



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE FIREARMS LITIGATION GROUP MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Requirements and Purpose Statement

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

The purposes of the Firearms Litigation Group are 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 relating to firearms;
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 litigation and MDL litigation (if an MDL is formed);
6. To have members work together for the common purpose of litigating firearms cases successfully;
7. To coordinate class cases that are filed so that AAJ members can work together on cases;
8. To unite Firearms attorneys as a common resource in fighting anti-consumer legislation; and
9. To attract new members to the American Association for Justice Firearms Litigation Group and AAJ membership.

Annual Membership Dues: \$150 per attorney

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 AAJ ID number, call AAJ at 202-965-3500, ext. 8611.

Year Admitted to Practice: _____ State Bar #: _____

Practice Area: _____

Type of AAJ Membership:

Regular Sustaining Leaders Forum President's Club Life

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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

American Association for Justice
c/o David Ciesla, Director Sections and Litigation Groups Department
777 6th St. NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20001

If you have questions about the AAJ Firearms Litigation Group, please contact:

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Bailey Glasser LLP
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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.



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE FIREARMS LITIGATION GROUP MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT

Section B:

I, _____, hereby affirm:

1. A) I am a Regular, Sustaining, President's Club, or Life member of the American Association for Justice 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 the American Association for Justice (AAJ), but I am including my application to join.
I am a member in good standing of the following bar(s) of _____
2. I am primarily engaged in the representation of plaintiffs.
3. 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.
4. 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 individual cases properly.
6. I will not disclose any portion of, or any copies of, any information obtained from this Group to any company involved with firearms manufacturers or distributors or an affiliate 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 firearms manufacturers- or distributors-related entity or person or affiliated entities.
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.
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 understand that there will be an annual dues obligation to the Litigation Group, initially \$150, 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 this Group 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.

Dated this _____ day of _____, Year _____

Applicant's Signature

Printed Name



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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:

- Attorney in practice less than one year\$50 Attorney in practice less than 20 years.....\$450
- Attorney in practice less than 5 years\$110 Attorney in practice less than 25 years.....\$550
- Attorney in practice less than 10 years\$200 Attorney in practice 25 years or more\$610
- Attorney in practice less than 15 years\$340

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

Name on Card: _____

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Dues cover 12 full 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, 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 37%. Accordingly, 63% 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.