



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE  
**PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY  
LITIGATION GROUP**  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

**Membership Requirements and Purpose Statement**

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

**Annual Membership Dues:**

\$200 for first member

\$100 for 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. Dues will be due by January 1 of each year. Members joining in the middle of any given year can pro-rate their dues for 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 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

Leader's Forum

Please complete the application form. Enclose a check made payable to AAJ- Litigation Groups. 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 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.*



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MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT

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

1. I am a Regular, Life, President's Club, Leaders Forum or Sustaining member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), in good standing. My AAJ Membership Number is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I am a member in good standing of the bar(s) of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I am exclusively engaged in the representation of plaintiffs in professional liability matters, to the extent I have been retained with respect to such matters.
4. I do not, nor do any members of my firm, represent any law, accounting or professional firm, or the insurer of any such firm, in any professional liability matter.
5. I desire to work in concert with other member attorneys representing plaintiffs in similar professional liability cases in a cooperative effort to assist in achieving our common interest 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 or affiliated 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 professional liability insurer or affiliated entities.
7. I will not disclose the identities of any parties to any professional liability action in which I represent the Plaintiff to members of the Professional Liability Litigation Group.
8. I will not make recordings of any of the Professional Liability Litigation Group meetings or proceedings or any portion thereof without the written permission of one of the Group's Cochair(s).
9. I will fully and candidly share all relevant Professional Liability Litigation information, documents and other material with other members of the AAJ Professional Liability Litigation Group.
10. 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 professional liability.
11. I will not share, show, reveal or disclose any information, documents, indices, or materials directly obtained from the Litigation Group, its members or the AAJ Exchange, nor will I sell or distribute the information unless ordered to do so by a court of competent jurisdiction.
12. I will notify a Cochair of the Group of any outside request which is made to obtain the index or any materials obtained from or through the Group, and I will resist any such attempts.
13. I understand that there will be an annual dues obligation to the Litigation Group, initially \$200 for the first member of a firm, and \$100 for an unlimited number of subsequent members (capped at \$400 per firm). I understand that additional assessments may be approved by the Co-Chair(s) in the future, as needed.
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 in the Group at this meeting or at any subsequent meeting 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 Professional Liability Litigation Group, in particular.
16. 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 PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY 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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PAYMENT INFORMATION

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Check is enclosed

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