

## AAJ EXCHANGE LEGAL RESEARCH SERVICE

An AAJ Exchange staff attorney will conduct a search of all Exchange databases, selected public and private Web sites, and Westlaw\* for case-specific or issue-specific information. Results may include:

- Verdicts and settlements to assist in case evaluation, mediation, and settlement discussions
- Product research
- Names and contact information of AAJ members who have handled similar cases
- Experts and their contact information
- Information on relevant AAJ Education speaker papers, and Exchange depositions, court documents, and trial transcripts
- Litigation support services available from AAJ Extras members

Member signature authorizing search is required. (See Terms and Conditions of Use statement on page 3).

\* West has generously contributed to the legal knowledge of AAJ members for a number of years through cooperative efforts with AAJ. If you wish to subscribe or require additional information regarding Westlaw's services, contact West Customer Service at 1-800-328-4880 or visit <http://www.westlaw.com>

Note: Exchange Research Service is not intended to replace substantive legal research. Results will not include state specific **legal** research. AAJ staff attorneys will not offer opinions on the merits of your case.

**Questions? Please call 800-344-3023.**

Don't forget to check out AAJ Exchange Litigation Packets. They provide you with valuable case materials on some of the hottest litigation topics. Log onto [www.justice.org/exchange](http://www.justice.org/exchange) and click on "Litigation Packets."

## FIVE EASY STEPS TO ORDER LEGAL RESEARCH SERVICE

### 1 PRICING\*

AAJ Exchange Research Service provides two hours of attorney research per request. You will be contacted for further payment or pre-authorization should your request extend beyond that time or you may be contacted to narrow your request. If no relevant materials are located for the request, a refund will be issued, less a research service fee of \$150.

<b>Exchange Users</b>	<b>\$495</b>
<b>Exchange Gold Plan Members</b>	<b>\$395</b>
<b>Exchange Platinum Plan Members</b>	<b>\$350</b>

Exchange Legal Research Service includes previews of depositions, court documents, and CLE materials identified in the search findings and can be purchased separately, unless prior authorization to charge these items is provided.

\* You may also be eligible for a discount. Checkout AAJ Exchange Value Plans. For more information about Gold/Platinum membership please visit [www.justice.org](http://www.justice.org) and click on "Value Plans."

### Authorization to Charge for Selected Documents and Depositions:

Non-Plan and Gold Plan Members: If you would like to purchase related documents and depositions as part of the Research Service, please indicate below.

- Non-Plan and Gold Plan Members: I authorize the AAJ Exchange to charge my credit card up to **\$300** for the purchase of documents and depositions that may be related to my search query. I understand that any such items will be provided to me on a CD-ROM in Adobe Acrobat Reader format, and that there is no refund for the items selected in this manner.

Payment must be made by credit card to authorize this service.

\* Platinum Plan Members: **There is no document or deposition charge for Platinum Plan Members.**

**Subtotal \$** \_\_\_\_\_ (Insert applicable two-hour charge)

\* Fees subject to change

### 2 DELIVERY FEES\*

- Standard (request completed within 5 business days) **\$25**
- Rush (next business day delivery of Research Service findings) **\$175** (Rush orders must be received by 12:00 pm EST to be completed and delivered the next business day.)

**Subtotal \$** \_\_\_\_\_

\* Fees subject to change

**3**  **Yes! I want Exchange staff to conduct research for me!**

Please provide the following information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

AAJ Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_

FedEx Delivery Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(No P.O. Boxes, Please)

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Day phone (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

Pricing subtotal from Box 2..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Service fees subtotal from Box 3..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PAYMENT** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Check made payable to the AAJ Exchange
- Charge to:  American Express     MasterCard     VISA

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**4 Status of Case**

- Case Assessment
- Discovery/Pretrial
- Post-Trial

For Staff use only:

**5 Case Summary and Type of Injury  
REQUIRED INFORMATION**

a. Client file name or number (confidential) \_\_\_\_\_

Client Gender:  M     F    Age \_\_\_\_\_

Client Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

b. Jurisdiction in which the case is pending \_\_\_\_\_

c. Briefly describe the facts of the case \_\_\_\_\_

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d. Nature of injuries sustained by plaintiff(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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e. Research requested (select all that apply) \_\_\_\_\_

Product research

Model and Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_

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Looking for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Verdict and Settlement Research

Jurisdiction(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Issue(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Expert Research

Name and Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

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Looking for \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Research\*

Issue(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Looking for \_\_\_\_\_

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\* If your request is beyond the scope of the Exchange Research Service, you will be contacted by Exchange Staff regarding potential modification or refund.

Attach additional sheet, if necessary.

## COMPLETE THIS PORTION OF THE FORM TO BEGIN RESEARCH SERVICE

Please read the following and sign below:

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AAJ Exchange materials obtained through the Exchange databases and other Exchange products and services contain, among other things, one or more of the following: verdicts, settlements, legal references, expert witness information, court documents, corporate documents, depositions, similar matters/inquirers listings, Law Reporters, Litigation Packets, and other case materials and legal resources. For further information about specific cases listed in verdicts and settlements, similar matters, and expert or other listings, members should contact the court or the lawyer listed as counsel. These items are not available to the public or to the general AAJ Membership.

### Conditions of Use

I certify that this query is made on behalf of a plaintiff (or a defendant in a criminal case) and I am in no way associated with any defendants or defense interests in this matter ("defense interests"). I certify that I am a Regular, Sustaining, Life, or President's Club member of AAJ and that I seek admission to this Web site and access to the Exchange materials for the sole and exclusive purpose of assisting clients of my law firm in the prosecution of their cases, and for the purpose of sharing knowledge of our firm with other attorneys concerned on behalf of their clients with common questions of law and fact. By making an Exchange request, I allow my name and case summary to be added to the Exchange database. By using the AAJ Exchange, I agree to respond when contacted by other AAJ members investigating cases similar to my case summary and to share case information and documents with those members as deemed appropriate.

### Privileged Attorney Work Product

Exchange materials are being provided to me as an Exchange user for the limited purpose of use in the prosecution of my client's rights in a particular civil case (or the defense of my client's rights in a particular criminal case), and consultation on common questions of law and fact. By requesting this information, I acknowledge that the materials and communications I receive become my attorney work product and that the Exchange materials and communications I obtain are prepared in anticipation of litigation or for trial and are intended for my or my firm's exclusive use on behalf of my or my firm's client(s).

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Member Signature

Date

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