



# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE APPELLATE PRACTICE LITIGATION GROUP MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

## Membership Requirements and Purpose Statement

Any AAJ Regular, Sustaining, Leaders Forum, President's Club, or Life Member who has filed briefs in at least five appeals and argued at least one appeal may join the Appellate Practice Litigation Group if the applicant affirms those requirements set forth in the "Appellate Practice Litigation Group Membership Affidavit," attached.

The purposes of the Appellate Practice 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 that upgrade members' appellate skills; help members to recognize trial issues that raise appellate concerns; and develop appellate arguments that reengineer new and favorable trends moving through the appellate courts of the nation to the advantage of plaintiffs;
3. To provide networking opportunities through AAJ list servers and educational programs;
4. To provide Internet-based research and other materials;
5. To have members work together for the common purpose of improving the viability of AAJ members' cases on appeal.

## Membership Dues: none

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 \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that neither I, nor any member of my law firm, represents any defendants pertaining to the Litigation Group and that I will abide by laws of the Appellate Practice Litigation Group.

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

Please send completed 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 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.*



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE  
**APPELLATE PRACTICE  
LITIGATION GROUP**  
MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT

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

1. I am a Regular, Life, Sustaining, Leaders Forum, or President's Club member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), in good standing. My AAJ Membership number is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I am a member in good standing of the bar(s) of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I am primarily engaged in the representation of plaintiffs.
4. I do not, nor do any members of my firm, represent any Defendants in appellate proceedings on a regular basis.
5. I desire to work in concert with other member attorneys representing plaintiffs in similar appellate cases in a cooperative effort to assist in achieving our common interest to prepare and fairly resolve individual cases properly.
6. I will not disclose any portion of, or any copies of, any information obtained from this group to any non-member of the Group.
7. I will not make recordings of any of the Appellate Practice Litigation Group meetings or proceedings or any portion thereof without the written permission of one of the Group's Cochairs.
8. I will fully and candidly share all relevant information, documents, and other material with other members of the AAJ Appellate Practice Litigation Group.
9. I will not disclose information of a strategic nature to non-members if such disclosure would compromise the interests of members.
10. I will not share, show, reveal or disclose any information, documents, indices, or materials directly obtained from the Litigation Group, its members, or the AAJ Exchange, nor will I sell or distribute the information unless ordered to do so by a court of competent jurisdiction.
11. I will notify a Cochair of the Group of any outside request which is made to obtain the index or any materials obtained from or through the Group, and I will resist any such attempts.
12. I understand that my initial and continued membership in this Litigation Group is contingent upon 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 the 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 Appellate Practice Litigation Group, in particular.
14. 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 APPELLATE PRACTICE LITIGATION GROUP SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY TERMINATED, AND THAT I MAY BE SUBJECT TO ETHICAL AND DISCIPLINARY CHARGES.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, Year \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name