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**Application for Membership**

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

AREA OF PRACTICE: \_\_\_\_\_ RECOMMENDED BY (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Date Admitted to Practice (Month / Year): \_\_\_\_\_ AAJ MEMBER: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**WAJ Membership Requirements:** Do you represent the:

- Plaintiff** (in personal injury or workers' compensation cases). **Regular Membership\*** defined as "one who, with respect to the personal injury/tort litigation he or she does as part of his or her practice, devotes at least 95% of his or her time in representing the injured party or plaintiff."
- Defense** (in personal injury or workers' compensation cases). **Associate Membership\*** defined as "any person that represents the defense of personal injury or workers compensation litigation, shall be eligible for Associate Membership. In addition, lawyers who represent the interests of health insurers, self-insured entities, or automobile medical payment insurers in connection with claims based on subrogation and/or reimbursement shall also be eligible for membership as Associate Members but not as Regular Members."

If you do not certify which category of membership you are eligible for, you will be considered an Associate member by default.

Please sign here: \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL DUES (check one):**

- Sustaining Seminar Membership\*.....\$1,635
- More than 15 Years in Legal Practice.....\$475
- 10-14 Years in Legal Practice.....\$430
- 5-9 Years in Legal Practice.....\$350
- 3-4 Years in Legal Practice.....\$245
- 1-2 Years in Legal Practice.....\$120
- Paralegal/Legal Assistant Affiliated Membership. \$99
- New Bar Admittee.....Six Months Complementary
- Student.....Dues Waived
- Inactive Status.....\$150 (Based on standing with State Bar of WI or licensing authority of respective state)

**Total Dues \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Support (Check all that apply including type of installments):**

- WAJ Operations Fund\* Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Annually,  Monthly, or  Quarterly installments
- Justice Fund\* "Conduit" Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Annually,  Monthly, or  Quarterly installments
- Wisconsin Civil Justice Education Foundation (WCJEF) 501(c)(3) Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Annually

**Total Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

\* see second page for additional information

**Please remit this form with check payable to:**

**Wisconsin Association for Justice and/or Justice Fund**  
 14 West Mifflin St, #207, Madison, WI 53703  
**Online Application:** [wisjustice.org/JoinWAJ](http://wisjustice.org/JoinWAJ)  
**Questions:** (608) 210-3390 or [bryan@wisjustice.org](mailto:bryan@wisjustice.org)

## **DEFINITIONS:**

### **\*ARE YOU A REGULAR MEMBER OR AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER?**

#### **Regular Membership**

The WAJ By-Laws provides that “All persons licensed to practice law in Wisconsin or any other state of the United States of America and who are members in good standing of the licensing authority of their respective state, whose practice consists, in whole or part, in litigation or trial practice, and who shall adhere to the objects of WAJ, shall be eligible for membership in WAJ.” The WAJ By-Laws also provides that: “The Board of Directors may establish categories of membership.” The Board of Directors has defined “Regular Member” as “one who, with respect to the personal injury/tort litigation he or she does as part of his or her practice, devotes at least 95% of his or her time in representing the injured party or plaintiff.”

**Associate Membership** The WAJ Board of Directors recognizes that there are many defense attorneys who support the Association’s efforts to preserve and improve our civil justice system and we have long welcomed such defense attorneys’ membership in the Association. Therefore, “Any person that represents the defense of personal injury or workers compensation litigation, shall be eligible for ASSOCIATE Membership. In addition, lawyers who represent the interests of health insurers, self-insured entities, or automobile medical payment insurers in connection with claims based on subrogation and/or reimbursement shall also be eligible for membership as ASSOCIATE MEMBERS but not as REGULAR MEMBERS. Associate members are entitled to all benefits of regular membership with the exception that associate members are not entitled to hold office or participate on any WAJ list serve or WAJ seminar, or session within a seminar, that the WAJ Board or Governors has chosen to limit to regular members only.”

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**\*WAJ OPERATIONS FUND CONTRIBUTIONS (FORMERLY TORT PRESERVATION)** are a critical source of funding to support WAJ and its legislative efforts. Contributors are recognized in The Verdict, website, newsletters and at WAJ seminars. Corporate payments to WAJ Operations Fund are permitted.

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**\*JUSTICE FUND** (WAJ’s Conduit) is a registered fund administered by WAJ for political giving. Contributions to the Justice Fund can be setup to be monthly, quarterly or annual contributions through personal checking or credit card accounts. This money is kept in a separate account until the money is distributed with your consent. All giving through the Justice Fund helps WAJ show its strength and your contributions are disclosed as individual contributions. Contributions to the Justice Fund are not tax deductible and can be used to support state and local candidates only. **CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOT ALLOWED.** For more information call the WAJ office or visit the WAJ website: [wisjustice.org](http://wisjustice.org)

### **\*SUSTAINING SEMINAR MEMBERSHIP**

Upgrade your membership to a Sustaining Seminar Membership and assist WAJ in our education planning initiatives. This membership includes an individual listing in WAJ’s Verdict publication (within a listing of all Sustaining Seminar Members as a thank you), and the registration to the following WAJ Seminars: Spring, Summer, and Winter Seminar. The 2019 fee for the annual Sustaining Seminar Membership and included seminars and listing is **\$1,635**.

Sustaining Seminar membership deductibility is based on your dues level:

<b>Dues Level (35% non-deductible)</b>	<b>Sustaining Seminar Membership (100% deductible non-refundable seminar registration fees)</b>
\$475	\$1,160
\$430	\$1,205
\$350	\$1,285
\$245	\$1,390
\$120	\$1,515

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**DEDUCTIBILITY OF DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS:** Contributions or gifts to the Wisconsin Association for Justice are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. However, they may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses subject to restrictions imposed as a result of association lobbying activities for the protection of your clients’ rights and your right to practice. The Wisconsin Association for Justice estimates that 35% of your dues and WAJ Operations Fund contributions will be considered nondeductible under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993.