

Creditors' Rights



Recovering monies due to you is a difficult and demanding process. Often, when a collection suit becomes necessary, it is the result of some unforeseen event or external circumstance.

A suit to collect is not a "quick fix" and can involve some very complicated areas of law. For the most part, state law governs recovery of funds in the United States, and many states have peculiarities unique to those states.

The American Board of Certification was created to develop an examination and a set of standards that can be used nationwide to measure an attorney's competence in creditors' rights law.

Some states have laws that prevent an attorney from advertising legal specialties. **Ask if your attorney is certified by the American Board of Certification.**

If you are interested in obtaining the names of certified creditors' rights specialists in your area, or in obtaining a free directory of certified specialists, please contact the American Board of Certification.



**The ABC also certifies attorneys as specialists in Consumer and Business Bankruptcy Law.*



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**The National
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*Certifying Lawyers in the Specialty
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What Does Board Certification Mean?



It means that the certified attorney has met rigorous, objective standards and has demonstrated knowledge in creditors' rights law. Hiring an attorney with expertise in any specialized field of law can be a bewildering experience. As a client, you want to make sure your counsel is experienced in the particular field. Unfortunately, prospective clients usually have little objective on which to rely.

The American Board of Certification's (ABC) creditors' rights program is designed to identify and recognize those attorneys in the legal area of creditors' rights who have met or exceeded rigorous certification standards relating to experience, continuing legal education, integrity, and peer review, in addition to demonstrating a sophisticated understanding of creditors' rights law.

The goal of the ABC is to provide meaningful information to those seeking creditors' rights legal services to enable them to make informed decisions in selecting experienced creditor counsel.

"You expect certification from your doctor — expect it from your lawyer too."

What is The ABC?



The American Board of Certification is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the public and improving the quality of the creditors' rights bar. It is the only national creditors' rights certification program, offering certification in business and consumer bankruptcy law and creditors' rights law.

All of ABC's Certification Programs are accredited by the American Bar Association. ABC is sponsored by the American Bankruptcy Institute and the Commercial Law League of America. The ABC Board of Directors consists of many of the nation's finest bankruptcy and creditors' rights lawyers, former judges, and law professors.

ABC certification encourages creditors' rights attorneys to strive toward excellence and recognizes those attorneys who have met the ABC's rigorous standards.

How High Are The Certification Standards?



To become certified as a creditors' rights specialist by the ABC, an applicant must successfully complete a comprehensive day-long written examination covering (1) general business law, (2) legal ethics, and (3) creditors' rights.

In addition, each applicant must show significant experience in creditors' rights law matters and a substantial dedication of their practice to such matters, as well as being subject to peer review by other professionals and participating in at least 60 hours of continuing legal education over a three-year period.

Recertification



Initial certification is for a period of up to five years, after which certified creditors' rights attorneys must show that they continue to have an active creditors' rights practice, have participated in continuing legal education, have good standing in the legal profession, and can provide peer references.

You Have a Choice



When you are considering hiring a creditors' rights attorney, you have a right to know which attorneys have met the ABC's stringent standards. Why settle for anything less?