 e-mail:	<i>Special Notes:</i> request must be made in writing.
Maine	J. Scott Davis Bar Counsel	Board of Overseers of the Bar 97 Winthrop Street PO Box 527 Augusta ME 04332-0527 207-623-1121 Fax:207-623-4175 e-mail:jscottdavis@mebaroverseers.org	<i>Special Notes:</i> office requests copy of the signed NBTA form titled, 'Application Agreement' along with written request for history (please call NBTA office if you need a copy). Please note, the application of Maine Bar Rule 5(d) on expungement of files, especially those pertaining to complaints of professional misconduct resulting in dismissal.
Maryland	Nancy Larocque, Bar Counsel	Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland 200 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Suite 300 Annapolis, Maryland 21401 410-514-7051 Nancy.Larocque@agc.maryland.gov	<i>Special Notes:</i> request must be made in writing.
Massachusetts	Michael Frederickson General Counsel	Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers Office of Bar Counsel 99 High Street Boston, MA 02110 617-728-8750 Fax:617-482-2992 e-mail:	<i>Special Notes:</i> Request must be made in writing.
Michigan (private)	Bonnie Metty Office Manager	Marquette Building 243 West Congress, Suite 256 Detroit, MI 48226-3259 313-961-6585 Fax:313-961-5819 web: www.agcml.com email: bmetty@agcml.com	<i>Special Notes:</i> request must be made in writing.
Michigan (public)	Sherry Mifsud Office Administrator	Attorney Discipline Board 211 West Fort St. Suite 1410 Detroit, MI 48226 P: 313-963-5553 F:313-963-5571 e-mail:mifsud@adbmich.org website: www.adbmich.org	<i>Special Notes:</i> request must be made in writing via letter, fax, or email. \$10.00 fee for certificates of disciplinary history - checks made payable to "State Bar of Michigan." Forms can be downloaded from the website by clicking on "ADB Fees & Costs Chart" then "Disciplinary History Request Form."
Minnesota	Tina Munos Trejo	Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility 1500 Landmark Towers 345 St. Peter Street St. Paul, MN 55102 651-296-3952 or 800-657-3601 Fax:651-297-5801 e-mail: tina.trejo@courts.state.mn.us	<i>Special Notes:</i> request must be made in writing with attorney's signature.
Mississippi	Kathy Bass Membership Records Administrator	The Mississippi Bar 643 N State Street Jackson, MS 39202 601-948-4471 Fax:601-355-8635 e-mail: kbass@msbar.org	<i>Special Notes:</i> Form can be found here: http://www.msbar.org/admin/spotimages/2059.pdf

Missouri	Sam Phillips Deputy Chief Disciplinary Counsel	Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel 3335 American Avenue Jefferson City, MO 65109-1079 573-635-7400 Fax: 573-635-2240 e-mail:	<i>Special Notes:</i> request must be made in writing, \$5.00 service charge by check should accompany written request. Please make check payable to the OCDC or the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel.
Montana	Susan Parshall	Commission on Practice 301 S. Park, Suite 328 Helena, MT 59620-3005 406-841-2976 Fax: 406-841-2955 e-mail: sparshall@mt.gov	<i>Special Notes:</i> Request must be made in writing.
Nebraska	Counsel for Discipline	Nebraska Supreme Court 3808 Normal Blvd. Lincoln, NE 68506 402-471-1040 Fax: 402-471-1014 e-mail: janet.malone@nebraska.gov	<i>Special Notes:</i>
Nevada	Rose M. Cota Administrative Assistant	State Bar of Nevada 3100 W Charleston Blvd., Suite 100 Las Vegas, NV 89102 P 702.382.2200 / F 702.382.8747 Email: rosec@nvbar.org	<i>Special Notes:</i> Disciplinary History can be purchased from the State Bar, log on to our website nvbar.org and visit the online store.
New Hampshire	Thomas V. Trevethick General Counsel	New Hampshire Supreme Court Attorney Discipline Office 4 Chenell Drive Suite 102 Concord, NH 03301 603-224-5828 Fax: 603-228-9511 e-mail:	<i>Special Notes:</i> letters listing any public complaints docketed. Request for certificate of good standing has to be made to: Clerk's Office, NH Supreme Court, One Charles Doe Drive, Concord, NH 03301.
New Jersey	Charles Centinaro Director	Office of Attorney Ethics 840 Bear Tavern Road PO Box 963 Trenton, NJ 08625-0963 609-530-4008 Fax: 609-530-5238 e-mail:	<i>Special Notes:</i> request must be made in writing. Private disciplinary history requires a written release.
New Mexico	Tamma Williams	The Disciplinary Board 20 First Plaza, Suite 710 Albuquerque, NM 87102 Mailing address: PO Box 1809, Albuquerque, NM 87103 505-842-5781 Fax: 505-766-6833 e-mail: twilliams@nmdisboard.org	<i>Special Notes:</i> Request must be made in writing and faxed, waiving right to confidentiality with an attorneys signature.

New York - 3rd Department Committee on Professional Standards	Peter M. Tornello Chief Attorney	Committee on Professional Standards 40 Steuben Street Suite 502 Albany, NY 12207-2109 518-474-8816 Fax: 518-474-0389 e-mail:	<i>Special Notes:</i> request must be made in writing (the original signed letter), possible service charge, a history must be obtained from each department in which you have been admitted as well as each department in which you practice. Please include a self addressed stamped envelope, your DOB, and the year you were admitted.
New York- 4th Department Disciplinary Committees	Gregory J. Huether Chief Counsel	Cayuga, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne & Yates Counties Grievance Committee for the Seventh Judicial District Attorney Grievance Committee 50 East Avenue Suite 404 Rochester, NY 14604-2206 585-530-3180 Fax: 585-530-3191 web: www.courts.state.ny.us/ad4	<i>Special Notes:</i> request must be made in writing, no service charge; a history must be obtained from each department in which you have been admitted as well as each department in which you practice.
5 th Judicial District		Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, Onondaga & Oswego Counties Grievance Committee for the Fifth Judicial District Syracuse Building 224 Harrison Street, Suite 408 Syracuse, NY 13202-3066 315-471-1835	<i>Special Notes:</i> Request must be made in writing.
8 th Judicial District		Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans & Wyoming Counties Grievance Committee for the Eighth Judicial District 438 Main Street, Suite 800 Buffalo, NY 14202-3212 716-845-3630	<i>Special Notes:</i> Request must be made in writing.
North Carolina	Dottie Miani Deputy Clerk	North Carolina State Bar Disciplinary Hearing Commission PO Box 25908 Raleigh, NC 27611-5908 919-828-4620 ext. 241 Fax: 919-821-9168 e-mail: dmiani@ncbar.gov	<i>Special Notes:</i> Request must be made in writing.
North Dakota	Penny Miller Secretary	Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court 600 East Boulevard Avenue Dept. 180 Bismarck, ND 58505-0530 701-328-2221 (voice) Fax: 701-328-4480 e-mail: pmiller@ndcourts.gov	<i>Special Notes:</i> Request must be made in writing. Private disciplinary history requires written waiver from attorney.

Ohio	Scott J. Drexel Disciplinary Counsel	Supreme Court of Ohio 250 Civic Center Drive, Suite 325 Columbus, OH 43215-7411 614-461-0256 or 800-589-5256 Fax: 614-461-7205 e-mail: scott.drexel@sc.ohio.gov	<i>Special Notes:</i> request must be made in writing by fax or mail.
Oklahoma	Gina Hendryx General Counsel	Oklahoma Bar Association PO Box 53036 Oklahoma City, OK 73152 405-416-7007 Fax: 405-416-7003 e-mail: ginah@okbar.org	<i>Special Notes:</i> certificate of good standing issued. Request must be made in writing.
Oregon	Jeffrey D. Sapiro Disciplinary Counsel	Oregon State Bar 16037 SW Upper Boones Ferry Road Tigard, Oregon 97281-1935 1-800-452-8260 Ext. 319 or 503-431-6319 Fax: 503-968-4457 Email: jsapiro@osbar.org	<i>Special Notes:</i> Certificates of Good Standing issued listing disciplinary sanctions, \$10. Information is available online at: www.osbar.org/discipline *Fee will be \$20 in 2013
Pennsylvania	Paul J. Killion Chief Disciplinary Counsel	Disciplinary Board: Office of Chief Counsel Pennsylvania Judicial Center 601 Commonwealth Ave, Suite 2700 PO Box 62485 Harrisburg, PA 17106-2485 Phone: 717-783-0990 Fax: 717-783-4963	<i>Special Notes:</i> request must be made in writing and signed by the attorney to serve as a waiver of release. Also include self-addressed stamped envelope. There is a \$25 fee for this service. The check should be made out to the "PA Disciplinary Board."
Rhode Island	David Curtin, Chief Disciplinary Counsel	Supreme Court of Rhode Island John E. Fogarty Judicial Annex 24 Weybosset Street / 2nd Floor Providence, RI 02903 401-222-3270 Fax: 401-222-1191 e-mail: dcurtin@courts.ri.gov	<i>Special Notes:</i> Request must be made in writing.
South Carolina	John S. Nichols Disciplinary Counsel	Office of Disciplinary Counsel PO Box 12159 Columbia, SC 29211 803-734-2038 Fax: 803-734-1964 e-mail:	<i>Special Notes:</i> request must be made in writing. They must have an original waiver of confidentiality signed by the applicant. Rule 12 (c) (3) of RLDE, SCACR, - 413 in our appellate court rules. No special format. Usually there is a 48 hour turn around.
South Dakota	Thomas C. Barnett, Jr. Secretary - Treasurer	222 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501-2596 605-224-7554 Fax: 605-224-0282 e-mail: Thomas.Barnett@sdbar.net	<i>Special Notes:</i> Request must be made in writing.
Tennessee	Roxana Gumucio Registration Coordinator	Board of Professional Responsibility 10 Cadillac Drive, Suite 220 Brentwood, TN 37027 615-361-7500 or 800-486-5714 x213 Fax: 615-367-2480 Email: rgumucio@tbpr.org	<i>Special Notes:</i> request must be made in writing to waive confidentiality & there is a service charge of \$25 (currently). Please make check payable to "The Board of Professional Responsibility".
Texas	Areli Arellano	Chief Disciplinary Counsel PO Box 12487 Austin, TX 78711-2487 512-427-1350 Ext 1329 or 877-953-5535 Fax: 512-427-4167 *Overnight requests can be sent to: 1414 Colorado Street, 2nd Floor Austin, TX 78701	<i>Special Notes:</i> All requests can be made online using the attorney's My bar Page login at www.texasbar.com

Utah	Billy Walker Senior Counsel	Utah State Bar Office of Professional Conduct 645 South 200 East / Suite 205 Salt Lake City, UT 84111-3834 801-531-9110 or 800-698-9077 Fax:801-531-9912 e-mail:	<i>Special Notes:</i> only certificate of good standing issued. Pursuant to Rule 15 of the Utah Rules of Lawyer Discipline and Disability, the Office of Professional Conduct requires an express written waiver from the attorney requesting his or her discipline history to be sent to another jurisdiction and or board. Please contact Mr. Walker for the form they send to attorneys requesting discipline history.
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Virginia	Barbara S. Lanier Clerk of the Disciplinary System	Virginia State Bar 707 East Main Street / Suite 1500 Richmond, VA 23219-2800 804-775-0539 Fax:804-775-0545 e-mail: Clerk@vsb.org	<i>Special Notes:</i> VSB office requests a copy of the signed and notarized NBTA form titled, 'Application Agreement' along with written request for history.
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