



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE
BUS LITIGATION GROUP
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Requirements and Purpose Statement

Any AAJ Regular, Sustaining, Leaders Forum, President's Club, or Life Member may join the Bus Litigation Group if the applicant affirms those requirements set forth in the Group Affidavit, attached.

Annual Membership Dues: \$150

Name: _____

Name of Firm: _____

Address: _____

Office Phone 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

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please complete application form. Enclose a check made payable to AAJ Litigation Group. Send check, application, and affidavit to:

American Association for Justice - Litigation Groups
P.O. Box 823942
Philadelphia, PA 19182-3942

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 BUS LITIGATION GROUP MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned hereby agrees to abide by this Membership Affidavit as a member of the Bus Litigation Group (BLG.)

1. I am a Regular, Sustaining, Leaders Forum, 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) a bus company, municipal bus company, school bus company, commuter van or jitney company, or insurance company providing coverage to bus companies and bus 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 bus driver for his or her claims for personal injury or damage as a plaintiff nor does it prevent representing a bus 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 BLG 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.
6. I will not disclose information of a strategic nature to non-members, including while lecturing at any CLE program (excluding BLG members only seminars) if such disclosure would compromise the interests of members and their clients who are victims of bus 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 Bus 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 BLG list server is a privilege of my membership and that in addition to the BLG policies and procedures I am subject to the AAJ List Server rules and guidelines. I understand that the BLG membership list is confidential and that while I am free to recommend or identify attorneys as bus attorneys on AAJ list servers, and that members (including myself) and the BLG 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 BLG on any other AAJ list server without the permission of the BLG officers.
11. If any obligation herein conflicts with the best interests of my client, then the client's interest shall be considered paramount. However, 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.

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 BUS LITIGATION GROUP SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY TERMINATED, AND THAT I MAY BE SUBJECT TO ETHICAL AND DISCIPLINARY CHARGES.

Printed Name

Date

Signature



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE
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PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check is enclosed

Make payable to "AAJ Litigation Groups" and include name, AAJ ID Number, and "Bus" in Memo

Charge \$ _____ to my: MasterCard VISA American Express

Name on Card: _____

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

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 26%. Accordingly, currently 74% of your dues and contributions to AAJ may be deducted as ordinary and necessary business expenses. Please consult your tax advisor to confirm.