



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE SPINAL CORD INJURY 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 Section C at the end of this application.

Section A:

Membership Requirements and Purpose Statement

Any AAJ Regular, Sustaining, President's Club, Life Member, or Paralegal may join the Spinal Cord Injury Litigation Group if the applicant affirms these requirements set forth in the Spinal Cord Injury 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 Spinal Cord Injury 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 that upgrade members' advocacy skills and knowledge of spinal cord injury related issues; help members to recognize trial issues that are unique to spinal cord injury cases; and develop arguments that reengineer new and favorable trends in the trial courts of the nation to the advantage of plaintiffs;
3. To provide networking opportunities through AAJ list servers and educational programs;
4. To provide Internet-based research and other materials
5. To have members work together for the common purpose of improving the effectiveness of AAJ members' advocacy in spinal cord injury cases
6. To attract new members to the American Association for Justice and the Spinal Cord Litigation Group.

Membership Dues:

\$150 for an individual member

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. If you are not a current AAJ Member, please complete Section C.

Year Admitted to Practice: _____ State Bar #: _____

Practice Area: _____

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

AAJ ID# _____ Name: _____ Signature: _____

Type of AAJ Membership:

- Regular Sustaining President's Club Life Paralegal Affiliate

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Please complete application form. Enclose a check made payable to the Spinal Cord Litigation Group. Send check, application, and affidavit 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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Section B:

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, nor do any members of my firm, represent any Defendants in civil proceedings on a regular basis.
4. I desire to work in concert with other member attorneys representing plaintiffs in similar spinal cord injury cases in cooperative effort to assist in achieving our common interests to prepare and fairly resolve individual cases properly and to expand our knowledge base in an effort to help our clients and where appropriate members of the public affected by spinal cord injury.
5. I will not disclose any portion of, or any copies of, any information obtained from this Group to any non-member of the group.
6. I will not make recordings of any Spinal Cord Injury 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 Spinal Cord Injury Litigation Group.
8. I will not disclose information of a strategic nature to non-members if such disclosure would compromise the interests of members.
9. I will not share, show, reveal, or disclose any information, documents, index, or materials obtained from the Spinal Cord, 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 group if any request is made to obtain the Index or any materials obtained from or through the Spinal Cord Injury Litigation Group, and I will resist such attempts.
11. 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.
12. 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 Spinal Cord Injury Litigation Group in particular.
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.

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 SPINAL CORD INJURY LITIGATION GROUP SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY TERMINATED, AND THAT I MAY BE SUBJECT TO ETHICAL AND DISCIPLINARY CHARGES.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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