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Dear BHBA Family:

As we watch with disbelief and profound concern for everyone who has been impacted by Hurricane Harvey’s devastating effect on southeastern Texas and now Louisiana, we are all asking “how can we help?”

In addition to the natural first instinct of making donations to the [Salvation Army](#), the [American Red Cross](#), and other reputable relief organizations, we, in the legal profession, understand that lives and businesses will need assistance beyond food, shelter and clothing.

The Texas and Louisiana courts have been shut down by flooding. Law firms, legal aid and public defender offices throughout Southern Texas and adjacent Louisiana have been water ravaged and will need assistance recovering files, replacing equipment and communication systems. Anyone with a pending legal matter, whether civil or criminal, will be doubly devastated.

The Beverly Hills Bar Association, in conjunction with the Beverly Hills Bar Foundation, urges our members to consider making a donation to specifically assist the legal communities get back into operation as quickly as possible.

Below are links to learn what bars in the affected communities, as well as the ABA, are doing and how we can help now and as the needs evolve. Information from bar associations in affected areas is being updated on an ongoing basis; the list below is based on information available to date and is not meant to be exhaustive.

- [State Bar of Texas](#)
- [Houston Bar Association](#)
- [Louisiana State Bar Association](#)
- [American Bar Association](#)

When disasters hit a community, the impact is far reaching but not all of it immediately obvious. As a legal community, we can anticipate the needs of our colleagues and their clients where others may not; all the more important that we do what we can to assist in the access to justice after such a disaster.

With our thanks for your consideration to respond to the need for disaster relief in the legal communities of Texas and Louisiana in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

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