The period of certification is five years. A certified specialist who desires continued certification must apply for continued certification within the time limit described in Rule .2506(4) below. No examination will be required for continued certification. However, each applicant for continued certification as a specialist shall comply with the specific requirements set forth below in addition to any general standards required by the board of all applicants for continued certification.

(1) Substantial Involvement - The specialist must demonstrate that for the five years preceding reapplication he or she has had substantial involvement in the specialty or subspecialty as defined in Rule .2505(b).

(2) Continuing Legal Education - The specialist must have earned no less than 65 hours of accredited continuing legal education credits in criminal law with not less than six credits earned in any one year.

(3) Peer Review - The specialist must comply with the requirements of Rule .2505(4) of this Subchapter.

(4) Time for Application - Application for continuing certification shall be made not more than 180 days nor less than 90 days prior to the expiration of the prior period of certification.

(5) Lapse of Certification - Failure of a specialist to apply for continued certification in a timely fashion will result in a lapse of certification. Following such lapse, recertification will require compliance with all requirements of Rule .2505 of this Subchapter, including the examination.

(6) Suspension or Revocation of Certification - If an applicant’s certification has been suspended or revoked during the period of certification, then the application shall be treated as if it were for initial certification under Rule .2505 of this Subchapter.