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OPIOIDS LITIGATION GROUP
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Requirements and Purpose Statement

AAJ Regular, Sustaining, Leaders Forum, President’s Club, or Life Member may join the Opioids Litigation Group if the applicant affirms those requirements set forth in the attached Opioids Litigation Group Membership Affidavit.

The purposes of the Opioids Litigation Group are as follows:

1. To encourage the exchange of information among members of the group for the common benefit of all Litigation Group Members and their clients;
2. To provide educational programs relating to opioids;
3. To provide networking opportunities through AAJ list servers and educational programs;
4. To provide pleadings, medical literature, Internet research, internal company documents (to the extent permissible under confidentiality agreements), expert information, and other materials;
5. To offer assistance and guidance concerning the coordination of state litigation and MDL litigation (if an MDL is formed);
6. To have members work together for the common purpose of litigating opioid cases successfully;
7. To coordinate class cases that are filed so that AAJ members can work together on cases;
8. To unite Opioids attorneys as a common resource in fighting anti-consumer legislation; and
9. To attract new members to the American Association for Justice Opioids Litigation Group and AAJ membership.

Annual Membership Dues: \$150 per attorney

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 AAJ ID number, call AAJ at 202-965-3500, ext. 8611.

Year Admitted to Practice: _____ State Bar #: _____

Practice Area: _____

Type of AAJ Membership:

- Regular Sustaining Leaders Forum President’s Club Life

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please enclose a check made payable to Opioids Litigation Group. Send check, application and affidavit 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 your 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.



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MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT

I, _____, hereby affirm:

1. I am a Regular, Sustaining, Leaders Forum, President’s Club, or Life member of the American Association for Justice 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.
3. Neither my practice nor my firm’s practice, in whole or meaningful part, has a significant relationship with interests adverse to, on inconsistent to, those of AAJ or the Opioids Litigation Group.
4. I desire to work in concert with other member attorneys representing plaintiffs in similar opioid cases in cooperative effort to assist in achieving our common interests to prepare and fairly resolve individual cases properly.
5. I will not disclose any portion of, or any copies of, any information obtained from this Group to any company involved with opioid manufacturers or distributors or an affiliate entity, their agents, employees, independent contractors, or to any person, firm or entity where the materials may be seen, copied, accessed, or otherwise reached by opioid manufacturers- or distributors-related entity or person or affiliated entities.
6. I will not make recordings of any Opioids Litigation Group meetings or proceedings or any portion thereof without the written permission of the Chair or Cochairs.
7. I will fully and candidly share relevant information, documents, and other materials with other members of the Opioids Litigation Group.
8. I will not disclose information of a strategic nature to non-members if such disclosure would compromise the interests of members and their clients who are victims of opioids.
9. I will not share, show, reveal, or disclose any information, documents, index, or materials obtained from the Opioids 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.
10. I will notify the Chair or Cochairs of the Opioids Litigation Group if any request is made to obtain the Index or any materials obtained from or through Opioids Litigation Group, and I will resist such attempts.
11. I understand that there will be an annual dues obligation to the Litigation Group, initially \$150, but subject to reasonably necessary increases from time to time.
12. 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.
13. 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 this Group 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 Opioids Litigation Group in particular.

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 OPIOIDS LITIGATION GROUP SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY TERMINATED, AND THAT I MAY BE SUBJECT TO ETHICAL AND DISCIPLINARY CHARGES.

Printed Name

Date

Signature



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PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check is enclosed

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

Signature: _____

Membership dues paid to the American Association for Justice (AAJ) are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. However, dues may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business dues and expenses subject to restrictions imposed as a result of AAJ's lobbying activities. AAJ estimates that the portion of dues and other similar amounts that it expects to receive that are allocable to AAJ's lobbying expenditures is 37%. Accordingly, currently 63 percent of your dues and contributions to AAJ may be deducted as ordinary and necessary business expenses. Please consult your tax advisor to confirm.