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Message from LSBA President Frank X. Neuner, Jr.

On behalf of the Louisiana State Bar Association, we extend our sincerest condolences to those individuals that have been affected by the devastating impact of Hurricane Katrina.

The Louisiana Bar Association website (www.lsba.org) will be our primary means of communicating for the foreseeable future. We are updating the site on an ongoing basis and it includes information ranging from message boards to Supreme Court Orders. Please check www.LSBA.org frequently for up-to-the-minute information on the Louisiana legal community. Also, please encourage your colleagues in the profession to use this invaluable resource during this most difficult time.

The Louisiana State Bar Association extends its thanks to the countless lawyers who have contacted us with offers of assistance, housing and office space. Members of the legal community from around the state and around the country have come together in their desire to assist victims of this tragedy. Please accept my personal assurances that your bar association will continue to do everything it can to assist its members and the public and to facilitate communication.

Regards,
Frank X. Neuner, Jr.

Louisiana State Bar Association Establishes Temporary Offices in Lafayette

Due to Hurricane Katrina, the Louisiana State Bar Association has established temporary offices in Lafayette, Louisiana. Contact information is:

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Locate a Louisiana Lawyer or Update Your Contact Information

To enable lawyers to locate one another, the LSBA has added a password protected feature on our website. The posting includes contact information for all active members

as it existed prior to Hurricane Katrina. There is an additional field for displaced lawyers to provide their temporary contact information. We are asking all members to spread the word about this feature to all lawyers that they know so that we can assemble current contact information and share this with other members of the Louisiana State Bar Association. Click here to log in: <http://www.lsba.org/home/memberslogin.asp>

Certification of Eligibility Delayed

The certification of ineligibility for those lawyers who have not paid their 2005/2006 dues or assessment and/or filed their Attorney Registration Statements by Tuesday, September 6 has been extended. We will not penalize those members who have not made the necessary payments and/or filings by the September 6 deadline. Members who have not yet paid SHOULD NOT contact the LSBA but should visit www.LSBA.org for the most recent information. As soon as we are able to accept and process payments and registration statements, we will post an announcement on our website.

Court Information Posted on LSBA.org

The Louisiana Supreme Court and other state courts are utilizing www.LSBA.org to publish Orders and other important information. In addition, we are posting links to Federal courts located in Louisiana. To access this information, click on the links below:
Louisiana Supreme Court:

http://www.lsba.org/home/louisiana_supreme_court_inform.asp

Other Louisiana State Court Information

http://www.lsba.org/home/information_for_other_louisian.asp

Information on Federal Courts Located in Louisiana

http://www.lsba.org/home/info_from_federal_courts.asp

LSBA Establishes Hurricane Katrina Legal Community Relief Fund

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), through the Baton Rouge Bar Foundation, has established the Hurricane Katrina Legal Community Relief Fund to help rebuild South Louisiana's legal infrastructure so that lawyers can provide needed legal services to their clients and restore their damaged offices and records in the wake of this disaster. Michael H. Rubin of Baton Rouge is chairing this effort. We are developing forms and criteria to apply for relief from the fund and this information will be posted on www.LSBA.org, as soon as it is available. All members of the legal profession are invited to contribute to the fund. Click here to link to additional information and the donation form: <http://www.lsba.org/home/NewsDetails.asp?NewsID=4>

Disaster Training Manual Published

The Louisiana State Bar Association, under the leadership of Lafayette lawyer Susan Simon with the assistance of countless volunteers, has published a disaster training manual for attorneys to use to provide legal services to those in need. Click here to access the manual: <http://www.lsba.org/home/manual.asp>

Bar Exam Results Pending

We have had numerous inquiries from individuals who took the bar exam in July. The Louisiana Supreme Court is assessing this situation and we will publish any related announcements on LSBA.org as soon as they are made available to us.