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SENIOR STATUS DESIGNATION

- A. **Who may qualify:** A board certified attorney who is no longer practicing law on a full-time basis, is at least **70** years of age and has been a board certified specialist in a single specialty, or multiple specialties, for a minimum of **20** consecutive years.
- B. **Application:** A board certified attorney shall submit in writing, on a form designated by TBLS, a request for Senior Status designation.
- C. **Term:** The senior status designation, if granted by TBLS, shall expire upon retirement of the board certified attorney or revocation/resignation of his or her certificate of special competence.
- D. **Requirements:** A board certified attorney who is granted a senior status designation shall be subject to the following requirements for maintaining certification:
 - 1. A board certified attorney shall maintain at least a part-time practice of law with a minimum average of 20 hours per week of legal work done primarily for the purpose of providing legal advice or representation. Legal work may be pro bono or volunteer work provided that it meets the requirements of section 4 below.
 - 2. **SBOT Membership:** A board certified attorney must remain an active member in good standing of the SBOT.
 - 3. **CLE:** A board certified attorney applying for recertification must complete 75 hours of CLE in the specialty area by December 31 of each 5th year of certification.
 - 4. **Substantial Involvement:** A board certified attorney must devote a minimum of 25% of his or her time practicing law in the specialty area during each year of the five-year certification.
 - 5. **References:** A board certified attorney applying for recertification must submit a minimum of five names and addresses of attorneys to be contacted as references whom he or she has had dealings involving matters in the applicant's specialty area since the most recent recertification.
 - 6. **Fees:** A board certified attorney shall pay the required fees established by TBLS but shall not be required to pay recertification fees.
 - 7. Except as modified in Section VIII of TBLS Standards for Attorney Certification, all requirements set forth in TBLS Standards for Attorney Certification and in the Specific Area Requirements unique to the board certified attorney's specialty area must be met.
 - 8. **Disclosure:** The senior status designation is an internal designation TBLS utilizes when categorizing certifications and shall not be used by a board certified attorney on any professional or advertisement materials he or she may distribute or display including, but not limited to, letterhead, business cards, signs, brochures, websites, and social media.