

Brent Mayr: Board certification really involves a lot of different components. First of all, you have to show that you're experienced. The Texas Board of Legal Specialization is going to require, in order to be board certified, that you have tried a certain number of cases in state and in federal court, in trial courts and in appellate courts. That's one of the main components of being board certified.

The other main component is being knowledgeable in these areas. Criminal law is extremely vast compared to other area of the laws, especially because you've got state law and you've got federal law and they have a lot of differences.

One of the things that you have to do in order to become board certified is take a very extensive, detailed exam that tests you on all areas of criminal law in order to become board certified.

Those are really the two main components of becoming board certified.