

KANSAS TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION



Practice Sections and Listserves Application

12.7.17

By my signature below, I signify that I am an attorney in good standing and authorized to practice law as required to be a Member of KTLA, and am not a Subscribing/Defense member of KTLA. I am applying to join the Practice Section(s) and Listserve(s) checked below:

Practice Section Listserves			
<input type="checkbox"/> Member Listserve Broad-based, practice-focused discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Auto Litigation Representation of plaintiffs no less than 80% of the time	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Malpractice 0% representation of medical negligence defendants or their insurance carriers	<input type="checkbox"/> Workers Compensation Representation of claimants in workers compensation cases no less than 80% of the time
<input type="checkbox"/> Class Action/MDL	<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Advocacy	<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law Engaged in representing the accused	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Law

Special Focus Listserves					
<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Governors KTLA Board of Governors members only	<input type="checkbox"/> CJ PAC Discussion of politics and candidates relating to the civil justice system	<input type="checkbox"/> New Lawyers Members under age 40 and/or within fifteen years of admission to practice law	<input type="checkbox"/> Past Presidents Members who are Past Presidents of KsAJ/KTLA only	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Language Practice Practice-focused discussion; members who speak Spanish and/or represent Spanish-speaking clients; diversity topics	<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Caucus Governance issues; diversity of law topics

I am a Student KTLA Member. The following eligible KTLA Member recommends me for membership in the listserves for which I'm applying: _____

I am a Retired KTLA Member. I wish to participate in the listserves even though I no longer meet the unique practice criteria because I am retired.

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____ (initial) I meet the membership criteria for the practice section(s) for which I am applying. I understand my application will be submitted for review by the section(s) as a whole before I am added to the section(s). I understand it may take several weeks to process my application and that a panel of KTLA leaders will make a final decision.

____ (initial) I understand my membership in a section is contingent upon my continuing eligibility under the section's unique criteria, and I will notify KTLA if my eligibility changes.

____ (initial) I have reviewed and agree to comply with the KTLA Practice Sections & Listserves Policies governing listserve membership, communications and conduct.

Signature: _____ PRINT your name: _____

Email address: _____ Application date: _____

**Please return to KTLA:
719 SW Van Buren, Ste. 222
Topeka, KS 66603
785-232-7730 (FAX)**

KTLA Practice Sections and Listserves Policies

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KTLA's Practice Sections and Listserves are self-governing, practice-focused segments that facilitate communication on relevant topics related to the practice of law. As such, the criteria for belonging to a section and/or listserv are defined by the section and may be changed from time to time with approval by the Board of Governors. Members agree to abide by all KTLA listserv/section policies and decisions governing membership, communications and conduct as follows:

- **Confidentiality:** Members agree never to voluntarily furnish or disclose any material or information they obtain from a KTLA section or its listserv to anyone not a member of that section. This responsibility includes not forwarding emails, copying and distributing emails, allowing emails to be read on your computer, or otherwise distributing information gained on the listserv beyond the membership of the section. Members further agree that they will not sell or distribute for profit any of the information, documents and/or materials obtained from the section or its members under any circumstances.
- **Professionalism:** At all times, the content of listserv messages should reflect well on KTLA, its members, and the legal profession. While members may occasionally exchange differing opinions or strongly-held beliefs, the level of discourse should always remain at a professional level and be respectful of others and others' opinions. Members agree that listserv posts should have the purpose of assisting members in the practice of law, including law office management, and/or promoting professionalism within the association as a specialty bar.
- **Eligibility:** Participation in KTLA sections/listserves is limited. Membership is not open to Subscribing/Defense members, nor members who do not meet the membership criteria applicable to a particular section/listserv. Members pledge they are eligible for each section/listserv in which they participate. Members agree to be removed if they no longer meet section/listserv membership criteria and to notify KTLA promptly upon change in practice so they may be removed.
- **Decorum:** Listserv traffic which will not be tolerated includes prohibited messages (described above) and messages which contain racist, sexist or other derogatory remarks; messages which are threatening, abusive, harassing or defamatory, libelous, pornographic, obscene, invasive of another's privacy; or otherwise tortuous or unlawful, hateful or ethically objectionable.
- **Prohibitions:**
 - Messages must not be posted which facilitate members arriving at any agreement that either expressly or impliedly leads to price fixing, a boycott of another's business, or other conduct intended to illegally restrict fair trade.
 - Messages should not be posted promoting programs sponsored by other organizations (including CLE and other events) without prior approval from KTLA staff. Please forward any requests of this nature to info@kta.org for approval.

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Prohibitions, cont.

- Material must not be posted that violates copyright, license, right of privacy, trademark, privilege, right of confidentiality, fiduciary obligation, trade secret, employment obligation, agreement or other restriction of use.
 - Material that contains known falsehoods must not be posted (unless for the purpose of disclosing and pointing out such falsehoods), including use of inaccurate identification of content, author, source, your identity or affiliation.
 - Except for messages posted to the CJ PAC Listserve, no messages should be posted endorsing or advocating for any political candidate or position, beyond the occasional sharing of information on political candidates' positions related only to support of the civil justice system. Review and discussion of proposed or pending legislation as it relates to the practice of law and impact members' practices and clients may be discussed.
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- **Discipline:** Participation in the sections/listserves may be restricted or terminated when a member posts messages in violation of policies and protocols or violates the confidentiality of the sections/listserves. In the event of a violation of confidentiality, particularly egregious content or violations and/or repeat offenses, the member's participation in the listserve shall be terminated immediately by staff until the matter can be reviewed by the Membership Committee and referred to KTLA's officers for final decision.
 - **Appeal:** A member may appeal a membership eligibility determination or staff's disciplinary decisions by sending written communication to the Membership Committee Chair. The Membership Committee will make a recommendation to KTLA's officers for a final decision.

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