

Criteria for Certification:

1. An Applicant seeking certification as a Workers' Compensation Specialist must establish by appropriate documentation that the Applicant has:
 - a) Been admitted to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is actively engaged in the practice of law for a minimum of five (5) years.
 - b) Devoted a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of his/her practice to the specialty field of workers' compensation.
 - c) Directly participated over the past five (5) years in a minimum of seven (7) of the following categories of workers' compensation litigation:
 - (i) Claim Petitions
 - (ii) Fatal Claim Petitions
 - (iii) Specific loss claims
 - (iv) Utilization Review
 - (v) Occupational Disease claims under Section 108 of the Workers' Compensation Act
 - (vi) Termination Petitions
 - (vii) Suspension Petitions
 - (viii) Modification Petitions
 - (ix) Compromise and Release proceedings
 - (x) Appeals before the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board
 - (xi) Appeals before the Commonwealth Court
 - (xii) Appeals before the Supreme Court
 - d) Directly participated in both direct and cross examination of at least twenty-five (25) medical, vocational or other expert witness depositions.

- a) The Applicant shall submit three (3) samples of any of the following documents which the Applicant personally authored:
 - (i) Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Brief submitted to a Workers' Compensation Judge.
 - (ii) Briefs filed before the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board,
 - (iii) Petition for Supersedeas and/or Answer to Supersedeas before the Workers Compensation Appeal Board and/or Commonwealth Court.
 - (iv) Briefs filed with the Commonwealth Court.
- b) The Applicant shall submit a detailed description of ten (10) cases involving the above matters including the caption and Bureau Claim Number of cases, Appeal Number before the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board and Docket Number before the Commonwealth Court and shall further describe the nature of the action or proceeding, names and addresses of counsel, name of the Workers' Compensation Judge and any other information the Applicant may deem relevant.
- c) The Applicant shall submit detailed documentation with regard to Mandatory Continuing Legal Education. At least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MOLE) hours over the past five (5) years and during the period of certification must be in the field of workers' compensation including, but not limited to, medical, trial advocacy, etc.
- d) The Applicant shall submit a list, if any, of writings published in recognized publications in the field of workers' compensation.

