

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

Disaster Resources



Information for lawyers, the public, volunteers and more.

JUST FOR LAWYERS

- If you are a lawyer affected by a disaster and have questions about your ethical obligations, contact The State Bar Ethics Hotline: 415-538-2150.
- [American Bar Association Disaster Resources](#) (See Law Practice Management Section)

RESOURCES FOR THE PUBLIC

- **How to find a lawyer:** [The State Bar of California Certified Lawyer Referral Service](#) or 415-538-2250 or LRS@calbar.ca.gov
- **Legal Aid referrals or self-help resources:** www.lawhelpcalifornia.org. Please refer here for legal services providers by county.
- **Public Protection:** If you are a victim of a disaster it is illegal for lawyers or others to solicit legal work from you. You should consider your need for legal representation, but your choice of lawyer is up to you. If you are solicited or have other concerns about the conduct of an attorney, contact the State Bar's discipline complaint intake hotline **1-800-843-9053**.
- **[HELPING HANDBOOK for Individuals and Families Affected by the Wildfires](#)**
If you are a victim of a disaster or an advocate, this handbook from the law firm of Morrison & Foerster LLP provides helpful information to Californians who are trying to put their homes and lives back together. This handbook was updated in response to the 2008 Southern California Wildfires.
- [California Department of Insurance](#) provides information and links to assist disaster victims with their insurance issues. A hotline is also available: **1-800-927-HELP (4357)**.
- [Check-List of Coverage Issues for Insureds Facing Fire-Related Losses](#) (44 Kb, PDF) This resource from Dickstein Shapiro LLP
- [Guide to Insurance Coverage for Fire-Related Losses](#) (164 Kb, PDF) This resource from Dickstein Shapiro LLP

RESOURCES FOR VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS

- If you are a lawyer or law firm and would like to volunteer or provide legal services to disaster victims, please visit www.probono.net/CA/.
- Click [here](#) to donate to the American Red Cross or contact your local Red Cross Chapter.

OTHER LINKS AND RESOURCES

- [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) (FEMA)
- [National Disaster Legal Aid](#) is a national disaster website offering resources and assistance for both the public and for lawyers.
- [CAL FIRE Incident Information](#)
- [State of California Emergency Management Agency](#) (Cal EMA)