## The North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal Specialization Proposed Specialty Application

Area of Law\_\_\_\_\_Year Requested\_\_\_\_\_

Lawyer or Organization seeking new specialty:

Required attachments:

- D Signatures of 100 lawyers recommending the creation of the proposed specialty. (Lawyers do not have to qualify for or be interested in being certified in the proposed specialty.)
- D Signatures of 20 lawyers who are interested in seeking certification in the proposed specialty.
- D Signatures of at least 10 lawyers who would be willing to serve as members of the initial specialty committee that will draft standards for the proposed specialty.

• Does the contemplated definition of the proposed specialty conflict or overlap with the definition of a current specialty? Yes / No

If yes, provide a statement explaining why the proposed specialty should be recognized in spite of the conflict or overlap.

• How will recognition of the proposed specialty benefit members of the public?

• List NCBA, NCAJ or other professional organizations that have practice sections or committees in the proposed specialty, including number of members in each section or committee.

Demonstrate that the proposed specialty is an established practice area by providing information about one or more of the following:

• Other states or accredited national organizations offer a specialty in this area

- Listings as practice area for lawyers in representative phone books
- Listing as practice area in *Martindale Hubble*
- Listing as practice area in Best Lawyers in America
- Referral service listings (NCBA or other services)

• List the continuing legal education courses in the proposed specialty offered during the previous 2 years by CLE sponsors accredited by the North Carolina State Bar Board of Continuing Legal Education. (Attachment of brochures is acceptable.)