



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE  
**BAD FAITH INSURANCE  
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.)

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Annual Membership Dues: \$100

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Membership:**

Regular     Sustaining     President's Club     Life

Please make check payable to Bad Faith Insurance Litigation Group. Send completed application, affidavit, questionnaire, and check to:

Kelly Kubiak  
Merlin Law Group  
777 S. Harbour Island Blvd, Suite 950  
Tampa, FL 33602

*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

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AFFIDAVIT OF: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, having first been duly sworn upon his/her oath, deposes and states:

1. I am a Regular, Sustaining, Life, or President's Club member in good standing with the American Association for Justice (AAJ).
2. I do not represent and will not represent, nor does any member of my firm represent, a defendant insurance company in an action pertaining to insurance bad faith, or allegations of unfair claims settlement practices.
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.
5. 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.
6. I will not disclose information received from the Group to non-members.
7. I agree that the information, documents, and materials obtained from the Litigation Group, its members, or the AAJ Exchange will not be sold or distributed for profit by the member under any circumstances, provided, however, that this restriction does not prohibit reimbursements for costs for copying, mailing, and any other similar expenses of disseminating information.
8. If any obligation herein conflict with the best interest of my client, then the client's interest shall be considered paramount.
9. 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.

Affiant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Before me, the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ (Affiant), who, after being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she has read the foregoing Affidavit, and the same is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and/or belief.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged by the Affiant on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, Year \_\_\_, who is personally known to me or who produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



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MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

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Please briefly indicate below or on a separate sheet of paper, the number of bad faith actions you have handled in the past three (3) to five (5) years. With respect to each case, please indicate the caption and case number.

Plaintiff: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Venue & Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Case Code

1. Denial or delay of PIP/No fault (auto)
2. Denial or delay of UIM (auto)
3. Delay in paying 3rd Party Claim (auto)
4. Delay in paying Homeowners
5. Delay in paying Disability
6. Delay in paying Credit Life/Disability Life Insurance
7. Delay in paying Commercial Insurance

Please list the names of experts you have used in litigating your bad faith claims who you found to be useful experts.

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

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

Phone & Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone & Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone & Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any experts that the defense has used:

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

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

Phone & Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone & Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone & Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a description of any claims manuals or claims procedures manuals received from any of the defendant insurance carriers. If a claims manual was obtained, please state if same is still in your possession.

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Please give the case style and jurisdiction of any verdicts or settlements known against insurance companies for bad faith.

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# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE MEMBERSHIP FORM

## Section C: To be completed if not a current member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ).

### I. AAJ Affiliation Requirements

Do you, for the most part, based on case load and time, represent the:

- Plaintiff (in civil cases and/or the defendant in criminal cases)—*Regular Member*
- Defense (in civil cases)—*Associate Member (Not eligible for membership in the Litigation Group)*

I support AAJ’s mission, am dedicated to upholding and defending the principles of the United States Constitution, and am committed to the concept of a fair trial, the adversary system, and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized.

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

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

### II. Annual Dues and Payments

REGULAR AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER:

- Attorney in practice less than one year .....\$50
- Attorney in practice less than 5 years .....\$110
- Attorney in practice less than 10 years .....\$200
- Attorney in practice less than 15 years .....\$340
- Attorney in practice less than 20 years.....\$450
- Attorney in practice less than 25 years.....\$550
- Attorney in practice 25 years or more .....\$610

### III. Payment (For AAJ membership payment only)

Separate payment is required for membership to the Litigation Group, see Section A.

- Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my:  MasterCard  VISA  American Express  Discover Card

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**\*DUES COVER 12 MONTHS OF MEMBERSHIP AND INCLUDE A ONE-YEAR MEMBER SUBSCRIPTION OF TRIAL MAGAZINE (\$45). 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 PERCENT. 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.**

IF WE NEED TO CONTACT YOU TO SERVICE YOUR MEMBERSHIP RECORD OR TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP, PRODUCTS AND SERVICES AND ADVOCACY AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES, WE WILL HONOR YOUR CONTACT PREFERENCES. BY PROVIDING YOUR PREFERRED CONTACT PREFERENCES, 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 BY EMAIL AT MEMBERSHIP@JUSTICE.ORG OR BY PHONE AT 800-424-2727 OR 202-965-3500, EXT. 8611 AT ANY TIME TO CHANGE YOUR PREFERENCES.