



Certification Matters

Keeping up with the Standards

Do the TBLS Standards of Certification in the 22 specialty areas reflect changes in your respected legal field? TBLS performs periodic Standards review, but we rely on our members for suggested amendments to existing Standards. [Click here](#) to download our latest Standards packets.

The process for revising and changing Standards mirrors the process for creating a new specialty area. The proposed amendments are presented to TBLS, vetted by all volunteer commission members, and then TBLS solicits public comment. The resulting amendments are then presented the Texas Supreme Court for final approval.

Last year, TBLS reviewed and amended the Civil Trial Law Standards with the help of our members. We welcome recommendations and comments to all of our existing Standards for Certification. Please email your thoughts to tbls@tbls.org.

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The screenshot shows the TBLS website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the TBLS logo, contact information, and social media links. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is titled "Standards for Attorney Certification". It includes a "Back to Task List" link and a "Download the Standards for Attorney Certification at any time." section. The standards are organized into two parts: PART I (General Requirements) and PART II (Specific Area Requirements). A list of 22 specialty areas is provided, including Administrative Law, Business Bankruptcy Law, Consumer Bankruptcy Law, Civil Appellate Law, Civil Trial Law, Construction Law, Consumer and Commercial Law, Criminal Appellate Law, Criminal Law, Estate Planning and Probate Law, Family Law, Health Law, Immigration and Nationality Law, Juvenile Law, Labor and Employment Law, Oil, Gas and Mineral Law, Personal Injury Trial Law, Commercial Real Estate Law, Farm and Ranch Real Estate Law, Residential Real Estate Law, Tax Law, and Workers' Compensation Law. At the bottom, there is a footer with the Texas Board of Legal Specialization's address and copyright information.

