



THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA Disaster Response to the Southern California Fires



Resources for lawyers, the public, volunteers and more

In response to the widespread November Southern Californian fires, The State Bar of California is conducting a preliminary disaster impact assessment with legal services organizations, bar associations and State Bar certified lawyer referral and information services in the following counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, and Ventura. A list of resources is compiled here to assist victims of the fires and those interested in assisting however, please check back to this posting for further updates as more information becomes available.

JUST FOR LAWYERS

- If you are a lawyer affected by the fire 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 Lawyer Referral Service](#) or 415-538-2250 or LRS@calbar.ca.gov
- **Legal Aid referrals or self-help resources:** www.lawhelp.california.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 the wildfires or an advocate, this handbook from the law firm of Morrison and Foerster provides helpful information to Californians who are trying to put their homes and lives back together. Also available in Spanish.
- [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 fire victims, please check back to this posting for more detailed information. If you would like to volunteer with legal services organizations in the affected counties go to <http://www.probono.net/ca/oppsguide/> and search by county.
- Click [here](#) to donate to the American Red Cross or contact your local Red Cross Chapter.

OTHER LINKS AND RESOURCES

- [National Disaster Legal Aid](#) is a new national disaster website offering resources and assistance for both the public and for lawyers. More information specific to the California fires is coming soon.
- [CAL FIRE Incident Information](#)
- [State of California Office of Emergency Services](#)