



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE LIPITOR LITIGATION GROUP MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Membership limited to AAJ Regular, Sustaining, President's Club, Leaders Forum & Life members and AAJ affiliated Paralegals under the supervision of AAJ member attorneys who are also members of the Lipitor Litigation Group)

Important Information You Should Read before Filling out this Application

- Membership in the American Association for Justice (AAJ) Lipitor Litigation Group is restricted to Regular, Sustaining, President's Club, Leaders Forum, and Life members of AAJ. AAJ paralegal affiliates are eligible for membership only if an AAJ Regular, Sustaining, Life, President's Club, or Leaders Forum member from the same firm is also a member of the Lipitor Litigation Group.
- Applications for membership will be screened for conflicts of interest. An applicant whose practice, or whose firm's practice, in whole or meaningful part, is identified as having a significant relationship with interests adverse to, on inconsistent to, those of AAJ or the Lipitor Litigation Group can be denied membership.
- Membership is \$500 per attorney, \$200 for each additional attorney from the same law firm and \$150 per paralegal. Membership is personal, meaning that if a person joins as a member of a firm and later leaves that firm, the membership stays with the person, not the firm he or she was a member of at the time of joining.
- This application contains a joint prosecution agreement, which binds Group members together in the prosecution of litigation against the manufacturers of Lipitor and/or other interested parties.
- Additional assessments or dues are permitted if approved by the Co-chair(s).
- A check must be submitted with an application. The membership fee will be refunded if the application is rejected.

Membership Dues:

\$500 per attorney, \$200 for each additional attorney from the same law firm, and \$150 per paralegal.

Name: _____

If joining as an AAJ Paralegal Affiliate, please list sponsoring AAJ Attorney: _____

Name of Firm: _____

Address: _____

Office Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

AAJ ID#: _____

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 President's Club Life Leaders Forum Paralegal Affiliate

Please make check payable to Lipitor Litigation Group Fund. Send completed application, affidavit, questionnaire, and check 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 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 LIPITOR LITIGATION GROUP MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT

I, _____, am applying for membership in the AAJ Lipitor Litigation Group. My signature on this affidavit is my certification, given under oath and subject to penalties for false swearing, that the information in part 1 of this application is truthful and not misleading.

1. A) I am a Regular, Sustaining, President's Club, Leaders Forum, Life Member, or Paralegal Affiliate 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 _____.
B) I am not currently a member of AAJ, but I am including my application to join.
I am a member in good standing of the following bar(s) of _____.
2. In my law practice I am primarily involved in representing plaintiffs in personal injury and/or financial loss litigation.
3. I do not represent a manufacturer of Lipitor and/or other defendants in Lipitor litigation, nor does anyone in my law firm.
4. I do not represent, nor am I a member of, a group or other organization that represents the interests of the manufacturers of Lipitor, or similar products, and this is true for all members of my law firm.
5. I wish to work in concert with other attorneys, who are members of the Lipitor Litigation Group, in a cooperative effort to achieve a common goal of better serving our clients.
6. I will not use audio and/or video recording devices to record all or part of any Lipitor Litigation Group meeting or program.
7. I will make a good faith effort to provide useful, or potentially useful, documents, and other information I have or obtain, which are relevant to Lipitor litigation and the Lipitor Litigation Group.
8. I will make a good faith effort to resist any request for a confidentiality order, which would prohibit information sharing among, or would restrict access to information by, plaintiffs in Lipitor litigation. This provision does not require resistance to confidentiality or other similar order if resistance would not be in the interest of the Group member's client(s).
9. I will not disclose information obtained from the Lipitor Litigation Group to those with interests adverse to, or inconsistent with, plaintiffs in Lipitor litigation, unless ordered by a court to do so.
10. I will notify the Co-chairs of the Lipitor Litigation Group if an effort is made by motion, subpoena, request for production, or other means to obtain material I have obtained from the Lipitor Litigation Group.
11. I acknowledge a mutuality of interest with other members of the Lipitor Litigation Group, and I intend for exchanges of information among us of documents useful to plaintiffs in prosecuting Lipitor cases which shall be treated as creating and sharing of a common work product, protected from disclosure by the work product doctrine, and, to the extent applicable, by the attorney client privilege, and that this mutuality of interest is not tied to the resolution of any particular claim or lawsuit, but rather will continue for as long as any among us has litigation in progress or under consideration.
12. My continued membership in the Lipitor Litigation Group serves as my continuing certification that items 1 through 10 above remain as accurate, truthful statements.
13. 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.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sworn to before me this: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Notary Public: _____

My appointment expires: _____



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
- Paralegal Affiliate.....\$75

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 AmEx Discover Card

Name on Card: _____

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

CONTACT:

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Washington, DC 20001

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*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.