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**APPLICATION FOR  
FAMILY LAW PANEL**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State Bar number: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Full time SF office address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years of continuous active practice in California: \_\_\_\_\_

Substantial Equivalent Experience

If you cannot meet the following requirements for panel membership, but believe that you qualify by reason of substantial, equivalent experience, you may submit an outline of such experience, as provided for in Rule 6 of the Lawyer Referral and Information Service Rules.

Certified Specialists

An applicant who is a certified Family Law Specialist, and whose current certification will last through the current membership year, qualifies automatically for Parts A, B and C. Otherwise, applicant must qualify under the stated requirements for Parts D, E, and F.

I am a certified Family Law specialist. Date certified: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive referrals in the following categories:

Part A:  Class 1  Class 2  Class 3  Part B  Part C

**Experience Qualifications**

**Part A**

**Class 1 - Dissolutions**

Applicant must have handled five dissolution or nullity of marriage cases filed within the last five years. Two must have included property settlement agreements and two must have been cases in which applicant appeared at contested OSC proceedings. If the cases were filed outside California, applicant must include a statement explaining how and why the experience is equivalent to the stated requirements.

<b>County</b>	<b>Court</b>	<b>Case #</b>	<b>Case Title</b>	<b>Filing Date</b>
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Cases with property settlement agreements:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Cases with appearance at contested OSC hearings:

3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Other case:

5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Class 2 - Dissolutions with Child Custody**

Applicant must qualify for Part A, Class 1 **AND** within the last three years must have handled either **a)** one child custody hearing with witnesses **OR b)** three child custody or visitation disputes, one of which must have been a child custody matter which went through the evaluation process of the Office of Family Court Services or its equivalent in other counties.

<b>County</b>	<b>Court</b>	<b>Case #</b>	<b>Case Title</b>	<b>Filing Date</b>
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One child custody hearing with witnesses:

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OR

One child custody dispute involving the Office of Family Court Services:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Two child custody or visitation disputes matters:

2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Class 3 - Dissolutions involving self-employed spouse**

Applicant must qualify for Part A, Class 1 **AND** have handled one dissolution case in which applicant made evaluation of the business of a self-employed spouse.

<b>County</b>	<b>Court</b>	<b>Case #</b>	<b>Case Title</b>	<b>Filing Date</b>
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Nature of business: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part B – Adoptions**

Applicant must have handled two direct adoptions filed within the last five years.

County	Court	Case #	Case Title	Filing Date
1. _____				
2. _____				

**Part C – Guardianship of Minors**

Applicant must have handled one matter filed within the last five years in which custody was the primary issue.

County	Court	Case #	Case Title	Filing Date
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I  will  will not handle TRO for domestic violence.

I  will  will not handle non-income clients and look to court for fees from client’s spouse.

**Part D – Limited Scope Representation**

Applicant must show at least five years in practice in family law and have attended or viewed at least three hours of training on limited scope representation to be qualified to provide limited scope representation services to clients in any of the above categories for which you are qualified: Part A, 1,2,3; Part B; Part C, and TRO. Those applicants who wish to qualify for LSR referrals must agree to use Risk Management materials developed by the Limited Scope Representation Committee of the California Commission on Access to Justice, as well as the LSR forms developed by the Judicial Counsel. NOTE: Those applicants who wish to provide reduced fee limited scope services on the LRIS Low-Fee Family law panel must meet the same experience and training requirements as stated above.

I have practiced Family Law for at least five (5) years:  
Indicate period of years: \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed at least three (3) hours of Limited Scope Training:  
Date(s) of LSR training: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of provider(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Length of training(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate in which classification of experience you are interested to provide limited scope representation services. Note that you must have qualified under the experience requirements listed in this application for the category(s) you select:

- Dissolutions
- Dissolutions with child custody
- Dissolutions with self employed spouse
- Adoptions
- Guardianship of minors
- TRO

I am willing to provide limited scope representation services at a reduced fee for low fee clients.

I agree to use the Risk Management materials developed by the Limited Scope Representation Committee of the California Commission on Access to Justice when engaging in this type of representation.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part E – Family Law Contempt**

Applicant must have handled at least one contempt proceeding in family court.

County	Court	Case #	Case Title	Filing Date
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**Part F – Minors’ Counsel for Family Law**

**I. Experience Requirements**

1. Within the past 5 years, applicant must have represented parents or minors in a minimum of 6 family law cases, at least 2 of which involved contested OSC hearings; **AND**
2. Within the past three years, applicant must have handled either **a)** one child custody hearing with witnesses **OR b)** three child custody or visitation disputes, one of which must have been a child custody matter which went through the evaluation process; **AND**
3. Within the past three years, applicant must have represented and interviewed minors in five dependency, probate, immigration and/or family law proceedings\*; **AND**
4. Applicant must have attended or viewed on DVD, the San Francisco Unified Family Court’s Family Law Minor’s Counsel Training.

Six family law cases, at least two of which involved contested OSC hearings:

County	Court	Case #	Case Title	Filing Date
1.	_____			
2.	_____			
3.	_____			
4.	_____			

Two cases involving contested OSC hearings:

5.	_____			
6.	_____			

**AND**

One child custody hearing with witnesses:

County	Court	Case #	Case Title	Filing Date
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1. \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Three child custody or visitation disputes, one of which must have been a child custody matter which went through the evaluation process:

County	Court	Case #	Case Title	Filing Date
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1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

One child custody matter which went through the evaluation process:

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**AND**

Five dependency, probate, immigration and/or family law proceedings in the course of which applicant represented and interviewed minors: Please also indicate age of the child\*.

County	Court	Case #	Case Title	Filing Date	Age Group*
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1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

**AND**

Applicant must have attended or viewed on DVD, the San Francisco Unified Family Court's Family Law Minor's Counsel Training, held on March 23 and 24, 2007:

**Date Attended Training or Viewed DVD of Training**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Please also list 2 to 4 commissioners and/or judges before whom you have appeared in family law matters:

Name	County	Telephone Number
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1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

### Specialty Minor's Sub-Panels

An applicant may apply for specialty sub-panels so that the Court may appoint an attorney with certain expertise if the Court believes that to be appropriate. In order to qualify for a specialty sub-panel, applicant must have handled at least one case in the past three years in which the issue was significant. The following categories have been identified for sub-panels:

Child abuse (sexual or physical)

County	Court	Case #	Case Title	Filing Date
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1. \_\_\_\_\_

**Significant issue of case:**

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Domestic violence

County	Court	Case #	Case Title	Filing Date
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1. \_\_\_\_\_

**Significant issue of case:**

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Drug abuse of parents and/or minors

County	Court	Case #	Case Title	Filing Date
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1. \_\_\_\_\_

**Significant issue of case:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Mental health issues of minor or parents

County	Court	Case #	Case Title	Filing Date
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1. \_\_\_\_\_

**Significant issue of case:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Particular medical issue of minor

County	Court	Case #	Case Title	Filing Date
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1. \_\_\_\_\_

**Significant issue of case:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Educational issues

County	Court	Case #	Case Title	Filing Date
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1. \_\_\_\_\_

**Significant issue of case:**

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**Annual Education Requirements for Continued Membership on Minor’s Panel**

Each calendar year, panel members must complete a minimum of 8 hours of CLE related to the representation of minors, ONE hour of which must be related to domestic violence issues.

List 8 Continuing Legal Education Units; Indicate domestic violence training by checking the box for “DV”.

	<b>Title of Training</b>	<b>Date(s) of Training</b>	<b>Number of Hours</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DV</b>
1					<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DV</b>
2					<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DV</b>
3					<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DV</b>
4					<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DV</b>
5					<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DV</b>
6					<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DV</b>

**Part G. - Collaborative Law Practice**

1. Within the last five years, applicant must have handled five dissolution or nullity of marriage cases. Two must have included property settlement agreements and two must have been cases in which applicant appeared at contested OSC proceedings. If the cases were filed outside California, applicant must include a statement explaining how and why the experience is equivalent to the stated requirements; **AND**
2. Within the last three years applicant must have handled either **a)** one child custody hearing with witnesses **OR b)** three child custody or visitation disputes, one of which must have been a child

custody matter which went through the evaluation process of the Office of Family Court Services or its equivalent in other counties; **AND**

3. Two completed collaborative law cases in the family law context; **AND**
4. At least 12-hours of training in collaborative law offered in accordance with the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals; **AND**
5. At least 30 hours or more of mediation training.

NOTE: Those applicants who wish to provide **reduced fee collaborative law** services on the LRIS Low-Fee Family law panel must meet the same experience and training requirements as stated above, **except for** having completed two collaborative law cases in the family law context.

Of the five dissolution cases required, two included property settlement agreements:

County	Court	Case #	Case Title	Filing Date
1.	_____			
2.	_____			

Of the five dissolution cases required, two must have been cases with appearance at contested OSC hearings:

County	Court	Case #	Case Title	Filing Date
3.	_____			
4.	_____			

**Other case:**

5.	_____			
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Within the last three years applicant must have handled either:

a) One child custody hearing with witnesses:

\_\_\_\_\_

OR

b) One child custody dispute involving the Office of Family Court Services:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Two child custody or visitation disputes matters:

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Two completed collaborative law cases in the family law context:

County	Case Title	Completion Date
1.	_____	
2.	_____	

**At least 12-hours of training in collaborative law offered through the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals;**

Title of Training	Number of hours	Date(s) of training
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At least 30 hours or more of mediation training:

Title of Training	Number of hours	Date(s) of training
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**Part H – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Panel**

**Class 1 – Dissolutions of Domestic Partnership**

Applicant must have handled five dissolutions or nullity of domestic partnership cases filed within the last three years. Two must have included property settlement agreements and two must have been cases in which the applicant appeared at contested OSC proceedings. If the cases were filed outside California, Applicant must include a statement explaining how and why the experience is equivalent to the stated requirements.

County	Court	Case #	Case Title	Filing Date
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Cases with property settlement agreements:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Cases with appearance at contested OSC hearings:

3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Other case:

5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Class 2 – Child Custody and Parentage Issues**

Applicant must qualify for Part A, Class 1 **AND** within the last three years must have handled either **a)** one case involving a hearing with witnesses **OR b)** one child custody/parentage case involving child custody evaluation

County	Court	Case #	Case Title	Filing Date
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One child custody hearing with witnesses:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

OR

One child custody dispute in which a child custody evaluation was completed

1. \_\_\_\_\_

I had full responsibility for all cases listed in the application or, if not, I have attached an explanation.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_