



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE
RISPERDAL
LITIGATION GROUP
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Membership Requirements and Purpose Statement

Any AAJ Regular, Life, President's Club, Sustaining, Leaders Forum Member or Paralegal Affiliate may join the Risperdal Litigation Group if the applicant affirms those requirements set forth in the Risperdal Litigation Group Membership Affidavit. A Paralegal may only join if a member of the Paralegal's law firm is also a member of the Group.

The purposes of the Risperdal 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 Risperdal litigation;
3. To provide networking opportunities through AAJ list servers and educational programs;
4. To provide pleadings, 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 against the manufacturers and sellers of Risperdal, and to have members work together for the common purpose of litigating Risperdal cases successfully;
6. To attract new members to the American Association for Justice and the Risperdal Litigation Group.

Annual Membership Dues:

\$300 for first member

\$200 for each additional member from the same firm (no firm paying more than \$500)

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 number, call AAJ at 202.965.3500 or 800.424.2725, ext. 8611.

Year Admitted to Practice: _____ State Bar #: _____

Practice Area: _____

If joining as a Paralegal member, please include your AAJ sponsoring attorney's name, AAJ ID#, and signature:

Sponsor's Name: _____ AAJ ID#: _____

Signature: _____

Type of Membership:

Regular _____ Sustaining _____ Leaders Forum _____ President's Club _____ Life _____ Paralegal Affiliate _____

Please complete application form. Enclose a check made payable to the Risperdal 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 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, Leaders Forum, President's Club, Sustaining 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 _____.
2. In my law practice, I am 100% involved in representing plaintiffs in personal injury and/or financial loss litigation;
3. I do not represent, nor am I a member of, a trade group or other organization that represents the interests of product manufacturers or sellers generally, or the manufacturers or sellers of medical devices, or similar products, and this is true for all members of my law firm;
4. I agree that the information, documents, or materials obtained from the Litigation Group, its members, or the AAJ Exchange will not be sold or distributed for profit by the member under any circumstances, provided, however, that this restriction does not prohibit reimbursement for the costs of copying, mailing, and any other similar expenses of disseminating information;
5. I will not use audio and/or video recording devices to record all or any part of any Risperdal Litigation Group;
6. 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 Risperdal litigation, to the Risperdal Litigation Group, and I will not disclose information obtained from the Risperdal Litigation Group to those with interests adverse to, or inconsistent with, plaintiffs in Risperdal litigation, unless ordered by a court to do so;
7. 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 Risperdal litigation;
8. I will notify the Chairperson of the Risperdal Litigation Group if an effort is made by motion, subpoena, request for production, or other means to obtain material I have obtained from the Risperdal Litigation Group.
9. I acknowledge a mutuality of interest with other members of the Risperdal Litigation Group, and I intend for exchanges of information among us of documents useful to plaintiffs in prosecuting Risperdal cases are to 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.
10. I understand that there will be a dues obligation to the Litigation Group, initially \$300 for the first member of a firm, and \$200 for an unlimited number of subsequent members from the same firm, but subject to reasonably necessary increases from time to time.
11. 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 RISPERDAL LITIGATION GROUP SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY TERMINATED, AND THAT I MAY BE SUBJECT TO ETHICAL AND DISCIPLINARY CHARGES.

Printed Name

Date

Signature



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PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check is enclosed

Make payable to “Risperdal Litigation Group” and include name, AAJ ID Number, and “Risperdal” 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.