

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF DEFENSE ATTORNEYS

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APPLICATION FOR PARALEGAL MEMBERSHIP

NAME _____ NCSB CP# _____

Employer _____ # of Years _____

Mailing Address _____
Street/PO _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # (____) _____ FAX (____) _____ Email: _____

Undergraduate _____ Year _____ Degree _____

Other _____ Year _____ Degree _____

OTHER LEGAL AFFILIATIONS

Do you belong to ATLA, the NC Academy of Trial Lawyers, or any similar organization? Yes No

The Certifications required for membership in these organizations are deemed inconsistent with the certifications required for membership in the Defense Attorneys Association. Membership by another member of your firm in these associations, however, does not disqualify an otherwise qualified candidate from membership in the NCADA.

Are you certified by the North Carolina State Bar as a professional paralegal? Yes No

Of the total numbers of damage cases personally worked on by you during the past 3 years, what percentage was on behalf of plaintiffs?
_____%

Number of years preceding this application you have continuously devoted a substantial portion of your professional time to the representation of individual defendants or businesses in civil litigation: _____

Areas of practice and specialization:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Dispute Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> General Litigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Liability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Litigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Coverage | <input type="checkbox"/> Subrogation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Malpractice | <input type="checkbox"/> Workers' Compensation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment/Labor | <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle Liability | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental | <input type="checkbox"/> Product Liability | |

NCADA Practice Group Interest:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Product Liability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> General Liability | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Malpractice | <input type="checkbox"/> Worker's Compensation |

Optional Personal Information: This information is requested for recordkeeping purposes and to assist the NCADA in obtaining an accurate demographic summary and is not required for membership consideration.

Birthdate _____ Preferred Call Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Residence Address _____
Street/PO _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Gender/Race Male Female African-American Asian-American Native American
(Optional) Caucasian Hispanic Other

If accepted as a member, I agree to abide by the By-Laws of this Association (see excerpt on reverse side).

Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

NCADA Member Nominator (please print)

Nominator's Signature

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purposes of this association shall be to bring together by association, communication, and organization the attorneys licensed by the State of North Carolina and paralegals who devote a substantial amount of their professional time to the handling of litigation, and whose representation in such cases is primarily for the defense, government and/or business; to provide for the creation, procurement, and exchanges of information, ideas, techniques, and materials that would tend to enhance the knowledge, professional abilities, skills, and efficiency of trial attorneys and paralegals; to promote and carry out seminars, institutes, courses and other programs of continuing legal education; to support and work for the improvement of the adversary system of jurisprudence; to promote improvements in the administration of justice, high ethical standards, and high standards of professional conduct; to work for the elimination of court congestion and delays in civil litigation, and for more and better service by the legal profession to clients and to the citizens of North Carolina; and to work with and cooperate with other groups and organizations to accomplish the foregoing purposes.

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under §501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. In General. This association shall be the sole judge of the qualification of a prospective member for membership in this association, as well as of the continuing qualifications of its individual members.

Section 2. Eligibility for Membership. To be eligible (1) for election to membership in this association, and (2) to continue to hold membership herein, a lawyer (a) must be a member in good standing of the North Carolina State Bar; (b) must be in practice and engaged in litigation, or supervision of litigation, primarily for the defense, government and/or business, including trial, pre-trial, discovery and preparation, or participation or assistance at trial; (c) must be engaged in the private practice of law or engaged as legal counsel for government, business or industry; and (d) must have manifested a genuine interest in, or sympathy with, the purposes of this association as expressed in Article II hereof. Paralegals are eligible for membership in the Association. To be eligible, a paralegal must work under the supervision of a lawyer member of the Association and must be certified by the North Carolina State Bar Board of Paralegal Certification.

Section 3. Nominations for Membership. Any two lawyer members of this association may nominate any eligible lawyer for membership. A paralegal may be nominated for membership by a lawyer member of this Association who supervises the paralegal. Nominators shall submit the name and qualifications of each nominee in writing to the Secretary, who shall promptly refer such nomination to the Membership Committee for investigation and report. The Membership Committee shall inquire into the character and the professional standing and qualifications of the nominee and shall report its findings and recommendations as soon as practicable to the Secretary. Following the filing of the Membership Committee's report and recommendations with the Secretary, the Board of Directors shall vote upon such nomination. If there shall be a favorable vote of two-thirds of those present and voting, the President shall extend promptly to the nominee an invitation to membership in this association.

Section 4. Acceptance and Vesting of Membership. Upon the nominee's acceptance of such invitation to membership, and the payment of the required initiation fee and the annual dues (for one year), such nominee shall be vested with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives of membership in this association. The nominee's acceptance of membership shall be deemed an acknowledgment by him of his assent to the purposes of this association and of his intended compliance with all of the provisions of these Bylaws.

Section 5. Continuation of Eligibility for Membership. In the event, because of a change in type of practice or business connections, or for any other reason, a member's eligibility under these Bylaws for membership shall become questionable or cease to exist, such member shall, within a reasonable time, notify the Board of Directors with respect thereto, whereupon the Board of Directors shall determine whether such person shall be eligible for continued membership in the association.

Section 6. Senior Membership. Attorneys or paralegals who have been regular members of the association for at least ten (10) years shall, upon reaching the age of 62 be eligible to elect membership as a Senior member of the association at a reduced membership fee to be determined on an annual basis in the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Life Membership. Upon its own motion, or upon the suggestion of any member of the Association, the Board of Directors in its discretion may from time to time elect members to Life Membership in recognition of services over time to the Association. Life Member status shall relieve such members of the obligation to pay annual dues.