



The Law Society of  
Upper Canada

Barreau  
du Haut-Canada

## *Certified Specialist Program*

# Notice to the Profession

An integral goal of the Certified Specialist Program is to gradually expand the program to include all major practice areas, providing they lend themselves to certification and there is sufficient interest among practitioners in obtaining certification in those fields.

At this time, the Law Society has designated the following practice areas for the Certified Specialist Program:

- **Health Law**
- **Municipal Law**

Practitioners in these areas are invited to apply to the Certified Specialist Board to participate in the working groups being formed to:

- Determine if the practice area is capable of being segmented into sub-specialty fields; and
- Develop standards for certification in those fields in accordance with the purpose and goals of the Certified Specialist Program approved by Convocation; and
- Determine professional development requirements to facilitate the acquisition of skills and expertise in the field.

### **Qualifications**

The Certified Specialist Board will select three or four practitioners for each of the working groups who are in good standing with the Law Society and meet the following qualifications:

- A minimum of 15 years full time practice;
- Consistency and limit in the scope of practice to demonstrate a high level of competence in the subject field;
- General and specific knowledge of issues affecting the subject field;
- Demonstrated commitment to ongoing professional development;
- Active membership in professional organizations in the subject field;
- Leadership skills;
- Recognition by peers as leaders in the subject field; and
- Eligibility for certification in the subject field.

### **To Apply**

Interested candidates should send a copy of their resume along with a cover letter addressing the above selection criteria by January 15, 2004 to:

The Law Society of Upper Canada, Certified Specialist Program  
Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen Street West, Toronto, ON M5H 2N6

Information on the Certified Specialist Program is available on the Law Society's website at <http://www.lsuc.on.ca/services/services.jsp> or from Member Resource Centre at (416) 947-3315 or 1-800-668-7380 ext 3315 or [certspec@lsuc.on.ca](mailto:certspec@lsuc.on.ca)