

Qualifications Of Anthony's Attorneys Challenged

Prosecutors File Motion In Casey Anthony Case

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ORLANDO, Fla. -- Prosecutors filed a motion Thursday to determine if Casey Anthony has an attorney qualified to handle a death penalty case in Florida.

Her lead attorney Jose Baez does not have proper credentials to handle a death case, but he can handle the trial if he works with a lawyer who is qualified in Florida.

Last year, Terrace Lenamon, who has worked death penalty cases, was part of Anthony's team, but according to the motion he "is no longer involved in the representation of Miss Anthony."

Anthony is charged with first-degree murder in connection with the death of her daughter Caylee, whose remains were found in December in woods not far from her Orange County home.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty, and according to Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure, attorneys must meet certain minimum standards to handle death cases. These standards, for example, include requirements about the number of trials "of serious and complex" cases, such as murder.

Baez's spokeswoman said the defense plans to introduce a new counsel qualified to handle death penalty cases at a court hearing on May 28.

Earlier this week, Baez filed a motion seeking to move Anthony's trial out of Central Florida.