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1. Please describe any personal involvement you have arguing or being presented with issues involving electronic discovery or any personal interest you have in the area of E-Discovery:

2. Please provide names of others you think may be interested in this Litigation Group:

3. Do you have any materials which would be helpful to other members of the Litigation Group:

By my signature and application, I authorize AAJ's E-Discovery Litigation Group to include document provided to me to the data/information back, which will be available to the membership of the E-Discovery Litigation Group.

By my signature below, I hereby affirm that I do not now, nor will I in the future while a member of the AAJ E-Discovery Litigation Group represent a Defendant in an action to prevent a Plaintiff from obtaining Electronic Discovery or seek costs

to be assessed against a Plaintiff for obtaining such electronic discovery. I also affirm the same to be true with respect to any member of any law firm with which I am employed. Further, I affirm and agree that any violation of me of this Oath is grounds for the AAJ E-Discovery filing a grievance pursuant to the procedures set forth by my state bar organization.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please make check payable to the AAJ E-Discovery Litigation Group. Send completed application, affidavit, and check to:

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MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT

I, _____, hereby affirm:

1. I am a Regular, Life, or Sustaining member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) in good standing. My AAJ Membership Number is _____ and I am a member in good standing of the bar(s) of _____.
2. I am primarily engaged in the representation of plaintiffs. I will not disclose any portion of, or any copies of, any information obtained from this Group to any defendant or their counsel.
3. I will not make recordings of any E-Discovery Litigation Group meetings or proceedings or any portion thereof without the written permission of both Cochairs.
4. I will fully and candidly share relevant information, documents, and other materials with other members of the E-Discovery Litigation Group
5. I will resist defense requests for secrecy orders which prohibit information sharing and restrict access to information needed by members of the E-Discovery Litigation Group and their clients, but will abide by such orders where entered.
6. I will not use any of the information obtained from the E-Discovery Litigation Group, its members, or the AAJ Exchange against a plaintiff in any motions, depositions, hearings, or trials, and specifically will not use such information to prevent access to e-discovery by a plaintiff or assess costs against a plaintiff.
7. I will not disclose information of a strategic nature to non-members if such disclosure would compromise the interests of members and their clients.
8. I will not share, show, reveal, or disclose any information, documents, index, or materials obtained from the E-Discovery Litigation Group, its members, or the AAJ Exchange, nor will I distribute the information unless ordered to do so by a court of competent jurisdiction.
9. I will notify the Chair of the E-Discovery Litigation Group if any request is made to obtain the index or any materials obtained from or through the E-Discovery Litigation Group, and I will resist such attempts.
10. I understand that my initial and continued membership in this Litigation Group is contingent upon the payment of dues, membership in AAJ, membership in good standing of the Bar, and my ongoing commitment to the principles and representations made above on which I fully appreciate that my colleagues are strictly relying
11. I understand that I am not entitled as a matter of right to be a member of this Litigation Group nor do I have any obligation to join, and that I will be entitled to remain in the Group at this meetings only to the extent that I fully comply with the above written representations and subject to the prevailing rules, regulations, and guidelines for AAJ Litigation Groups in general and the E-Discovery Litigation Group in particular.
12. By joining this Litigation Group and providing my contact information, including email address, I consent and give permission for AAJ to add me to the corresponding AAJ Litigation Group list server to receive emails from AAJ members and AAJ on the list server.

I hereby swear and affirm under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I further agree that if any of the above information is knowingly and purposefully violated, that my membership in the E-Discovery Litigation Group shall be immediately terminated, and that I may be subject to ethical and disciplinary charges.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check is enclosed

Make payable to “AAJ E-Discovery Litigation Group” and include name, AAJ ID Number, and “E-Discovery” in Memo

Signature: _____

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