

Illinois Trial Lawyers Association

Dear Attorney,

We cordially extend an invitation to you to join the 2,000 plus members of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association. Completion and return of the membership application, along with your first year's dues payment, will implement your membership in ITLA.

We are a completely self-governing law association dedicated to the utilization of the experience and knowledge of our members to the furtherance of the public interest. ITLA is the largest organization of trial lawyers in the state of Illinois and encourages the continuing professional education of the lawyer practicing in the field of personal injury law, workers' compensation, civil litigation and general torts.

Through membership you will have access to the ITLA expert testimony exchange, the brief bank, group insurance and the legislative information service which keeps you informed of bills filed and their status during the legislative session. You will also receive reduced rates for seminars and seminar materials. In addition, you will receive our monthly newsletter *Vested Interest* and our semi-annual magazine *Trial Journal*. ITLA members also have the opportunity to join the ITLA Listserv, an email networking service for ITLA members only.

Membership in ITLA is a must for your professional future. The Association's accomplishments are made possible by continued membership growth and involvement. Our members are proud to have significant input into the dramatic developments affecting the profession.

We look forward to your positive response to membership in the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association. Should you have any questions, please call our office at 800-252-8501.

Sincerely,

James M. Collins, Executive Director
Illinois Trial Lawyers Association

Illinois
Trial
Lawyers
Association



The following benefits are available only to ITLA members

ListServ – An email discussion group to exchange information and seek referrals among plaintiff attorneys. This has become one of the most sought benefits of ITLA membership.

Educational Programs – The most comprehensive civil educational programs in the state. Reduced rates for 9 seminars a year.

Educational Materials - Our course handbooks, audio cassettes and CDs offer you legal education advancement at your home or office.

Auto Litigation Book - 7 chapters, 126 pages

Complaint Book - 27 model complaints covering all topics

Medical Malpractice Trial Notebook - Written and edited by revered trial lawyers.

Expert Testimony Exchange – Over 6,400 depositions and trial testimonies of defense experts.

Amicus Involvement - The Amicus Curiae Committee offers support for members with significant cases by filing briefs on issues of major importance to Illinois' citizens.

Brief Bank - An excellent reference source saving hours of search time.

Trial Journal – Semi-annual magazine offering feature articles on current legal trends and tips to help you in your practice.

Vested Interest – Monthly newsletter containing current "tort briefs" and "trends" from Illinois and across the nation affecting you.

Legislative Representation – The efforts to completely rewrite the tort law of Illinois have not ended. ITLA represents its members and their clients in the halls of the State Capitol, every day, in every possible way.

Conference Room – ITLA has a small and large conference room available for member use for meetings and depositions.

Membership Directory – Updated annually, members are listed geographically and alphabetically. Network with ITLA members for information and advice. Also searchable on the ITLA website.

Insurance Program - Term life insurance for members, spouses and office staff. Guaranteed low premiums.

Available to ITLA Contributing Members

Regular member benefits plus...Free attendance at ITLA seminars and free course handbooks from each seminar conducted by ITLA all year.

For new members only: Optional free one-year subscription to TrialSmith - \$299 value.

ITLA Committees

Amicus Curiae - Extensive volunteer efforts in filing "friend of the court" briefs at the Supreme Court level.

Civil Practice & Rules - Generally concerned with Civil Practice Act and given wide latitude to cover questions relating to legislation, rules and other issues. Offers proposals to the Supreme Court Rules Committee.

Civil Rights & Criminal Law - Issues relating directly to civil rights and criminal law. Makes suggestions regarding topics to be covered in seminars.

Legislative - Actively involved in ITLA's political efforts, key contact list, as well as proposed and pending legislation.

Medical Negligence - Actively involved in issues relating directly to medical negligence.

Membership - Development of a larger and more stable membership base for the Association.

Product Liability & Insurance Law - Issues relating directly to product liability. Makes recommendations as to how insurance law issues could be modified through rule or legislation.

Publication - Assigned task of developing articles for publication in a wide variety of sources.

Workers' Compensation - Studies proposed changes by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission and the legislature. Plans Worker's Compensation Seminar and authors Workers' Compensation Trial Notebook.

To get involved in any ITLA committee, check the appropriate boxes on the membership application.





Illinois Trial Lawyers Association Membership Application

First Name Middle Initial Last Name Attorney Registration Number
(REQUIRED for MCLE reporting)

Firm Name

Office Address

City State Zip Code

Office Phone Office Fax Email County

Home Address (This information will not be published. It is for legislative district information for our files only.)

City State Zip Code

Home Phone Year Admitted to Bar Law School

In applying for membership with ITLA, I agree to receive notices, advertisements, announcements, brochures, invoices and other information from ITLA, ITLA Education Fund and ITLA-PAC via fax, telephone or email. I further agree that my express permission to fax, telephone or email me such notices, invoices and other information will continue and have no date of expiration.

SCHEDULE OF DUES

- Registered Law School Student \$10.00
(Expected year of graduation_____)
- Legal Assistant* \$50.00
- First Year of Practice \$50.00
- Second and Third Years of Practice \$150.00
- Fourth Year of Practice \$250.00
- Fifth Year or More of Practice \$400.00
- Contributing Membership \$2,000.00

* Legal Assistant must be sponsored by and employed by an ITLA member. Sponsored by:_____

(Law Professors, Non-Resident & Public Agency Attorney pay 1/2 of the regular dues in your category.)

PAYMENT INFORMATION *Payment must accompany application.*

- Check is enclosed payable to ITLA
- Charge my dues to: Am Ex VISA MasterCard • Exp Date_____

Card Number Signature

I am interested in serving on the following ITLA Committee(s):

- Amicus Curiae Legislative Membership
- Civil Practice & Rules Medical Negligence Publication
- Civil Rights & Criminal Law Product Liability & Insurance Law Workers' Compensation

- I wish to receive the monthly ITLA newsletter via email as a pdf document.*(must include email above)*

Return this completed form with membership dues to:

Illinois Trial Lawyers Association • P.O. Box 5000 • Springfield, Illinois 62705
(217) 789-0755 • (800) 252-8501 • FAX (217) 789-0810 • E-mail: ILTLA@aol.com



ITLA ListServ Agreement and Sign-up Form

In the interest of enhancing the benefits of your ITLA membership, ITLA is offering a ListServ to all active members in good standing who would like to participate and who sign and return the ITLA ListServ Agreement. The ListServ will allow you to network with ITLA members any time of day from any part of the state. It will provide a way for you to exchange information or get referrals.

ITLA ListServ Agreement

I am a dues paying member of ITLA in good standing and engaged actively in the representation of injured plaintiffs.

I understand that the primary purpose of the ITLA ListServ is for ITLA members to evaluate cases, share references and background of experts, share information about recent developments in the law and court rules, share work product that is not subject to client privilege, and confer with each other confidentially.

I certify that neither I, nor any member of my law firm, generally and/or regularly engages in tort or personal injury defense, and that neither I nor my law firm has an ongoing contractual relationship that involves tort and/or personal injury defense as a general and/or regular part of my/our practice.

I will not, without appropriate permission, intentionally disclose sensitive information of a strategic and/or case specific nature that I have learned from the ListServ nor will I share with, forward to, show, reveal or disclose any documents, ListServ postings, attachments, or other material that I have obtained from the ListServ to non-members of the ITLA ListServ, including disclosure to tort defendants, their attorneys, insurance companies, insurance defense attorneys, tort reform organizations, the media, and governmental bodies, especially if such disclosure might reasonably be thought to compromise the interests of the ITLA members and their clients who are victims of personal injuries, unless ordered to do so by a court of competent jurisdiction.

I will not use the ITLA ListServ for the purpose of advertising or soliciting, nor will I attempt to use the ListServ as a commercial vehicle.

I will be respectful of my colleagues and refrain from using inappropriate language or disparaging remarks concerning fellow ITLA members, expert witnesses, defense attorneys, or any individuals. ListServ members will be informed of those who are participating in the ListServ.

Should my practice or that of my law firm change in such a way that I can no longer agree to any part of this contract, I will immediately notify ITLA and be removed from the ITLA ListServ.

I enter this agreement in exchange for the privilege of participating in the ITLA ListServ. I understand that my membership in the ITLA ListServ is at the discretion of the Executive Committee and that violation of this agreement may result in, but is not limited to, termination of my membership on the ITLA ListServ.

I hereby agree to abide by the terms of the ITLA ListServ as outlined above. Please sign me up as a member.

NAME(print clearly) _____

EMAILADDRESS (print clearly) _____

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

To be added to the ITLA ListServ, please sign and fax this agreement to:
Illinois Trial Lawyers Association • fax 217-789-0810

