



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE  
**BYETTA®**  
**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, Life, President's Club, or Sustaining Member may join the Byetta Litigation Group if the applicant affirms those requirements set forth in the "Byetta Litigation Group Membership Affidavit".

The purpose of the Byetta Litigation Group is 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 about the injuries caused by the use of Byetta, and related topics
3. To provide networking opportunities through AAJ List Servers and educational programs;
4. To provide pleadings, medical literature, Internet research, internal company documents (to the extent permissible under confidentiality agreements), expert information, and other materials;
5. To offer assistance and guidance concerning the coordination of state litigation and MDL litigation (if an MDL is formed); and, to have members work together for the common purpose of litigating Byetta cases successfully.

**Membership Dues:**

\$200 for first member

\$100 for unlimited number of additional members from the same firm (no firm paying more than \$300)

Please include a copy of this form for all additional members of your firm seeking membership in this Group.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a check made payable to Byetta Litigation Group. Send check, 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 your 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, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby affirm:

1. I am a Regular, Life, President's Club, or Sustaining 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 medical device company or pharmaceutical company in any capacity.
5. I desire to work in concert with other member attorneys representing plaintiffs in similar Byetta 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 medical device or pharmaceutical company or affiliated entity, their agents, employees, independent contractors, or to any person, firm or entity where the materials may be seen, copied, accessed, or otherwise reached by any medical device or pharmaceutical company or affiliated entities.
7. I will not make recordings of any of the Byetta Litigation Group meetings or proceedings or any portion thereof without the written permission of one of the Group's Chair.
8. I will fully and candidly share all relevant Byetta litigation information, documents, and other material with other members of the AAJ Byetta Litigation Group.
9. I will not disclose information of a strategic nature to non-members if such disclosure would compromise the interests of members and their clients who are victims of the use of Byetta.
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 the Chair 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 there will be a dues obligation to the Litigation Group, initially \$200 for the first member of a firm, and \$100 for an unlimited number of subsequent members, but subject to reasonably necessary increases from time to time.
13. 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.
14. 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 at this meeting or at any subsequent meeting 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 Byetta Litigation Group, in particular.
15. On behalf of my client(s), I acknowledge that the use of Byetta causes pancreatitis, pancreatic cancer, and other pancreatic and personal injuries.
16. 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 BYETTA LITIGATION GROUP SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY TERMINATED, AND THAT I MAY BE SUBJECT TO ETHICAL AND DISCIPLINARY CHARGES.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

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



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PAYMENT INFORMATION

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Check is enclosed

**Make payable to “Byetta Litigation Group” and include name, AAJ ID Number, and “Byetta” in Memo**

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 37%. 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.