

# American Association for Justice Evergreen Fund

## A PROMISING CASE YOU ARE WORKING ON:

Case / Parties Names \_\_\_\_\_

Jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Settlement Date \_\_\_\_\_

- Med/Mal    Nursing Home    Trucking    Pharma/Device  
 Auto    Products    Class Action    Other

Is there an AAJ resource that might be helpful to your case? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## MAKE THE EVERGREEN PLEDGE:

Case / Parties Names \_\_\_\_\_

Jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Settlement Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Evergreen Fund**  
 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_    Please have someone contact me to discuss

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Because AAJ is incorporated as a not-for-profit 501(c)(6) organization, dues and contributions paid to the American Association for Justice (AAJ) are not deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes.

However, they may be deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses subject to restrictions imposed as a result of AAJ's Lobbying activities. AAJ estimates that the portion of dues, fees, and other similar amounts that it expects to receive that are allocable to AAJ's lobbying expenditures is 26%. Accordingly, 74% of fees, dues and contributions to AAJ may be deducted as ordinary and necessary business expenses. Members should consult their tax advisor to confirm their deductions.



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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is the AAJ Evergreen Fund?

The Evergreen Fund was established to create a sustainable approach to growing AAJ's resources to succeed in its mission. Focusing on AAJ's Mission Statement, contributions are allocated to multiple initiatives to fight effectively to ensure your clients' rights are preserved.

## How is this different from Leaders Forum?

Leaders Forum is membership program requiring annual or monthly contributions with associated membership benefits.

## How is this different from AAJ PAC?

AAJ PAC dollars are used to support federal candidates who support our mission in keeping the civil justice system accessible to all. AAJ PAC contributions do not support AAJ's operations and are not tax deductible.

## What does the money support?

The Evergreen Fund has supported AAJ's mission with:

- Advocacy on the passage of toxic substance control act reform
- Advocacy with railroad lawyers: raising a liability cap
- Lawsuit abuse reduction act: stalled
- Advocacy to balance amendments to federal rules of evidence and federal rules of civil procedure

## How can I help?

The Evergreen Fund provides you an opportunity to give back to AAJ. On an annual basis, identify cases or litigations that you're working on and pledge to AAJ some percentage or sum certain from a settlement or verdict. Evergreen is a giving structure that is contingent on your success.

## Will I be recognized for my contributions?

Yes! Every gift to the Evergreen Fund, whether it be by an individual, solo practitioner, large firm or a group, will be recognized in the following ways:

- Recognition during prestigious AAJ events/meetings
- Introduction during Evergreen Pinning Ceremony at Convention/ Board Meeting
- Highly visible convention displays
- Recognition in TRIAL Magazine
- Recognition on the AAJ Evergreen Web page

