



# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURE LITIGATION GROUP MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Membership limited to AAJ Regular, Sustaining, President's Club & Life members. If you are not a member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), please also complete the attached AAJ membership application.)

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## Membership Requirements and Purpose Statement

Any AAJ Regular, Sustaining, President's Club, or Life Member may join the Industrial Agriculture Litigation Group if the applicant affirms these requirements set forth in the Industrial Agriculture Litigation Group Membership Affidavit.

The purposes of the Industrial Agriculture 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 industrial agriculture;
3. To provide networking opportunities through AAJ list servers and educational programs;
4. To provide pleadings, medical literature, 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);
6. To have members work together for the common purpose of litigating industrial agriculture cases successfully;
7. To attract new members to the American Association for Justice and the Industrial Agriculture Litigation Group.

## Membership Dues:

\$300 for first member

\$100 for unlimited number of additional members from the same firm (no firm paying more than \$400). 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 AAJ ID number, call AAJ at 202-965-3500, ext. 8611.

Year Admitted to Practice: \_\_\_\_\_ State Bar #: \_\_\_\_\_

Practice Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership:

Regular     Sustaining     President's Club     Life

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

Please complete application form. Enclose a check made payable to the Industrial Agriculture Litigation Group.

Send check, application and affidavit to:

Richard Middleton  
Middleton Firm, LLC  
107 E. Gordon St.  
Savannah, GA 31401  
Phone: 912/234-1133  
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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  
**INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURE  
LITIGATION GROUP**  
MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT

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. I do not currently represent nor have I been enticed to apply for membership in the Industrial Agriculture Litigation Group by any entity or person(s) engaged in any way in the vertical integration of meat producing animals or fowl, contract growers, or any entity or connection to or affiliate of Farm Bureau or any other insurer providing liability insurance to any segment of the agricultural community, meat processing plants, or feed, seed, or equipment vendors associated with any component of the agricultural market.
4. I desire to work in concert with other member attorneys representing plaintiff in similar industrial agricultural cases in cooperative effort to assist in achieving our common interests to prepare and fairly resolve individual cases properly.
5. I will not disclose any portion of, or any copies of, any information obtained from this Group to any company engaged in industrial agricultural or 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 any industrial agricultural-related entity or person or affiliated entities.
6. I will not make recordings of any Industrial Agriculture Litigation Group meetings or proceedings or any portion thereof without the written permission of the Chair or Cochairs.
7. I will fully and candidly share relevant information, documents, and other materials with other members of the Industrial Agriculture Litigation Group.
8. 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 industrial agricultural related companies.
9. I will not share, show, reveal, or disclose any information, documents, index, or materials obtained from the Industrial Agriculture 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.
10. I will notify the Chair or Cochairs of the Industrial Agriculture Litigation Group if any request is made to obtain the Index or any materials obtained from or through the Industrial Agriculture Litigation Group, and I will resist such attempts.
11. I understand that there will be a dues obligation to the Litigation Group, initially \$150 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.
12. 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.
13. 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 Industrial Agriculture Litigation Group in particular.
14. 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 INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURE 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 MEMBERSHIP FORM

## Section C: 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 5 years .....\$110
- Attorney in practice less than 10 years .....\$200
- Attorney in practice less than 15 years .....\$340
- Attorney in practice less than 20 years.....\$450
- Attorney in practice less than 25 years.....\$550
- Attorney in practice 25 years or more .....\$610

### 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 Card

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**\*DUES COVER 12 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, 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 PERCENT. 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.**

IF WE NEED TO CONTACT YOU TO SERVICE YOUR MEMBERSHIP RECORD OR TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP, PRODUCTS AND SERVICES AND ADVOCACY AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES, WE WILL HONOR YOUR CONTACT PREFERENCES. BY PROVIDING YOUR PREFERRED CONTACT PREFERENCES, 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 BY EMAIL AT MEMBERSHIP@JUSTICE.ORG OR BY PHONE AT 800-424-2727 OR 202-965-3500, EXT. 8611 AT ANY TIME TO CHANGE YOUR PREFERENCES.