

Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice Membership Application

AACJ BY-LAWS: ARTICLE V: Membership; Section 1. Persons Eligible

Except as set forth in Section 2 of this Article, the following persons are eligible for membership in the organization:

- Any attorney who is a member of any state bar is eligible for membership.
- Any law student, paralegal or law clerk is eligible for non-voting membership.
- Any professional person who is involved with the criminal justice system but is not an attorney, and is in agreement with the purposes of the organization is eligible for non-voting membership as an Allied Professional of Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice.

Section 2. Persons Not Eligible for Membership

Persons employed in the offices of prosecutors, including, but not limited to, U.S. Attorneys, City Attorneys, County Attorneys or Attorneys General are not eligible for membership in. Any person engaged in a full-time judicial function, including any full-time judge, commissioner or referee, is disqualified from membership. Any question regarding membership shall be referred to the Executive Committee, who by a 2/3 vote for approval shall refer the question to the Board of Governors. If the Board of Governors approves the application by a 3/4 vote, the application shall be accepted.

A person who meets the following criteria may be approved by the Board for full membership:

- Member in good standing of any State Bar;
- Devotes a substantial portion of his or her practice to criminal defense law;
- Spends no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the time devoted to his or her law practice as a prosecutor.

If you are an allied professional, an AACJ member must recommend you for membership.

Name of AACJ member _____

Member's signature _____

Date _____

I certify I have read the criteria for membership in Article V of the AACJ By-laws and I meet the criteria for membership.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

Name (please print) _____ Law Firm/Employer (if applicable) _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ AZ County _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Year first admitted to practice _____ Year admitted to AZ Bar _____ AZ State Bar # _____

I am presently a member in good standing of the State Bar of Arizona. Yes No

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Percentage of practice devoted to criminal defense law _____ I am a certified criminal law specialist. Yes No

Annual Membership Dues:

Patron	At least \$ 500
Sustaining Member	At Least \$ 250
Attorney in Private Practice - Admitted ≥ 3 Years	\$ 190
Attorney in Private Practice - Admitted 1-2 Years	\$ 95
Attorney in Private Practice - Admitted < 1 Year	\$ 50
Public Defender - Admitted ≥ 5 Years	\$ 75
Public Defender - Admitted < 5 Years	\$ 40
Public Defender - Admitted < 1 Year	Free – contact AACJ office
Allied Professional or Paralegal	\$ 75
Law Student or Law Clerk	\$ 25

A contract attorney is considered to be in private practice, not a public defender.

For a fast and easy way to join AACJ online, go to: www.aacj.org/join-aacj

▪ Check: Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

▪ Credit Card: American Express MasterCard Visa

Name on Card _____ Signature _____

Card Number _____ Expiration Date ____/____ Security Code ____