



Certification Matters

TBLS' Senior Status — Feedback Needed



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Dear TBLS members and colleagues,

Board Certified attorneys are understandably proud of their specialty area certifications and do not wish to relinquish them easily. However, as attorneys advance in their careers and transform to different roles nearing retirement, although they possess years of invaluable experience, their evolved seasoned roles minimize their opportunities to meet some or all of the requirements to maintain Board Certification. For example, meeting the required substantial involvement percentage in the specialty area and satisfying the 100 hours of CLE for recertification can present a significant obstacle for maintaining certification. Thus, the idea to create a Senior Status designation was born. TBLS is considering whether to make the recertification requirements for senior TBLS member attorneys somewhat easier without losing the rigor in the standards.

Last year, TBLS conducted a survey among 1,048 Board Certified attorneys asking for feedback on the Senior Status concept and we appreciate all the submissions. We are now opening up the discussion to all of our Board Certified attorneys as your feedback will help us to determine if this program would be beneficial to TBLS, its members and more importantly, the public. Please email feedback to tbls@tbls.org by Oct. 31, 2016.

I look forward to hearing from you all,

Regards,
Leo Figueroa
Executive Director

