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Mr. William J Sheppard
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Dear Mr. Sheppard:

On behalf of the Board of Legal Specialization and Education (BLSE), it gives me great pleasure to inform you of your recertification in Criminal Trial Law effective June 1, 2017.

Your continued pursuit of board certification is a direct reflection of your commitment to excellence and professionalism in the practice of law. As board certified, you have, as acknowledged by the Supreme Court of Florida, the distinction of having "special knowledge, skills, and proficiency in your practice area, as well as character, ethics, and a reputation for professionalism in the practice of law." Moreover, you are entitled to represent yourself as board certified in your field of practice, and use the initials B.C.S. after your name to indicate Board Certified Specialist.

The Supreme Court of Florida has repeatedly stated its view that those who are board certified have a special responsibility to maintain high standards of conduct and professionalism. The integrity of the Certification program depends upon the quality of its participants and the public is entitled to rely upon the fact that those who are board certified are preeminent in competence and ethics. We are confident that you share our commitment to maintain the Certification program's high standards.

We thank you for your participation and welcome your suggestions regarding enhancing the Certification program. If there is anything the BLSE can do to improve the Certification program for you and for other certified lawyers, please let us know. You may contact Diana Kellogg at The Florida Bar, 850-561-5850 or at dkellogg@floridabar.org.

Congratulations! We are proud and honored to renew your status as Board Certified in Criminal Trial Law.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Rubin, B.C.S.
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