



# Certification Matters



## TBLS By The Numbers – Milestones, Hot Specialty Areas, and More!

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### TBLS Milestones

This year we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Paralegal Certification Program. There are currently 342 Certified Paralegals in 7 specialty areas. We will be honoring the initial class of 1994 this fall.



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Next year will mark the 40th Anniversary of the TBLS Attorney Certification Program – celebration news coming soon.

### Hot Areas

This year, there were 73 applicants for Board Certification in *Oil, Gas & Mineral* law, making it the top specialty area in 2014. This was also the most applications filed since the specialty area was first added in 1986. There are currently 326 *Oil, Gas & Mineral* Law specialists in Texas.

Immigration & Nationality law had 25 applicants, the second highest since the area's inception in 1979. Today, the Lone Star State has 144 specialists in this area.



### Multi Specialists

Texas' Board Certified legal professionals certainly are multi talented. TBLS has 991 attorneys that are currently Board Certified in two areas; 110 attorneys have three specialty area certificates; eight are quadruple-certified; and one attorney, Mr. John Robert King, holds the crown for highest number of certificates with five. Based in McAllen, Mr. King is certified *Residential, Commercial, and Farm & Ranch Real Estate* law, *Family law* and *Civil Trial* law.





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## Judicial Service

TBLS is honored to have 241 Board Certified specialists currently serving in the judiciary.

## Bigger in Texas

Texas has the largest legal Board Certification program in the U.S. The two other largest state programs are Florida (4,600 out of 76,000 attorneys are certified) and California (4,500 out of 180,000 attorneys are certified).

Out of approximately 90,000 licensed Texas attorneys, 7,225 attorneys are currently Board Certified with a total of 8,459 certificates. View our current [specialty area](#) statistical breakdown.

We look forward to adding to our elite group of specialists in the coming months! Know someone who might be up to the challenge? Get him or her [started today!](#)

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2014 New Board Certified Attorneys



2014 New Board Certified Paralegals

