

**ABA YLD AND SBM YLS
DISASTER LEGAL SERVICE RESPONSE PROGRAM
Attorney Volunteer Agreement**

(Legal services are delivered under terms of a Memorandum of Understanding between ABA YLD and FEMA)

The State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section (“SBM YLS”), the Legal Services of Eastern Michigan (“LESM”), Lakeshore Legal Aid Counsel & Advocacy Law Line (“CALL”), the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (“ABA YLD”) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) have established the Disaster Legal Services Hotline (the “DLS Hotline”). The DLS Hotline was established pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the ABA YLD and FEMA, which can be found on the SBM YLS webpage. The DLS Hotline is a call center where survivors from a declared disaster can call to access legal services and educational information. The Disaster Legal Services Committee’s Disaster Legal Service Response Program (“DLSR Program”) seeks attorneys admitted to practice in Michigan to participate in answering or returning calls from the DLS Hotline and to provide limited services as pro bono counsel. As part of the DLSR Program’s efforts, we will only accept attorneys who can agree to the representations below:

As an attorney volunteer for the DLSR Program, I agree:

1. That I am a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan.
2. That neither I nor my law firm will solicit or accept any attorney’s fee (including any referral fee) from any person referred to us by the DLSR Program for any matters related to the declared disaster.

By execution of this application, the undersigned attorney represents that s(he) meets or will follow all of the foregoing criteria, agrees to the foregoing obligations, and will not accept, for a fee, any cases initiated through the DLSR Program.

Name _____
State Bar No.

Street Address City Zip Code

Telephone No. _____
Fax No.

Cellular Telephone No. _____
Email Address

I prefer to receive communications by: Fax Email

Languages Spoken:

Area(s) of Practice:

I am willing to staff the DLS Hotline. Yes No

I am willing to return phone calls placed to the DLS Hotline. Yes No

Availability to return phone calls or staff DLS Hotline:

I am willing to volunteer to provide pro bono representation to survivors. Yes No

I am willing to act as a “mentor” or “special advisor” to a less experienced attorney volunteer providing free advice under this program. Yes No

I am interested in serving on the SBM YLS Disaster Legal Service Committee to assist with training and developing resources. Yes No

I carry legal malpractice insurance. Yes No

I understand that no insurance is provided through this program but I may be eligible to obtain malpractice insurance on a case by case basis through the State Bar of Michigan. For more information, please contact SBM Pro Bono Service Counsel, Robert Mathis at (517) 346-6412 or rmathis@mail.michbar.org.

I also understand that should I choose to undertake actual legal representation of any person in a disaster-related case on a pro bono basis as a result of my participation in the DLSR Program, it would be done in my individual capacity as an attorney and not as a representative or agent of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division or the State Bar of Michigan or its Young Lawyers Section.

I further agree to give these referrals my highest priority; and if applicable, to respond expeditiously to attorneys seeking mentor assistance.

Signature

Please return this completed application form to:

Amy Krieg, ABA YLD District Representative for Michigan and Chair of the SBM YLS Disaster Legal Services Committee via mail to Michigan State University College of Law, 648 N. Shaw Ln, #301, East Lansing, MI 48824 via fax to 517-432-6831, or via e-mail to michigandisasterlegalservices@gmail.com (*preferred method*).