



Dear members of the Alaska Bar:

Many of you have friends and family in Texas; my own wife is originally from Houston. Also, many of you are probably wondering what you can do to help. The aftermath of Harvey will create an unprecedented need for legal services, particularly for low and middle income individuals. Yesterday the Texas Supreme Court issued an emergency order allowing out-of-state lawyers to practice in the state temporarily to provide pro bono assistance to Harvey victims.

http://www.abajournal.com/news/article/lawyers_licensed_outside_texas_can_provide_help_to_harvey_victims_texas_high

In order to sign up to volunteer, please visit the following website of the Texas State Bar:

<https://texasbar.com/Content/NavigationMenu/ForThePublic/DisasterReliefResources1/default.htm>

There are other ways to help, too. The Federal Bar Association is helping to coordinate relief efforts for Harvey victims who work in the legal field. For more information go to: <http://www.fedbar.org/Outreach/SOLACE/Assistance-for-Hurricane-Harvey.aspx>

Finally, there is additional information available at the following local Texas bar websites:

Austin: <http://www.austinbar.org/for-the-public/legal-resources/disaster-relief/>

Houston: <https://www.makejusticehappen.org/node/193>

Dallas: <http://www.dallasbar.org/site-page/hurricane-harvey-disaster-relief>

San Antonio: <https://www.sanantoniobar.org/reaction-tropical-storm-harvey-legal-hotline-volunteer-opportunities/>

Louisiana: <https://www.lsba.org/dr/>

I strongly encourage every one of you to make some effort to assist in this national disaster.

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