

Minimum Requirements for Appointment List - Family Law

1. Be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas;
2. Must have at least 3 years of experience in practice of Family Law;
3. Completed at least 15 hours of CLE in field of Family Law each year, with 6 hours related to CPS cases;
4. Member of Denton County Bar Association;
5. Maintain an office in Denton County and list that office as your primary office with the State Bar of Texas. Exceptions may be granted under special circumstances;
6. 50% of practice devoted solely to Family Law;
7. Lead counsel for at least 1 jury trial or Co-counsel for 2 jury trials; and
8. Counsel in a total of 10 contested hearings, not including discovery disputes.

All applicants that meet these minimum requirements will still require the approval of a majority of the District Judges.

Minimum Requirements for Appointment List – Personal Injury

1. Be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas;
2. Must have at least 3 years of experience in practice of Personal Injury Law;
3. Completed at least 15 hours of CLE in field of Personal Injury Law each year;
4. Member of Denton County Bar Association;
5. Maintain an office in Denton County and list that office as your primary office with the State Bar of Texas. Exceptions may be granted under special circumstances;
6. 25% of practice devoted solely to Personal Injury Law; and,
7. Lead counsel for at least 5 contested hearings (not including discovery disputes) or settlements involving Personal Injury.

All applicants that meet these minimum requirements will still require the approval of a majority of the District Judges.

Minimum Requirements for Appointment List – Family (CPS) Appeals

1. Be certified in Child Welfare Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization; or,
2. Be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas;
3. Must average 10 hours a year of continuing legal education courses relating to Family law, with 5 being CPS or Child Welfare related;
4. During the preceding 5 years the attorney must have filed at least 4 appellate briefs with Texas courts on family matters;
5. Must have been licensed to practice law in the State of Texas for at least 2 years;
6. Must have a Denton County business address registered with Texas State Bar (an exception to this requirement may be made if additional appellate attorneys are needed);
7. Must not have been convicted of or currently charged with a felony or any crime of moral turpitude.

All applicants that meet these minimum requirements will still require the approval of a majority of the District Judges.

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