

## APPENDIX I

### COMMON LEGAL NEEDS AFTER A DISASTER

#### Short Term 1-6 Weeks after event

Landlord-Tenant questions  
Present insurance claims, pro-active steps to maximize coverage, flood insurance  
Apply for FEMA assistance (temporary housing, home repair/replacement, other needs)  
Apply for SBA Disaster Loans to individuals, Disaster Unemployment  
Replace documents (ID, driver license, SS Card, EBT, custody, immigration, deed, etc.)  
Apply for or redirect unemployment, TANF, SNAP/Food Stamps, Medicaid, SSI benefits  
Wage/Labor Theft Redress  
Respond to public agency requests for emergency rule modifications on health, human services, and utility concerns  
Ankle-monitor questions  
Reschedule missed court appointments  
Public Charge questions

#### Medium Term 1-6 Months after event

Appeal FEMA assistance denials  
Renew rent subsidies from either FEMA or HUD  
Evictions and private lease termination/repair questions  
Utility shutoffs  
Security deposits  
Displaced public housing participants  
Section 8 portability  
Mobile home questions  
Foreclosure prevention  
Clearing property titles  
Access to public education while displaced, IDEA and 504 issues  
Insurance claim disputes  
Consumer price gouging and other scams, including insurance claim scams  
Repair contractor scams and disputes  
Powers of Attorney to care for a child or elderly person  
Guardianships and Supportive Decision Making for those needing  
Emergency conservatorships (custody)/Modifications  
Modification of parenting orders to reflect new home and school locations  
Domestic violence response, including protective orders  
Estate planning document replacement



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#### Long Term 6 Months to years after event

Foreclosures  
Bankruptcies  
Flood Insurance Proof of Loss Preparation and FEMA Flood Directorate Appeals  
Defend FEMA Recoupment  
Apply for disaster tax relief  
Civil and disability rights cases  
Legal Counsel for community based organizations on rebuilding plans  
Litigation to redress systemic disaster response problems  
LL/Tenant Issues concerning repair issues, non-repair, mold concealment, etc.  
Disputes regarding home elevation certificates and flood plain zoning  
Disputes regarding significant damage determination against homeowners  
Public Charge questions