

**APPLICATION
FOR
FAMILY LAW PANEL**

Name: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Office Address: _____

Number of years of continuous active practice in Virginia: _____

- ☐ **I am a member of good standing of the Virginia State Bar and I agree to all of the additional requirements of participation in the Fairfax Bar Association LRS**

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 for consideration by the LRS Family Law Subject Matter Panel Sub-Committee.

Updated Qualifications: It is the applicant's responsibility to update his/her qualification level with LRS as that level increases.

CLE REQUIREMENTS

I hereby certify that:

- ☐ **I have taken six (6) CLE hours of family law and/or practice within the preceding twenty-four (24) months.**

Date	Course	Credit Hours

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

I hereby certify that:

I qualify for the following Family Law Panel practice areas:

- ☐ **A. Contested Divorces**
- ☐ **B. Contested Military Divorces**
- ☐ **C. Property Settlement/Separation Agreements**
- ☐ **D. Custody/Visitation**
- ☐ **E. Child/Spousal Support**
- ☐ **F. Direct/Private/Agency Adoption**
- ☐ **G. Child/Domestic Abuse**
- ☐ **H. Paternity**
- ☐ **I. Name Change**
- ☐ **J. Step-parent Adoptions**
- ☐ **K. Uncontested Divorce**
- ☐ **L. Appeals**
- ☐ **M. Unmarried/Never Married Client with Division of Property Issues**
- ☐ **In addition to the stated experience requirements for Practice Areas A through C, I also have drafted at least one (1) Property Settlement/Separation Agreement which included business asset valuation or tax issues. *Note that this is not a requirement but is for LRS informational purposes only.***

I certify that I have read the requirements for the Family Law Subject Matter Panel and I further certify that I meet all requirements for the practice areas for which I have applied.

Date_____ **Signature**_____

FAMILY LAW PRACTICE LRS REQUIREMENTS

Practice Area	Experience Requirements	CLE Requirements
A. Divorces - contested: <u>Including:</u> <i>Equitable Distributions</i> <i>Property Settlement/ Separation Agreements</i> <i>Custody/Visitation</i> <i>Child/Spousal Support</i>	1. Admitted to practice of law in the Commonwealth of Virginia for at least two (2) years. 2. Counsel of record for 3 separate matters from preparation of original complaints for either plaintiff or defendant to Final Decree, including but not limited to issues of custody, child/spousal support, visitation, real property, pension/retirement, business asset valuation and tax matters. <i>In regard to the above 3 separate contested divorces, <u>all</u> of the following are required:</i> 3. At least one (1) of the above must have involved an equitable distribution and attorney must have thorough knowledge of equitable distribution law/procedures and discovery procedures & tools available in discovering hidden assets and preparation of orders dividing retirement plans 4. Drafted three (3) Property Settlement/Separation Agreements, at least 1 of which included real property issues AND at least 1 of which included pension/retirement issues AND at least 1 of which included custody/visitation issues AND at least 1 of which included child/spousal support issues	Proof of six (6) CLE hours in family law in the past two (2) calendar years
B. Military Divorces (contested)	In addition to above requirements for <i>Divorces - contested</i> , attorney has completed two (2) military divorces from preparation of original complaints for either plaintiff or defendant to Final Decree AND has specific knowledge & experience with rules governing distribution of military benefits and with military pension matters	
C. Property Settlement/ Separation Agreements (Client only wants document drafted or wants revision/enforcement of current agreement)	1. Admitted to practice of law in the Commonwealth of Virginia for at least one (1) year. 2. Drafted three (3) Property Settlement/Separation Agreements, at least 1 of which included real property issues AND at least 1 of which included pension/retirement issues AND at least 1 of which included custody/visitation issues AND at least 1 of which included child/spousal support issues	Proof of six (6) CLE hours in family law in the past two (2) calendar years

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<i>D. Custody/Visitation</i> (Client wants to revise/enforce custody or visitation, for both in-state and out-of-state decrees)	<p>All of the following are required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Admitted to practice of law in the Commonwealth of Virginia for at least one (1) year. 2. Representation as counsel of record of any party, including as a Guardian Ad Litem, in two (2) separate cases in which custody was at issue, including the direct examination or cross-examination of a witness in at least one (1) such case 3. Experience in two (2) cases that involved modification of decree involving custody/visitation 4. Experience in two (2) cases that involved enforcement of decree involving custody/visitation 	Proof of six (6) CLE hours in family law in the past two (2) calendar years
<i>E. Child/Spousal Support</i> (Client wants to revise or enforce child/spousal support)	<p>All of the following are required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Admitted to practice of law in the Commonwealth of Virginia for at least one (1) year. 2. Experience in two (2) cases that involved modification of decree involving support issues 3. Experience in two (2) cases that involved enforcement of decree involving support issues 	Proof of six (6) CLE hours in family law in the past two (2) calendar years
<i>F. Direct/Private/Agency Adoption</i>	<p>All of the following are required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Admitted to practice of law in the Commonwealth of Virginia for at least one (1) year. 2. Experience in at least one (1) direct/private/agency adoption case. 	Proof of six (6) CLE hours in family law in the past two (2) calendar years
<i>G. Child/Domestic Abuse</i>	<p>All of the following are required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Admitted to practice of law in the Commonwealth of Virginia for at least one (1) year. 2. Represented one (1) individual in a hearing for a Preliminary or "Permanent" Protective Order 	Proof of six (6) CLE hours in family law in the past two (2) calendar years
<i>H. Paternity</i>	Represented one (1) individual in matter establishing paternity and support, or defending against paternity action.	Proof of six (6) CLE hours in family law in the past two (2) calendar years
<i>I. Name Change</i>	None	Proof of six (6) CLE hours in family law in the past two (2) calendar years

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J. Step-parent Adoptions	None	Proof of six (6) CLE hours in family law in the past two (2) calendar years
K. Uncontested Divorce (No children; no property issues in dispute)	None	Proof of six (6) CLE hours in family law in the past two (2) calendar years
L. Appeals (From Circuit Court only)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Admitted to practice of law in the Commonwealth of Virginia for at least one (1) year. 2. Attorney has completed one (1) appeal. 	Proof of six (6) CLE hours in family law in the past two (2) calendar years
M. Unmarried/Never Married Client With Division of Property Issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Admitted to practice of law in the Commonwealth of Virginia for at least one (1) year. 2. Attorney has handled one (1) partition action OR has completed two (2) contested matters of any sort in the J&DR Court OR Circuit Court 	Proof of six (6) CLE hours in family law in the past two (2) calendar years