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Please make check payable to the AAJ Railroad/Highway Crossing & Derailment Litigation Group. Please completed application, affidavit, 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.



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MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT

The Railroad Litigation Group has been organized to aid and assist plaintiffs lawyers in the preparation of litigation concerning personal injuries which occur with trains.

To become a member of AAJ's Railroad/Highway Crossing & Derailment Litigation Group, we ask that the attorney:

1. Be a member in good standing of the bar of any state or territory, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, Great Britain, Australia or Canada.
2. Be a Regular, Sustaining, Leaders Forum, President's Club or Life member in good standing with AAJ.
3. Not be in violation of any AAJ Board policy concerning the appropriate activities of AAJ members, including solicitation, frivolous lawsuits, mass disaster activities, etc.
4. Be primarily engaged in the representation of injured plaintiffs, to the extent that the attorney engages in personal injury work.
5. Not be engaged in the defense of any railroad action, now or in the future, and have no members of the attorney's firm engaged in the defense of any railroad action, now or in the future.
6. Pay an initial membership fee of \$200 and annual dues of \$200 each year thereafter.
7. Acknowledge an affirmative obligation, as a member of the Railroad Litigation Group, to fully and candidly share all relevant information, documents, and other materials with the Group, and to report to the Group, in a timely manner, the disposition of any related case.
8. Agree that any information obtained from the AAJ Railroad Litigation Group remain confidential, to be used solely for the purpose of prosecuting claims against railroad companies, state highway departments, or any other party which is responsible for the safety of railroad tracks, property, crossings and trains.
9. Oppose any motion or request by defense counsel to produce documents and information received from the Litigation Group or its members.
10. Resist any request by the defendant for confidentiality or secrecy orders which would work to prohibit information sharing, and restrict access to information; but abide by such orders or agreements where entered.
11. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Litigation Group shall serve 1-year terms and shall be elected at AAJ's Annual Convention in accordance with the general election rules established by AAJ.

As a member of the AAJ Railroad/Highway Crossing & Derailment Litigation Group, I, the undersigned, hereby agree to and will abide by the above and foregoing criteria, and will continue to maintain this agreement, even in the case that the Railroad Litigation Group ceases to exist.

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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.



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PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check is enclosed

Make payable to “AAJ Railroad/Highway Crossing & Derailment Litigation Group” and include name, AAJ ID Number, and “Railroad” in Memo

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 37%. 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.