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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL - 2011

SEND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO NOVA:
Regina Alegre
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT
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Or 480 838-9887 or 877 483-8238

Date: _____ Check One: New Membership Renewal Membership

1. MEMBER INFORMATION

NAME: _____
FIRM NAME OR LAW SCHOOL: _____
MAILING ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE#: _____ FAX#: _____
E-MAIL: _____
DATE ADMITTED TO CAVC: _____ DATE ACCREDITED BY VA: _____

STATUS: (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ATTORNEY | <input type="checkbox"/> PRO BONO PRACTITIONER NOT CHARGING FEES | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW STUDENT/PROFESSOR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NON-ATTORNEY AGENT | <input type="checkbox"/> VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW OFFICE SUPPORT |

2. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES (Check One) See descriptions of categories on page 3

- SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP DUES – \$400.00 for entire year (Pro-rated for **NEW** members)

ADDITIONAL SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Member Status | - \$5,000.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Member Status | - \$2,500.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Member Status | - \$1,000.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TRIAL MEMBERSHIP DUES | - \$200.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL MEMBERSHIP DUES | - \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LAW OFFICE SUPPORT MEMBERSHIP DUES | - \$100.00 |

NOTE:

- For New Sustaining Members Only:** Sustaining membership dues are pro-rated by the quarters remaining in the calendar year. A **New Member** joining January – March: \$400.00; April – June: \$300.00; July – September: 200.00; October – December: \$100.00
- Trial membership is not renewable. To continue membership in NOVA, Trial membership must be upgraded to Sustaining membership.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FEE ENCLOSED: \$ _____

3. CLE ATTENDANCE INFORMATION – RENEWING MEMBERS ONLY

NOVA By-laws provide at Article III, Section 11 (3): *Attendance at one continuing legal education course every eighteen months, which is specific to veterans' law and provide to the Association confirmation of such attendance*". Please complete the following information concerning your attendance of CLE activity as required for NOVA membership.

Date of Activity	Title of CLE Activity
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4. SIGNATURE REQUIRED

1. I agree to meet the membership requirements as set forth in NOVA's Bylaws.
2. I understand that the purpose of NOVA's online Bulletin Boards is to provide a forum for sharing information and strategies among NOVA members for their use in representing VA claimants. Legal access to NOVA's Bulletin Boards is limited to paying members of this organization as prescribed in the NOVA By-laws. The individual posts on the Bulletin Boards, to include the text of the post and the information that identifies the person who posted, shall be the property of NOVA and the posting member. Neither the text of the post nor the identity of the person who submitted the post may be reproduced by any means for dissemination to any non-NOVA member without the written consent of NOVA and the posting member. A NOVA member who violates this policy shall, in addition to penalties authorized by the NOVA By-laws, be subject to termination of his or her privilege of access to the NOVA Bulletin Boards and/or termination of membership in NOVA.
3. NOVA is a 501(c)(6) Corporation. Because of our status, the dues you paid to NOVA are not a charitable deduction under federal tax law. In addition, because NOVA is paying a lobbyist to represent your interests in Washington, D.C., we have determined that 20% of your dues for fiscal year 2011 are not tax deductible as a business expense; however, the remaining 80% is a deductible business expense.

I agree to abide to abide by the policy stated herein for access and use to all NOVA Bulletin Boards to which I am granted access by my membership status.

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SIGNATURE: _____

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Sustaining Membership

To be eligible for Sustaining membership, you must be admitted to practice before the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and/or accredited by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, and actively engaged in representing claimants pursuing VA benefits.

Sustaining members can access all forums on the members only bulletin boards, can subscribe to the NOVA Wikipedia, and can request to be listed on the "NOVA Advocates" page on NOVA's website.

Sustaining membership allows you to vote at all membership meetings, to serve on the Board of Directors, and to register for NOVA's semi-annual seminars at the discounted NOVA member rate.

As a Sustaining member of NOVA you will be authorized, subject to your State Bar rules on ethics and the ABA Model Rules, and subject to the attached policy, to include in your advertising a notice that you are a NOVA member and you will be permitted to use NOVA's logo in your advertising.

NOTE: Dues for new Sustaining members who are joining for the first time, and who are not joining as a sponsored member, are prorated by the quarters remaining in the calendar year. Thus, the dues for a new member joining: January – March, \$400.00; April – June, \$300.00; July – September, \$200.00; October – December, \$100.00

Trial Membership

This category is only available to first-time new members who wish to try out NOVA membership for six months. To continue NOVA membership at the expiration of a Trial membership; the Trial membership must be upgraded to Sustaining membership. Any additional dues are prorated for number of quarters remaining in the calendar year. Trial membership will not extend beyond the calendar year in which it was begun.

Trial members can access all forums on the Members Only bulletin boards, and can register for NOVA's semi-annual seminar at the discounted NOVA member rate.

General Membership

This category is available to law professors, law students, Veterans Service Organization representatives, and pro bono lawyers who are first learning veterans' law. In no event will General membership be available to anyone who, individually or through their employers, receives remuneration of any kind, including EAJA fees for claimants who are pursuing veterans' benefits.

General membership can be converted at anytime to Sustaining by paying any additional pro-rated amount based on the number of quarters remaining in the current membership year. Once a General membership has been converted to Sustaining, the General membership status will no longer be available.

General members will have access to all forums on the member's only bulletin board and NOVA Wiki. General members are allowed to register for NOVA's semi-annual seminars at the discounted NOVA member rate.

General membership does not include voting privileges, or the right to serve on the Board of Directors, or listing on the Attorney/Agents page on the NOVA website..

Law Office Support Membership

This category is available to secretaries, legal assistants and paralegals who support a current Sustaining member.

Law Office Support membership includes READ ONLY access to all forums on the member's only bulletin board and NOVA Wiki. Law Office Support members will be allowed to register for NOVA's semi-annual seminars at the discounted NOVA member rate.

Law Office Support membership does not include voting privileges, the right to serve on the Board of Directors, or listing on the Attorney/Agents page on the NOVA website.