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**SKI AREA**  
**LITIGATION GROUP**  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**Membership Requirements and Purpose Statement**

Membership is limited to AAJ Regular, Life, President's Club, Sustaining, or Leaders Forum Members, or AAJ Paralegal Affiliate members who affirm the requirements set forth in the Ski Area Litigation Group Membership Affidavit.

The purposes of the Ski Area Litigation Group are as follows:

1. To encourage the exchange of information for the common benefit of all Litigation Group members and their clients;
2. To provide educational programs relating to ski accidents and accidents that occur at ski areas;
3. To provide networking opportunities through AAJ list servers and educational programs;
4. To provide pleadings, 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 litigation;
6. To have members work together for the purpose of litigating ski accidents and accidents that occur at ski areas successfully;
7. To attract new members to the American Association for Justice and the Ski Area Litigation Group.

**Annual Membership Dues:**

\$150 annually.

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. 8611.

Year Admitted to Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

State Bar #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Type of Membership:**

- Regular       Sustaining       Leaders Forum       President's Club       Life

Please enclose a check made payable to Ski Area Litigation Group. Send check, application and affidavit to:

Christopher Koupal  
Parker Lipman, LLP  
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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.*



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MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby affirm:

1. I am a Regular, Life, Leaders Forum, President's Club, or Sustaining member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) in good standing, or I am an AAJ Paralegal Affiliate member. My AAJ Membership Number is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a member in good standing of the bar(s) of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Neither I, nor anyone from my firm or anyone affiliated with my firm, defends or otherwise represents (including all forms of transactional work) any ski areas or any organization or group representing the interests of ski areas or any other businesses focusing on recreational sports or other similar companies. Neither I, nor anyone of my firm or anyone affiliated with my firm, engages in the defense of personal injury claims arising from ski, snowboard or other recreational accidents.
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 Ski Area Litigation Group.
4. I desire to work in concert with other member attorneys representing plaintiffs in similar ski, snowboard and chairlift accident cases in a cooperative effort to assist in achieving our common interests to prepare and fairly resolve cases properly.
5. I will not disclose any portion of, or any copies of, any confidential information obtained from this Group to any non-member of the group.
6. I will not make recordings of any Ski Area Litigation Group meetings or proceedings or any portion thereof without the written permission of the Chair(s).
7. I will fully and candidly share relevant information, documents, and other materials with other members of the Ski Area 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 ski or other similar recreational accidents.
9. I will not share, show, reveal, or disclose any information, documents, index, or materials obtained from the Ski Area 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(s) of the Ski Area Litigation Group if any request is made to obtain the Index or any materials obtained from or through Ski Area Litigation Group, and I will resist such attempts.
11. I agree to take the necessary and appropriate action to resist the entrance of a Restrictive Protective Order which forbids or unreasonably restricts the sharing of discovery materials between and among the members of this Group and other attorneys attempting to work together in a common effort to properly prepare cases which involve ski, snowboard, or chairlift accidents or other similar accidents.
12. I understand that there will be an annual dues obligation to the Litigation Group of \$150 for the first member and \$100 for an unlimited number of additional members from the same firm (no firm paying more than \$350), but subject to reasonably necessary increases from time to time.
13. 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.
14. 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 Litigation 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 Ski Area Litigation Group in particular.
15. 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 SKI AREA 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

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Check is enclosed

**Make payable to “Ski Area Litigation Group” and include name, AAJ ID Number, and “Ski Area” 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 34%. Accordingly, currently 66% of your dues and contributions to AAJ may be deducted as ordinary and necessary business expenses. Please consult your tax advisor to confirm.