

Free Legal Help for Mississippi Tornado Survivors

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PEARL, Miss. – Disaster Legal Services (DLS) offers free legal assistance to low-income Mississippi tornado survivors. If you're not able to afford an attorney for your disaster-related needs, DLS may be able to help.

A toll-free legal aid hotline accepts calls 24-hours a day. The number is (877) 691-6185. You' may be prompted to leave a message and a specialist will get back with you as soon as possible.

The service, which allows callers to request the assistance of a lawyer, is a partnership between The Mississippi Bar, The Mississippi Bar Young Lawyers Division, the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Callers should identify what storm-related issue they need legal assistance with and the county where their storm-damaged property is located. Homeowners and renters whose primary residence is in Carroll, Humphreys, Monroe, Montgomery, Panola or Sharkey counties are eligible for this free service.

DSL can help with:

- Insurance claims for medical bills, loss of property, and loss of life.
- New wills, powers of attorney, and other legal papers lost during the disaster.
- Home repair contracts and contractors.
- Problems with landlords.
- Proof of home ownership.
- FEMA appeals.

DLS attorneys are not FEMA employees. The services they provide are confidential and they do not share information with FEMA.

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