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## **The National Board of Trial Advocacy to Offer New Board Certification in Complex Litigation**

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The National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA) has announced a new attorney board certification in the legal specialty area of Complex Litigation which was recently awarded national accreditation. The NBTA will offer board certification in this practice area shortly.

The committed work of a new division of the NBTA, the National Board of Complex Litigation Lawyers (NBCLL), created the new board certification, which requires strict requirements of relevant experience, passing a rigorous examination, meeting high ethical standards, continuing legal education, and peer review. "The National Board of Trial Advocacy, the country's largest and oldest national board certifying organization, is committed to ensuring that consumers of legal services get the representation they need and deserve," said NBTA President Jim Richardson. He added, "those consumers will know and appreciate that an NBTA lawyer's credentials have been fully vetted and their knowledge thoroughly tested."

According to Jim Wren, an NBTA past president, "Complex Litigation is highly technical and detailed, requiring a high degree of specialization and understanding." He added, "There is now an objective and verifiable way to hire a qualified lawyer in this unique legal area."

The NBCLL is comprised of leading experts in this legal specialty, including nationally recognized attorneys, federal and state appellate and district judges, and distinguished law professors. The NBCLL was led by its President, the Hon. James E. Kinkeade, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, and Director Richard Arsenault of Louisiana.

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The National Board of Trial Advocacy is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1977 to guide consumers of legal services through a robust program of legal specialization and board certification. With this new certification, NBTA now offers board certification in the following legal specialties: Complex Litigation, Civil Trial Law, Civil Practice Advocacy, Criminal Trial Law, Family Trial Law, Social Security Disability, and Truck Accident Law.

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