

## LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICES & LEGAL AID

### Who can help me understand all these legal issues?

It is advisable to consult a qualified attorney about a number of the issues you may face as the result of a disaster, including, but not limited to, obtaining benefits from your insurance policies. If you already have a personal, family, or business attorney, you may want to reach out to him or her for advice and/or a referral.

For those without a prior relationship with an attorney, California has a number of legal referral services and legal services organizations. The referral services listed below have been certified by the State Bar of California. Check out the State Bar's lawyer referral web page, <http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Public/Need-Legal-Help/Lawyer-Referral-Service>, to get a complete listing of certified lawyer referral services in all California counties or call (866) 442-2529 (toll free in California) or (415) 538-2250 (from outside California). The State Bar of California also publishes a consumer pamphlet, "What Consumers Should Know Before Hiring an Attorney," which can be obtained online at <https://www.calbar.ca.gov/Public/Free-Legal-Information/Legal-Guide-Pamphlets> or by calling (866) 442-2529 or (415) 538-2250.

The legal services organizations listed below primarily serve low-income individuals. A full list of California's legal aid and self-help resources can be found on the website **LawHelpCA.org** at <https://www.lawhelpca.org/>. This website also has Disaster Relief Information, which can be viewed at [Disaster Relief | LawHelpCA - Legal aid and legal help near you](#). The **National Disaster Legal Aid Resource Center** also has information for those who need legal assistance, as well as for legal aid professionals and attorneys seeking to volunteer their time. The website is <https://www.ladrc.org>.

### LEGAL HELPLINE NUMBERS AND REGIONAL REFERRALS

Call or check websites for service hours or whether in-person services are available.

<p><b>Disaster Legal Assistance Collaborative Legal Assistance Helpline</b>            (888) 382-3406  <a href="https://disasterlegalservicesca.org/">https://disasterlegalservicesca.org/</a></p> <p>Provides free legal information and help for California disaster survivors.</p>	<p><b>California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. (CRLA)</b>            (800) 337-0690  <a href="https://www.crla.org/">https://www.crla.org/</a> <i>locations</i></p> <p>Provides free legal services to low-income Californians in rural areas. Get help in English or Spanish.</p>
<p><b>United Policyholders</b>            917 Irving Street, Suite 4 San Francisco, CA 94122            (415) 393-9990  <a href="https://www.uphelp.org/">https://www.uphelp.org/</a></p> <p>Non-profit organization that provides information to consumers of all types of insurance.</p>	<p><b>Disability Rights California</b>            1831 K St.            Sacramento, CA 95811            (800) 776-5746; (916) 504-5800  <a href="https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/">https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/</a></p>
<p><b>California Indian Legal Services</b>            117 J St., Ste. 201            Sacramento, CA 95814            (800) 829-0284; (916) 978-0960  <a href="https://www.calindian.org/">https://www.calindian.org/</a></p> <p>Serves California Indian communities with no-cost and low-cost legal services.</p>	<p><b>Legal Aid at Work</b>            180 Montgomery St., Ste. 600            San Francisco, CA 94104            (415) 864-8848  <a href="https://legalaidatwork.org/">https://legalaidatwork.org/</a></p> <p>Offers information and self-help resources for workers, as well as a Workers' Rights Clinic helpline at (866) 864-8208.</p>

**Start Small Think Big**

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<https://www.startsmallthinkbig.org>

Provides free legal services to eligible “under resourced” entrepreneurs in California. Consult the website for details regarding eligibility.

<https://www.startsmallthinkbig.org/legal>

Additionally, all courts in California have a Self-Help Center that can provide free legal help to people who do not have a lawyer. Self-Help Center staff can tell self-represented litigants about their case, assist in filling out forms, and explain legal options. Staff cannot give legal advice. Courts may also have a Family Law Facilitator’s Office or a Small Claims Advisor. You can look up Self-Help Centers here: <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/self-help/find-self-help>.