



You Are Invited to Join  
**LEADERS FORUM**

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION *for* JUSTICE  
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# JOIN THE Premier Network of Plaintiff Firms in the Nation



## An Exclusive Invitation

You are invited to join the premier network of plaintiff firms in the country—AAJ's Leaders Forum.

- Experience unmatched networking opportunities
- Gain access to exclusive events
- Take advantage of products and services that will enhance your practice
- Receive valuable tax benefits, and
- Be a leader in AAJ's Fight for Justice Campaign.

## Defend the Civil Justice System

While the American voters have elected a President, House and Senate committed to protecting the civil justice system, we still face enormous challenges at both the national and state levels. Civil justice opponents—the insurance industry, drug and oil companies, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce—spent billions of dollars in the last two decades to make their case. With their recent losses at the ballot box, they are committed to spending even more.

Your Leaders Forum membership will enable us to make our case through AAJ's Fight for Justice Campaign, AAJ's program to defend the civil justice system and the right to trial by jury through public education.

## Enjoy the Benefits of Leaders Forum

The benefits of Leaders Forum extend beyond the amenities. Being a part of the premier network of plaintiff firms in the country gives you a unique opportunity to extend your visibility, grow your practice through referrals, and groom your firm's staff through their AAJ memberships.

Benefits include:

**Exclusive Events and Networking Opportunities**—The Annual Leaders Forum Retreat, Legislative Day, exclusive phone calls with major political figures, and other special events held during AAJ conventions and throughout the year give you ample opportunity to network with leaders in the plaintiff's bar, develop relationships that will lead to referrals to build your practice, and be engaged in the political arena at a level not accessible to many others.

**Car Service**—Receive exclusive treatment at every AAJ convention with transportation service provided to and from the airport for you and your guests.

**Full-Service Hospitality Suite**—Skip the lines and check-in for AAJ conventions in the Leaders Forum suite. Enjoy daily breakfast and lunch, use the full-service business center, and engage with other Leaders Forum members in a relaxing atmosphere during the convention.

**Tax Benefit**—You may be eligible to deduct 80% of your Leaders Forum dues as ordinary and necessary business expenses.

**Be the First to Know**—Leaders Forum members are always the first to know of late-breaking pro-civil justice news. You'll always see the results of your investment in Leaders Forum.

**Additional AAJ Regular Memberships**—Through your Leaders Forum membership, you will have additional AAJ Regular memberships to provide to other attorneys in your firm. Deepen your staff's expertise through their participation in AAJ list servers, Sections, and top-notch CLE programs.

# BENEFITS

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## **PATRON**

### **Dues \$1,000/month**

- Two AAJ Regular memberships
- Car service to/from the airport at each convention
- Deluxe leather-bound Leaders Forum only Membership Directory containing your firm's full-color listing with photograph
- A full-screen listing in the online Membership Directory, with biographical information furnished by your firm. The listing will include links to your firm's homepage and e-mail.
- A semi-annual listing of Leaders Forum members in *TRIAL* Magazine
- Recognition of your firm via a special convention display and convention badge designation for each firm member
- Access to a private hospitality suite during conventions
- Exclusive invitation to attend the annual Leaders Forum Membership Retreat and Leadership Breakfast during conventions
- Invitations for two members of your firm to attend the annual Leaders Forum Legislative Day in Washington, DC
- Access to the Leaders Forum List Server and members-only Web site
- Exclusive AAJ conference calls with special guests
- Exclusive e-mails with political updates
- Free Gold Plan membership to the AAJ Exchange for up to two firm members
- Handsome matted and framed certificate

## **BENEFACTOR**

### **Dues \$2,500/month**

All *Patron* benefits, plus:

- Three total AAJ Regular memberships
- Invitations for two members of your firm to attend the annual Leaders Forum Membership Retreat
- Invitations for three members of your firm to attend both the Leadership Breakfast during conventions and the annual Leaders Forum Legislative Day in Washington, DC

## **PLATINUM CLUB**

### **Dues \$5,000/month**

All *Benefactor* benefits, plus:

- Four total AAJ Regular memberships
- Invitations for three members of your firm to attend the annual Leaders Forum Membership Retreat
- Invitations for four members of your firm to attend both the Leadership Breakfast during conventions and the annual Leaders Forum Legislative Day in Washington, DC

## **FOUNDER'S CIRCLE**

### **Dues \$7,500/month**

All *Platinum Club* benefits, plus:

- Five total AAJ Regular memberships
- Invitations for four members of your firm to attend the annual Leaders Forum Membership Retreat
- Invitations for five members of your firm to attend both the Leadership Breakfast during conventions and the annual Leaders Forum Legislative Day in Washington, DC
- Special recognition during the Membership Luncheon and Leadership Breakfast

# JOIN THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE LEADERS FORUM TODAY!

Yes, I want my firm to provide extra support for AAJ's Fight for Justice Campaign and achieve greater visibility and involvement. Please enroll my firm in AAJ's Leaders Forum today at the level indicated below:

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| <input type="radio"/> <b>FOUNDER'S CIRCLE</b><br>\$7,500/month<br>or \$90,000/year | <input type="radio"/> <b>PLATINUM CLUB</b><br>\$5,000/month<br>or \$60,000/year | <input type="radio"/> <b>BENEFACTOR</b><br>\$2,500/month<br>or \$30,000/year | <input type="radio"/> <b>PATRON</b><br>\$1,000/month<br>or \$12,000/year |
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Firm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Firm Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information of the individual(s) in your firm who should receive all correspondence regarding your firm's Leaders Forum Membership:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## SEVENTH AMENDMENT FUND CONTRIBUTION

I'm not able to join Leaders Forum at this time, but I would like to support AAJ's Fight for Justice Campaign through a contribution to the Seventh Amendment Fund.

- \$10,000     \$5,000     \$1,000     \$500     OTHER \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT METHOD

Invoice—Please bill my firm:

- for annual payment     for first monthly payment

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed (payable to AAJ)

Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my      

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date (MM/YY) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## HOW TO SUBMIT

Simply return this form via one of these three easy ways:

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| <b>1. Fax:</b> 202-965-4689 | <b>2. Mail:</b> AAJ Leaders Forum<br>777 6th Street, NW<br>Suite 200<br>Washington, DC 20001 | <b>3. Phone:</b> 800-424-2725<br>202-965-3500, ext. 8382 |
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Leaders Forum Membership dues and Seventh Amendment contributions that you pay or contribute to the American Association for Justice (AAJ) are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. However, your contributions may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business dues and expenses subject to restrictions imposed as a result of AAJ's lobbying activity. AAJ estimates that the portion of dues and other similar amounts that it expects to receive that are allocable to AAJ's current lobbying expenditures is 20 percent. **Accordingly, currently 80 percent of your dues and contributions to AAJ may be deducted as ordinary and necessary business expenses. Please consult your tax advisor to confirm.**