

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

State Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX  
SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT**

- A. The Standards require that during each year of the five (5) years immediately preceding application, you must have devoted more than fifty percent (50%) of your legal practice to Indiana family law cases.

For each of the years below, I have devoted the following approximate percentage to my legal practice to Indiana family law cases:

2012\_\_\_\_\_%      2013\_\_\_\_\_%      2014\_\_\_\_\_%      2015\_\_\_\_\_%      2016\_\_\_\_\_%

- B. The Standards also require that during the five (5) years immediately preceding application, you have had actual experience in at least ten (10) of the categories listed below. Please mark boxes where appropriate to indicate those categories in which you have had actual experience during this time frame.

- Restraining orders/protective orders
- Dissolution of marriage and legal separation
- Custody of children
- Spousal maintenance
- Modification of support
- Division of property
- Taxation issues incident to dissolution of marriage
- Contempt and/or enforcement proceedings
- Mediation and/or negotiation of family law disputes
- Psychological and counseling aspects of dissolution of marriage
- Paternity
- Adoption
- Children in need of services
- Grandparents' rights
- Ethics as it relates to the specialty

- C. All applicants must demonstrate substantial involvement in the practice of family law by furnishing the Family Law Certification Board with information regarding the applicant's involvement in the practice of family law. An applicant may make a prima facie showing of substantial involvement by completion of 3 of the 5 categories listed in Article III, Section D, Subsection 3 of the Standards or applicant may furnish the Family Law Certification Board

with other information in order to establish the applicant's substantial involvement in the practice of family law.

Please mark **one** of the following two options:

- (1) I have completed 3 of the following categories:  
*Mark at least 3 categories you can demonstrate.)*
  - Principal counsel in thirty (30) contested family law hearings. A completed Form 1 is attached for each such hearing. *(Hearings in which the opposing party was pro se may not be included.)*
  - Principal counsel in five (5) hearings or trials which are three (3) hours or more in length and involve the testimony of witnesses. A completed Form 2 is attached for each such hearing. *(Hearings in which the opposing party was pro se may not be included.)*
  - Principal counsel in a minimum of thirty (30) marital settlement agreements, post- or prenuptial agreements, paternity agreements, or stipulated decrees. A completed Form 3 is attached for each such agreement.
  - Principal counsel and principal author of the briefs in three (3) Indiana family law appeals in which an opinion was filed. A completed Form 4 is attached for each such appeal.
  - Service as mediator in at least thirty (30) family law mediations of one-half (1/2) day or more.

**OR**

- (2) I am furnishing the Family Law Certification Board with other information and documentation in order to establish my substantial involvement in the practice of family law. Such information and documentation is attached to this Appendix.
- D. If substituting Alternative Task Requirements for requirements of C(1) above – Pursuant to Article III, Section D, Subsection 4 of the Standards, I am substituting completion of the following as equivalents for the individual categories marked above:
- One-half (1/2) day circuit or superior court family law pro tem judge service in contested hearings or trials shall be the equivalent of two (2) contested hearings or trials.
  - Teaching a minimum of thirty (30) actual hours of education programs approved by the CLE shall be the equivalent of fifteen (15) contested hearings or trials.
  - Preparation of a case for contested proceedings under the Indiana Dissolution Act or within the definition of Family Law shall be equivalent to a contested hearing or trial.
  - Acting as principal counsel and principal author of the pleadings and brief in one (1) appeal and/or writ filed with the Court of Appeals involving proceedings under the Indiana Dissolution Act or otherwise within the definition of Family Law shall be equivalent to four (4) contested hearings or trials.

*Attach documentation to substantiate each box marked in this section.*