



## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE **BENICAR/AZOR/TRIBENZOR LITIGATION GROUP**

(Membership limited to AAJ Regular, Sustaining, President's Club, Leaders Forum & Life members. If you are not a member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), please also complete the AAJ Membership Application Form at the end of this application.)

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### Important Information You Should Read before Filling out this Application

- Membership in the AAJ Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor Litigation Group is restricted to Regular, Sustaining, President's Club, Leaders Forum, and Life members of AAJ.
- Applications for membership will be screened for conflicts of interest. An applicant whose practice, or whose firm's practice, in whole or meaningful part, is identified as having a significant relationship with interests adverse to, on inconsistent to, those of AAJ or the Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor Litigation Group can be denied membership.
- Annual membership dues are \$300 per attorney and \$100 for an unlimited number of additional attorneys from the same law firm (no firm paying more than \$400).
- Membership is personal, meaning that if a person joins as a member of a firm and later leaves that firm, the membership stays with the person, not the firm he or she was a member of at the time of joining.
- This application contains a joint prosecution agreement, which binds Group members together in the prosecution of litigation against the manufacturers of Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor and/or other interested parties.
- A check must be submitted with an application. The membership fee will be refunded if the application is rejected.

### **Membership Dues:**

Annual dues are \$300 per attorney and \$100 for an unlimited number of additional attorneys from the same law firm (no firm paying more than \$400).

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

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

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

Office Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

AAJ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

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     President's Club     Life     Leaders Forum

Please make check payable to Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor Litigation Group Fund. Send completed application, affidavit, questionnaire, and check 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.*



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MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am applying for membership in the AAJ Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor Litigation Group. My signature on this affidavit is my certification, given under oath and subject to penalties for false swearing, that the information in part 1 of this application is truthful and not misleading.

1. A) I am a Regular, Sustaining, President's Club, Leaders Forum, Life Member, or Paralegal Affiliate of AAJ in good standing. My AAJ Membership Number is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a member in good standing of the bar(s) of \_\_\_\_\_.  
B) I am not currently a member of AAJ, but I am including my application to join.  
I am a member in good standing of the following bar(s) of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In my law practice, I am primarily involved in representing plaintiffs in personal injury and/or financial loss litigation.
3. I do not represent a manufacturer of Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor and/or other defendants in Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor litigation, nor does anyone in my law firm.
4. I do not represent, nor am I a member of, a group or other organization that represents the interests of the manufacturers of Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor, or similar products, and this is true for all members of my law firm.
5. Neither my practice nor my firm's practice, in whole or meaningful part, has a significant relationship with interests adverse to, or inconsistent to, those of AAJ or the Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor Litigation Group.
6. I wish to work in concert with other attorneys, who are members of the Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor Litigation Group, in a cooperative effort to achieve a common goal of better serving our clients.
7. I will not use audio and/or video recording devices to record all or part of any Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor Litigation Group meeting or program.
8. I will make a good faith effort to provide useful, or potentially useful, documents, and other information I have or obtain, which are relevant to Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor litigation and the Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor Litigation Group.
9. I will make a good faith effort to resist any request for a confidentiality order, which would prohibit information sharing among, or would restrict access to information by, plaintiffs in Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor litigation. This provision does not require resistance to confidentiality or other similar order if resistance would not be in the interest of the Group member's client(s).
10. I will not disclose information obtained from the Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor Litigation Group to those with interests adverse to, or inconsistent with, plaintiffs in Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor litigation, unless ordered by a court to do so.
11. I will notify the Cochairs of the Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor Litigation Group if an effort is made by motion, subpoena, request for production, or other means to obtain material I have obtained from the Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor Litigation Group.
12. I acknowledge a mutuality of interest with other members of the Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor Litigation Group, and I intend for exchanges of information among us of documents useful to plaintiffs in prosecuting Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor cases which shall be treated as creating and sharing of a common work product, protected from disclosure by the work product doctrine, and, to the extent applicable, by the attorney client privilege, and that this mutuality of interest is not tied to the resolution of any particular claim or lawsuit, but rather will continue for as long as any among us has litigation in progress or under consideration.
13. My continued membership in the Benicar/Azor/Tribenzor Litigation Group serves as my continuing certification that items 1 through 12 above remain as accurate, truthful statements.
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.

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

Sworn to before me this: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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**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:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney in practice less than one year ..... \$50  | <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney in practice less than 20 years.....\$450 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney in practice less than 5 years ..... \$110  | <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney in practice less than 25 years.....\$550 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney in practice less than 10 years ..... \$200 | <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney in practice 25 years or more .....\$610  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney in practice less than 15 years ..... \$340 | <input type="checkbox"/> Paralegal Affiliate.....\$75                      |

**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.