



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE  
**TRUCKING LITIGATION GROUP**  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Membership limited to AAJ Regular, Sustaining, President's Club, Life, or Leaders Forum members.)

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**Please check one:**

- First Time Member  
 Renewing Member (still requires annual affidavit and background investigation)

If renewing please indicate if: Your mailing address has changed  Yes  No  
Your E-mail address has changed  Yes  No

**Membership Dues:**

1 Year Membership – \$200 per calendar year (New memberships paid after AAJ Annual Meeting, but before November 1<sup>st</sup>: \$100. After November 1<sup>st</sup>, full membership payment for the following year includes remainder of the current year).

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

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

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Suite: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Other States you maintain an active law license: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW MEMBERS:** To properly complete your membership application, please provide the name and contact information (**including e-mail address and phone number**) of one current member of the AAJ Trucking Litigation Group not in your same law firm and in good standing as a reference: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Type of AAJ Membership:**

Regular     Sustaining     President's Club     Life     Leader's Forum

Please indicate how long you have been practicing trucking litigation:

Less than one year     1-3 Years     3-5 Years     5-8 Years     8+ Years

By my signature and application, I authorize AAJ's Trucking Litigation Group to include documents provided by me to the data bank, which will be available to the membership of the Trucking Litigation Group.

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

**AAJ PAC**

AAJ estimates that the portion of dues, fees, and other similar amounts that it expects to receive that are allocable to AAJ's lobbying expenditures is 37%. Accordingly, 63% of fees, dues and contributions to AAJ may be deducted as ordinary and necessary business expenses. Members should consult their tax advisor to confirm their deductions.

Choosing a member of Congress is as important as choosing a jury. AAJ PAC is the only federal PAC that helps elect pro-civil justice candidates and represents your clients' interests in Washington, DC. Contribute today and join with thousands of your colleagues who support AAJ PAC each year. To learn more or contribute, visit [www.justice.org/AAJPAC](http://www.justice.org/AAJPAC).

**Enclose a check for the membership dues in the amount, as described above, made payable to: Trucking Litigation Group.**

**Please send completed application, affidavit, and check to:**

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MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT

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The undersigned hereby agrees to abide by this Membership Affidavit as a member of the Truck Litigation Group (TLG.) I agree, warrant, and represent that each and every representation and statement I make in this Affidavit are true and correct under penalty of perjury:

1. I am a Regular, Sustaining, Life, or President's Club member in good standing with the American Association for Justice (AAJ).
2. Neither I nor anyone in my firm or affiliated with my firm, defends or otherwise represents (includes any and all transactional work, coverage counsel work, or criminal defense) for a Truck company, or insurance company providing coverage to Truck companies and Truck corporations, nor any other insurance company, nor works as corporate counsel for such company, while a member of this Group. This provision does not preclude representing a Truck driver for his or her claims for personal injury or damage as a plaintiff, nor does it prevent representing a Truck driver as a criminal defendant in any criminal matter in which a wreck did not occur. I further agree that should such representation ever occur I will immediately notify the chairs and officers of the TLG and I understand and am fully aware that my membership will be automatically terminated without refund. Any such termination may be appealed to the executive committee, via the then current chairman, and that the decision of the executive committee shall be final.
3. I acknowledge an affirmative obligation as a Litigation Group member to fully and candidly share relevant information, documents, and other material, and to report in a timely manner the disposition of any related cases, with the understanding that failure to meet this obligation may result in the loss of membership privileges associated with the Litigation Group.
4. I will resist defendant's request for confidentiality or secrecy orders which prohibit sharing information and/or restrict access to information, but will abide by such orders when entered. I will make every reasonable effort to oppose any motion or request by a defendant to produce documents and information received from the Litigation Group or its members.
5. I will not disclose information received from the Group to non-members. This includes information obtained from the web site of the Litigation Group. I further will not access Litigation Group resources for non-members, or disseminate Litigation Group resources to non-members.
6. I will not disclose information of a strategic nature to non-members, including while lecturing at any CLE program (excluding TLG members only seminars) if such disclosure would compromise the interests of members and their clients who are victims of Truck wrecks.
7. 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.

8. I understand that my membership will be vetted upon application, re-vetted regularly (on an annual or shorter basis), and that I will be required to submit a new Affidavit of this type each year. I further understand and am fully aware that membership may be denied based upon the practice areas or clients of other attorneys in my firm, regardless of whether or not I have any control over or input into their practice areas or client selection.
9. I will not make recordings of any of the Truck Litigation Group meetings or proceedings or any portion thereof without the written permission of the Group's Chair.
10. LIST SERVER ACCESS/ POLICIES/CONFIDENTIALITY. I understand and am fully aware that use of the AAJ TLG list server is a privilege of my membership and that in addition to the TLG policies and procedures I am subject to the AAJ List Server rules and guidelines. I further understand that the TLG officers have the right at any time to suspend my membership in this Group based upon any improper postings by me on the TLG list server, or on any other AAJ list server. I understand that the TLG membership list is confidential and that while I am free to recommend or identify attorneys as Truck attorneys on AAJ list servers, and that members (including myself) and the TLG officers are free to identify themselves as members of the Group on list servers, CVs, or firm websites, I will not identify anyone else as a member of the TLG on any other AAJ list server without the permission of the TLG officers. I will provide my name, address, and firm name on every List Server submission or e-correspondence that I make for purposes of my identification to the other List Server members.
11. If any obligation herein conflicts with the best interests of my client, then the client's interest shall be considered paramount. In the event I must share any information received from the Group with expert witnesses, I will require the expert to agree to not to share the information with any other party or person, never to use the information to aid in the defense of a matter, and to return all documents and information upon completion of the case.

Further I affirm and agree that any violation by me of this Oath is grounds for the AAJ TLG filing a grievance pursuant to the procedures set forth by my state bar organization on the grounds that I have made a false statement or misrepresentation for any reason, including but not limited to making false statements or misrepresentation in order to obtain confidential and proprietary information from the Trucking Litigation Group, or to assist any insurance company, trucking company, or defense attorney or firm in the defense of a claim or action.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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

NOTARY PUBLIC

My appointment expires: \_\_\_\_\_