

### National Rules: Croatia

#### **Rules on the Conditions and Procedure for the Recognition of Specialisation of Attorneys Who Are on the List of Attorneys of the Croatian Bar Association - Article 2**

An attorney meets the conditions for the recognition of specialisation if he or she has practised law for a period of at least:

1. three years - after having acquired the academic title of doctor of sciences in the field of law for which he or she seeks recognition and has published at least two professional articles as a contribution to the theory or practice of that particular legal field;
2. five years - after having been entered on the List of Attorneys and having mostly practised law in the legal field for which the recognition of specialisation is requested and has published during that period at least three professional articles as a contribution to the theory or practice of that particular legal field;
3. three years – if, prior to being entered on the List of Attorneys, he or she was a professor at a faculty of law for at least five years in the legal field for which the recognition of specialisation is requested, or was a judge of regular or specialised courts and if he or she, as a judge, has specialised in this particular legal field, or was a legal adviser or specialist working in specialised institutions or institutes and if, during that period, he or she published at least two professional articles as a contribution to the theory or practice of that particular legal field;
4. five years – if, as an attorney, through his or her scientific work, he or she has significantly contributed to the development of legislation or legal understanding in the legal field for which he or she requests recognition of specialisation.

Further information – Information obtained from Croatian Bar website, [see here](#).

#### The Law on the Legal Profession\*

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## **X. SPECIALIZATION OF ATTORNEYS**

## NATIONAL SPECIALISATION REGIMES IN THE CCBE MEMBER COUNTRIES

Article 102.

An attorney who fulfills the conditions provided for in the Law on the Legal Profession and this Statute, may apply for certification as a specialist in a particular branch of law.

Article 103.

(1) Certification as a specialist may be granted for the following branches of law:

- Constitutional Law
- Criminal law
- Civil and Family Law
- Administrative Law
- Labor Law
- Maritime Law
- Railway Transportation law
- Law of Insurance
- Law of Customs
- Law of Taxation
- Law of Banking
- Law of Copyright
- Law of Industrial Property
- Commercial Law
- Bankruptcy Law
- International Law
- Private International Law
- International Commercial Law
- Law of the European Community
- Law of International Payments
- Law of Social Insurance

(2) Decisions on certification as a specialist shall be made by the Management Board of the Association upon the receipt of an opinion by the Commission for the evaluation of requirements, based on the Regulations for Certification as a specialist.

Article 104.

(1) The Commission for certification of specialists shall be established by the Management Board of the Association.

(2) Experts and scientists from outside the Association may be included in the work of the Commission referred to in Section 1 of this Article.

## NATIONAL SPECIALISATION REGIMES IN THE CCBE MEMBER COUNTRIES

Article 105.

(1) An attorney may appeal the decision of the Management Board on his or her application for the certification as a specialist to the Assembly of the Association.

(2) Decisions of the Assembly of the Association are final.

Article 106.

An attorney whose application for the certification as a specialist is rejected may submit a new application only after he or she has fulfilled the requirements determined by the law, this Statute and the Regulations on Certification as Specialist.

Article 107.

Certifications of specialists shall be entered in the List of Attorneys and may also be indicated in the name of the law office.

Article 108.

If an attorney, who is a member of a joint law office, has been certified as a specialist, the specialization may be indicated in the name of the joint law office, with the name of the attorney to whom it has been granted.

Article 109.

The procedure for the certification as a specialist, the conditions for the certification, the appointment, the composition and the rights and duties of the Commission for Certification, as well as the way of indicating the specialization in the name of the law office, shall be determined by the Management Board in the Regulations on Certification as Specialists.