Free Legal Help Available

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TALLAHASSEE, **Fla.**— A free legal help hotline is now available to eligible individuals affected by the May 10 severe storms and tornadoes in Leon County.

The hotline is available to connect survivors who are unable to afford an attorney to free legal services. Survivors may call the toll-free legal services hotline anytime and leave a message for a callback at (850) 385-9007.

Callers may get help with legal issues such as:

- Securing FEMA and other government benefits available to disaster survivors.
- Home repair contracts and property insurance claims.
- Replacement of wills and other important legal documents lost or destroyed in the disaster.
- Consumer protection issues such as price-gouging and avoiding contractor scams in the rebuilding process.
- Counseling on landlord or tenant problems, or threats of foreclosure.
- Disability-related access to federal, state and local disaster programs.

The Disaster Legal Services (DLS) program works with state and local partners to provide free legal help for low-income disaster survivors. The service is a partnership between the <u>American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division</u>, <u>FEMA</u> and <u>The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division</u>. DLS attorneys are not FEMA employees.

For the latest information about Florida's recovery, visit <u>fema.gov/disaster/4794</u>. Follow FEMA on X, formerly known as Twitter, at <u>x.com/femaregion4</u> or on Facebook at <u>facebook.com/fema</u>.

