



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE
WILDFIRES LITIGATION GROUP
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Requirements and Purpose Statement

Membership is limited to AAJ Regular, Life, President's Club, Sustaining, or Leaders Forum Members who affirm the requirements set forth in the Wildfires Litigation Group Membership Affidavit. If you are not a member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), please also complete the attached AAJ membership application.

The purposes of the Wildfires Litigation Group are as follows:

1. To encourage the exchange of information for the common benefit of all Litigation Group members and their clients;
2. To provide educational programs relating to Wildfires;
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;
6. To have members work together for the purpose of litigating wildfire cases successfully; and
7. To attract new members to the American Association for Justice and the Wildfires Litigation Group.

Annual Membership Dues:

\$150 per member and \$50 for an unlimited number of additional members from the same firm (with no firm paying more than \$200).

Name: _____

Name of Firm: _____

Address: _____

Office Phone 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 Leaders Forum President's Club Life

Please complete application form. Enclose a check made payable to AAJ Wildfires 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 you have questions about the AAJ Wildfires Litigation Group, please contact:

John Fiske
Baron and Budd, PC
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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

I, _____, hereby affirm:

1. A) I am a Regular, Life, Leaders Forum, President's Club, or Sustaining member 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 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. Neither I, nor anyone from my firm or anyone affiliated with my firm, in whole or meaningful part, has a significant relationship with interests adverse to, on inconsistent to, those of AAJ or the Wildfires Litigation Group.
4. I desire to work in concert with other member attorneys representing plaintiffs in similar cases in a cooperative effort to assist in achieving our common interests to prepare and fairly resolve cases properly.
5. I will not disclose any portion of, or any copies of, any confidential information obtained from this Group to any non-member of the group.
6. I will not make recordings of any Wildfires Litigation Group meetings or proceedings or any portion thereof without the written permission of the Chair(s).
7. I will fully and candidly share relevant information, documents, and other materials with other members of the Wildfires Litigation Group.
8. I will not disclose information of a strategic nature to non-members if such disclosure would compromise the interests of members and their clients.
9. I will not share, show, reveal, or disclose any information, documents, index, or materials obtained from the Wildfires Litigation Group, 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(s) of the Wildfires Litigation Group if any request is made to obtain the Index or any materials obtained from or through Wildfires Litigation Group, and I will resist such attempts.
11. I agree to take the necessary and appropriate action to resist the entrance of a Restrictive Protective Order which forbids or unreasonably restricts the sharing of discovery materials between and among the members of this Group and other attorneys attempting to work together in a common effort to properly prepare cases.
12. I understand that there will be an annual dues obligation to the Litigation Group of \$150 per member and \$50 for an unlimited number of additional members from the same firm (with no firm paying more than \$200), but subject to reasonably necessary increases from time to time.
13. 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.
14. 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 this Litigation Group 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 Wildfires Litigation Group in particular.
15. 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 WILDFIRES 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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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.

Printed Name: _____ 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 more than 25 years: \$610

III. Payment (For AAJ membership payment only)

Separate payment is required for membership to the Litigation Group.

Charge \$ _____ to my: Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Name on Card: _____

Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Dues cover 12 full 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 32%. Accordingly, currently 68 percent of your dues and contributions to AAJ may be deducted as ordinary and necessary business expenses. Please consult your tax advisor to confirm.