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**BIRTH TRAUMA  
LITIGATION GROUP**  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Membership limited to AAJ Regular, Sustaining, President's Club & Life members. If you are not a member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), please also complete Section C at the end of this application.)

Annual Membership Dues: \$200

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

AAJ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

This must be included in your application. If you do not know your number, call AAJ at 202.965.3500 or 800.424.2725, ext. 861 1.

Year Admitted to Practice: \_\_\_\_\_ State Bar #: \_\_\_\_\_

Practice Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Licensed to practice in the following jurisdictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Membership:**

Regular     Sustaining     President's Club     Life     Leaders Forum

I certify that I do not represent insurance companies and/or hospitals in birth trauma cases and that I will abide by the bylaws of the Birth Trauma Litigation Group.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Birth Trauma Litigation Group. Please send completed application and check to:

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*If we need to contact you to service your membership record or to provide you with information about member products and services and advocacy and legislative updates, we will honor your contact preferences. By providing your contact information, including phone number, fax number, and email address, you consent and give permission for AAJ to contact you by any of those means, which may include calls to your mobile phone, faxes, or emails. You may contact AAJ at any time to change your preferences.*

**BTLG AFFIDAVIT**

Litigation Group, in accordance with the policies and procedures for AAJ Litigation Group. This group is exclusively for plaintiffs' personal injury practitioners. No one doing any personal injury defense work (this includes anyone in your firm) is allowed in this group. Members must be members of AAJ. Eligibility is vetted, and joining or staying in the group under false pretenses is subject to expulsion and professional discipline.

The purpose of this group is to exchange and share information that will assist birth injury claimants and their representatives in pursuing legal recourse through quality, skillful, and ethical legal representation, and to discuss topics of interest and relevance to plaintiffs' medical malpractice law. All information exchanged within this group is deemed confidential and must stay within the group, and not be disseminated outside of the group except in the course of such representation. Each member of the BTLG must be a member in good standing of AAJ, the bar, and engaged in the representation of plaintiffs in birth trauma litigation cases.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby swear/affirm and certify that 100% of all personal injury work that is done by me, my law firm, and every person professionally associated or affiliated with me, and any law firm or business I work for or with, is for and on behalf of plaintiffs and/or claimants only. I/we do no liability insurance defense work whatsoever. The information obtained from and shared on this list shall be utilized solely for the benefit of malpractice litigants and claimants and shall not be used for the benefit of any liability insurance defense interest. I understand that eligibility to be a member of this group/list is dependent on these conditions, and if this status changes, I agree to immediately notify the co-chairs or their designees(s) and/or/executive board(s) of this list, and to immediately withdraw from membership. I understand that a false statement or misrepresentation of my eligibility to be on this list constitutes unethical conduct in my profession, and that the co-chair(s)/executive board(s) or their designees will report such to the disciplinary authorities of my jurisdiction and may subject me to professional discipline.

I understand and agree that the decisions of the co-chair(s)/executive board(s) as to my eligibility to be on this list shall be final and binding.

I agree to affirmatively share information, pleadings, briefs, research, and depositions with the litigation group.

I agree to comply with the rules of the litigation group as may be promoted and amended from time to time.

I am a member of the American Association of Justice (A.A.J.). My membership number is: \_\_\_\_\_.

I have been invited to join BTLG by invitation of BTLG list member: \_\_\_\_\_.

I take full personal responsibility for any actions performed using my user name and password. With each post I send, I certify my continuing eligibility to be a member of this list/group. I accept full responsibility for any copyright infringement or any other legal actions which may be

brought as a result of information that I post. I shall hold Litigation Group, co-chairs, and executive board(s) harmless from any such claims and/or actions.

If this application is submitted electronically, a hard copy, duly notarized, will be sent to the co-chair(s)/executive board(s) or their designees within two weeks, and if not received by then, my membership will be canceled. Mail your signed, notarized application to:

Rita Planera  
Corboy & Demetrio  
33 N. Dearborn Street  
21st Floor  
Chicago, IL 60602

In addition, you may e-mail a scanned version to [Rplanera@corboydemetrio.com](mailto:Rplanera@corboydemetrio.com) but a hard copy notarized application must follow.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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[signature]

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[Name of law firm, business, or practice]

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[city, state, zip code]

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[telephone number]

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[email address]

Sworn to before me

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Notary Public]

## **LIST RULES**

(updated to July 12, 2017)

All posts **MUST** contain the member's full name, firm or business name, address, and phone number. This information is deemed the equivalent of a signature on a conventional paper document. List members are encouraged to create and use a "signature block" that includes their e-mail address to be appended to their posts, for their own convenience.

In the event an attorney changes law firms and goes to a firm doing defense work, that would disqualify the attorney from eligibility on this list. Existing list members, especially the disqualified listmate's employers, co-workers, or colleagues who know of such a change, are charged with notifying the list administrators. The failure to do so is grounds for being removed from the list. Keeping this list 100% plaintiff-only is a top priority, and everyone is expected to actively participate in making that happen.

Lively discussion and debate are permitted and encouraged, but personal attacks on other list members ("flame wars") are prohibited. Ordinary good "netiquette" applies at all times.

In addition, the following material is inappropriate and should not be posted on the BTLG listserve:

1. Obscene, offensive, inflammatory, libelous, derogatory or any other hominem messages;
2. Commercial messages;
3. Off topic message and postings unrelated to birth trauma, including jokes;
4. Private replies, lack of substance, and duplicate posts.

(This is added directly from the bylaws)

This list may generate large volumes of email. List members are encouraged to be considerate and avoid posts that lack substantive content that is pertinent to the purpose of the group, so as to avoid cluttering this list.

Request for copies of documents or materials that have been offered by a member ("me too's") should be sent privately, so as to avoid cluttering this list.

Posts and materials distributed on the list may not be forwarded to non-list members. "What happens on the list stays on the list."

All members are required to use virus scanning software to protect all other members from virus infection.

Off-topic posts must be clearly labeled as such in the subject line.

List members may refer business to one another, but direct on-line solicitation of business is prohibited.

These rules may be amended from time to time.

Compliance with the rules, as they may then be in effect, is required at all times.