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## News Release

### FREE LEGAL SERVICE AVAILABLE TO SOME FEMA REGISTRANTS

**NEW BERLIN, Wis.**— Some residents of Grant and Milwaukee counties may qualify for low-cost or free legal services to help recover from severe storms, tornadoes and flooding, July 20-24. Disaster Legal Services (DLS) is a program offered by the Young Lawyers Divisions of the State Bar of Wisconsin and the American Bar Association, in cooperation with Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Volunteer attorneys help FEMA registrants understand disaster-related legal concerns, such as:

- Insurance claims (life, medical, property, etc.);
- Landlord-tenant and other housing problems;
- Home repair contracts;
- FEMA registrations and appeals; and
- Consumer protection matters, remedies and procedures.

The State Bar's hotline, **877-WISLAW1/877-947-5291** will be staffed 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Attorneys attempt to respond to voicemails within 24 hours.

To learn which income levels qualify for DLS, visit [www.LegalExplorer.com](http://www.LegalExplorer.com).

WEM and FEMA urge Grant and Milwaukee County residents and business owners to register for disaster assistance before the Nov. 17 deadline. To apply, call **800-621-FEMA/3362** or **TTY 800-462-7585** from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, or visit [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov).

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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