



# NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF DEFENSE ATTORNEYS

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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name \_\_\_\_\_ NC State Bar # \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ # Yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/PO \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Ph# \_\_\_\_\_ Fax# \_\_\_\_\_

Law School \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

### OTHER LEGAL AFFILIATIONS

Are you a member of ATLA, Advocates for Justice 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 NCADA.*

What percentage of your practice representation is on the behalf of individual defendants or businesses in civil litigation: \_\_\_\_\_%

What percentage of your practice is on behalf of plaintiffs in personal injury and/or workers' compensation cases? \_\_\_\_\_%

Do you belong to the  DRI  IADC  FDCC  CLM, or any similar organization \_\_\_\_\_.

*In order to maximize educational and networking opportunities for our members, NCADA has established practice groups which focus more narrowly on specific practice areas. NCADA believes that belonging to one or more practice groups greatly enhances the value of your membership and thus offer them free of charge. Please indicate which practice groups you wish to join by marking the corresponding box(es) below.*

- Practice Groups:
- General Liability
  - Commercial
  - Governmental Liability
  - Product Liability
  - Employment
  - Construction
  - Medical Malpractice
  - Workers' Compensation

### OPTIONAL

*NCADA is committed to the principle of diversity in its membership and leadership. Accordingly, applicants are invited to indicate which one of the following may best describe them:*

- Male
- African American
- Hispanic
- Female
- Asian American
- Native American
- Caucasian
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
*month/day/year*

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominator's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominator's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name.)

**BYLAWS OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF DEFENSE ATTORNEYS**

**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) (6) 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 fifteen (15) years shall, upon reaching the age of 67, 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.** Honorary 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 Honorary Membership in recognition of services over