



# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE FIREARMS LITIGATION GROUP MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership limited to AAJ Regular, Sustaining, Life, Leaders Forum, and President's Club.

## Membership Requirements and Purpose Statement

Any AAJ Regular, Sustaining, Leaders Forum, President's Club, Life Member, or Paralegal may join the Firearms Injury Litigation Group if the applicant affirms these requirements set forth in the Firearms Litigation Group Membership Affidavit. A Paralegal may only join if a member of the Paralegal's law firm is also a member of the Group.

## Annual Membership Dues:

\$150 per member annually.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

If joining as a Paralegal member, please include your AAJ sponsoring attorney's name, AAJ ID#, and signature.

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

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

## Type of Membership:

Regular                  Sustaining                  Leaders Forum                  President's Club                  Life

Please 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 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.*



# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE FIREARMS LITIGATION GROUP MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby affirm:

1. I am a Regular, Life, Leaders Forum, President's Club, or Sustaining member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) in good standing. My AAJ Membership Number is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a member in good standing of the bar(s) of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Neither I, nor anyone of my firm or anyone affiliated with my firm, defends or otherwise represents (including all forms of transactional work) firearms manufacturers, or other similar companies or any organization or group that represents the interest of firearms manufacturers, or other similar companies. Neither I, nor anyone of my firm or anyone affiliated with my firm, engages in products liability or personal injury defense.
3. Neither I nor anyone in my firm represents firearms manufacturers or installers or state departments of transportation.
4. Neither my practice nor my firm's practice, in whole or meaningful part, has a significant relationship with interests adverse to, on inconsistent to, those of AAJ or the Firearms Litigation Group.
5. I desire to work in concert with other member attorneys representing plaintiffs in similar firearms cases in cooperative effort to assist in achieving our common interests to prepare and fairly resolve cases properly.
6. I will not disclose any portion of, or any copies of, any confidential information obtained from this Group to any non-member of the group.
7. I will not make recordings of any Firearms Litigation Group meetings or proceedings or any portion thereof without the written permission of the Chair or Cochairs.
8. I will fully and candidly share relevant information, documents, and other materials with other members of the Firearms 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 firearms accidents and defects.
10. I will not share, show, reveal, or disclose any information, documents, index, or materials obtained from the Firearms Litigation Group, its members, or the AAJ Exchange, nor will I distribute the information unless ordered to do so by a court of competent jurisdiction.
11. I will notify the Chair or Cochairs of the Firearms Litigation Group if any request is made to obtain the Index or any materials obtained from or through Firearms Litigation Group, and I will resist such attempts.
12. I agree to take the necessary and appropriate action to resist the entrance of a Restrictive Protective Order which forbids or unreasonably restricts the sharing of discovery materials between and among the members of this Group and other attorneys attempting to work together in a common effort to properly prepare individual cases which involve firearms.
13. I understand that there will be an annual dues obligation to the Litigation Group of \$150 per member
14. 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.
15. 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 at this meetings 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 Firearms Litigation Group in particular.

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 FIREARMS 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  
**FIREARMS LITIGATION GROUP**  
PAYMENT INFORMATION

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Check is enclosed

**Make payable to "AAJ Litigation Groups" and include name, AAJ ID Number, and "Firearms" 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.