

## MTLA Membership Card

The MTLA Membership Card offers members several ways to support MTLA and the work it does, and provides more, and needed, support beyond that provided by regular membership dues. MTLA and AAJ both need and greatly appreciate your support – if you can contribute an amount in addition to the basic levels, please do.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **I have chosen the membership level I want, how do I fill out the card?**

1. Decide if you want to pay annually or monthly, and check the corresponding box.
2. Decide if you wish to make an additional contribution (more to MTLA, Montana LawPAC, AAJ PAC) and check the corresponding box.
3. Complete your choice of payment method in section A-1, A-2 or A-3 (**Bank Draft, Credit Card, or Check**), and sign.
4. Complete **Section B** if you are making a PAC contribution.
5. Send completed card to MTLA, P.O. Box 838, Helena, MT 59624.  
Or, scan completed and signed form and email to [mtla@mt.net](mailto:mtla@mt.net)

### **I want to be a Platinum member, and pay once a year, how do I do that?**

There are several ways to do that:

1. Use a **Personal** check or credit card to pay \$2,500 to AAJ PAC (AAJ will convey MTLA dues & PAC to MTLA)
2. Use a **Firm** check or credit card to pay \$2,208 to MTLA; and then use a **Personal** check or credit card to pay \$300 to AAJ PAC
3. Contact MTLA office, we can set up a payment method that works for you.

### **I want to pay monthly to be a Platinum member, but I want to pay my MTLA Dues and CPF with my firm account, how do I do that?**

1. Use a **Firm** bank draft or credit card account (A-1 or A-2) to pay \$184.00 per month to MTLA; and then use a **Personal** bank draft or credit card account (A-1 or A-2) to pay \$25.00 per month to AAJ PAC

### **I want to do what is best for MTLA, what should I do?**

1. Choose to be a **Platinum** or **Gold** and make an annual payment.
2. Consider making an additional contribution to MTLA Dues and/or CPF with a firm account – as part of this membership dues it is a business expense.

<b>MTLA Membership Card</b>				<b>Firm or Personal</b>			<b>Personal Only</b>	
<b>MTLA Membership Levels</b>	<b>Choose to Pay Annually</b>		<b>Choose to Pay Monthly</b>		<b>MTLA Dues</b>	<b>MTLA CPF*</b>	<b>Montana Law PAC</b>	<b>AAJ PAC</b>
<b>Platinum</b>	<input type="radio"/>	\$2,500	<input type="radio"/>	\$209.00	\$130.00	\$29.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
No PAC Option	<input type="radio"/>	\$2,500	<input type="radio"/>	\$209.00	\$160.00	\$49.00	0	0
<b>Gold</b>	<input type="radio"/>	\$2,000	<input type="radio"/>	\$167.00	\$90.00	\$27.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
No PAC Option	<input type="radio"/>	\$2,000	<input type="radio"/>	\$167.00	\$125.00	\$42.00	0	0
<b>Silver</b>	<input type="radio"/>	\$1,500	<input type="radio"/>	\$125	\$115.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Copper</b>	<input type="radio"/>	\$1,000	<input type="radio"/>	\$84	\$74.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Additional Annually	<input type="radio"/>				\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Additional Monthly			<input type="radio"/>		\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

\*CPF (Consumer Protection Fund) is MTLA's legislative assessment. Legislative assessments help fund MTLA's lobbying efforts. If you can contribute more, please do.

**MTLA Dues, CPF and MT Law PAC contributions can be made from FIRM or PERSONAL accounts. AAJ PAC contributions CAN ONLY be made from PERSONAL accounts.**

Please complete Part A-1, A-2 or A-3, Part B for PAC contributions, and Part C for partnership contributions.

**(A) Bank Draft, Credit Card or Check (Choose One)**

(1) **Bank Draft:** For purposes of making monthly contributions, I hereby request that as a convenience to me you honor drafts in the above-stated amounts in payment to the above-named state and national trial lawyers associations, state and federal political action committees, and charge each such draft to my  **FIRM**  **PERSONAL** account upon presentation thereof each month, signed personally by me. It is agreed that:

- (a) Each draft, upon being charged to my account by the respective bank shall be my receipt for payment of the designated contribution;
- (b) I reserve the right to revoke this authorization by giving written notice to the above-named institutions and to you. Your authority to charge such drafts to my account shall cease upon delivery of written notice of revocation. Until you actually receive such notice, I agree that you shall be fully protected in honoring any such draft;
- (c) I further agree that if any such draft be dishonored; whether with or without cause, and whether intentionally or inadvertently, you shall be under no liability whatsoever.

Name and Address of Bank \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature MUST BE THE SAME AS SIGNATURE AT BANK

(2) **Credit Card:** Please charge my  **FIRM**  **PERSONAL** credit card (MasterCard, VISA, American Express) in the same increments as stated above.

Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

(3) **Check:** Send check(s) for annual amount(s) checked above to MTLA, P.O. Box 838, Helena, MT 59624. PAC checks must be separate checks and from a PERSONAL account.

**(B) PAC CONTRIBUTIONS:** FEDERAL AND MONTANA LAWS REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE CONTRIBUTOR (Please print)

Full Name

Home Address

Occupation

Firm Name

Business  
Address

**(C) IF THE CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE MADE BY A PARTNERSHIP, STATE THE DOLLAR AMOUNT PORTION OF EACH MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION WHICH WILL BE CHARGED AGAINST THE ABOVE-NAMED PARTNER'S SHARE OF THE PARTNERSHIP PROFITS:**

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**IRS DEDUCTIBILITY**

None of these contributions are deductible as a charitable contribution under federal law. Contributions to political committees **are not** tax deductible. The portion of dues paid to MTLA that are used for lobbying and political purposes **are not** tax deductible. For 2010, that portion is estimated to be 5 %

**BILLING VENDOR NAME**

AAJ PAC acts as the collecting agent for your Montana Trial Lawyers Association dues, Montana LAW PAC and MTLA Consumer Protection Fund. Therefore, if this is a joint contribution, MTLA only contribution or AAJ PAC only contribution, drafts may be in the name of AAJ PAC or MTLA. However, MTLA will receive the full amount of the contribution so designated. AAJ PAC, 1050 31st. NW Washington, DC 20007. MTLA (dues, CPF & PAC), P.O. Box 838, Helena, MT 59624.

**FEC DISCLAIMER**

Federal law requires political action committees to report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employers for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. Federal law prohibits federal political committees from accepting corporate contributions. Contributions to political committees are strictly voluntary and no member will be subject to reprisal for declining to contribute. The contribution amount is merely a suggestion and each member is free to contribute more or less than that amount, although particular designations shall apply to those who contribute certain amounts.