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**E-CIGARETTES
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 E-Cigarettes Litigation Group Membership Affidavit.

The purposes of the E-Cigarettes 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 E-Cigarettes 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;
6. To have members work together for the purpose of litigating E-Cigarettes cases successfully; and
7. To attract new members to the American Association for Justice and the E-Cigarettes Litigation Group.

Annual Membership Dues:

\$150 per 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 number, call AAJ at 202.965.3500 or 800.424.2725, ext. 861 1.

Year Admitted to Practice: _____ State Bar #: _____

Practice Area: _____

Type of Membership:

- Regular Sustaining Leaders Forum President’s Club Life

Please enclose a check made payable to E-Cigarettes Litigation Group. Send check, application and affidavit to:

Will Sutton
Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, PC
218 Commerce St.
Montgomery, AL 36104

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, or Sustaining Member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) in good standing. My AAJ Membership Number is _____. I am a member in good standing of the bar(s) of _____.
2. I am primarily engaged in the representation of plaintiffs.
3. Neither I, nor anyone from my firm or anyone affiliated with my firm, defends or otherwise represents a defendant in any case involving e-cigarettes. Neither I, nor anyone of my firm or anyone affiliated with my firm, engages in pharmaceutical, products liability, or personal injury defense.
4. Neither my practice nor my firm’s practice, in whole or meaningful part, has a significant relationship with interests adverse to, on inconsistent to, those of AAJ or the E-Cigarettes Litigation Group.
5. I desire to work in concert with other member attorneys representing plaintiffs in similar e-cigarettes cases in cooperative effort to assist in achieving our common interests to prepare and fairly resolve cases properly.
6. 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.
7. I will not make recordings of any E-Cigarettes Litigation Group meetings or proceedings or any portion thereof without the written permission of the Chair(s).
8. I will fully and candidly share relevant information, documents, and other materials with other members of the E-Cigarettes Litigation Group.
9. 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 e-cigarettes.
10. I will not share, show, reveal, or disclose any information, documents, index, or materials obtained from the E-Cigarettes 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.
11. I will notify the Chair(s) of the E-Cigarettes Litigation Group if any request is made to obtain the Index or any materials obtained from or through E-Cigarettes Litigation Group, and I will resist such attempts.
12. 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 which involve e-cigarettes.
13. I understand that there will be an annual dues obligation to the Litigation Group of \$150 per member, but subject to reasonably necessary increases from time to time.
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 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 E-Cigarettes 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 E-CIGARETTES 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 “E-Cigarettes Litigation Group” and include name, AAJ ID Number, and “E-Cigarettes” 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.