



ACADIANA LEGAL SERVICE CORPORATION
EQUAL JUSTICE FOR ALL

Navigating Disaster Legal Issues: A Guide

DISASTER RECOVERY

Reflect on the past events of 2020-2021 natural disasters; Hurricane Laura, Delta, Zeta, Ida, Winter Storm Uri, or the severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding so ALSC can better understand the legal needs and gaps in services for disaster affected populations.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- ✓ Location: In which geographic area did you reside during the 2020-2021 natural disasters?
- ✓ Age Range: What was your age range during these events?
- ✓ Occupation: What was your occupation at the time of these disasters?

HOUSING

- ✓ Did you experience property damage due to any of the 2020-2021 natural disasters?
- ✓ If yes, did you encounter any difficulties with your insurance claim and/or FEMA claim for damages caused by these events?
- ✓ Did you face any landlord-tenant disputes related to the damages or losses incurred from these disasters?
- ✓ Were you displaced from your home due to any of those disasters?

FAMILY LAW

- ✓ Did any of the 2020-2021 natural disasters impact your child custody or visitation arrangements?
- ✓ Did your marriage break down as a result of the disaster forcing you to get divorce?
- ✓ Did you have trouble making child support payments during or after these disasters?
- ✓ Did you relocate during the disaster? If yes, did this relocation affect any existing family law agreements or arrangements?

LITIGATION

- ✓ Were you involved in any litigation related to the 2020-2021 natural disasters, such as insurance disputes or contract issues?
- ✓ Did you encounter any consumer challenges such as price-gouging?

BENEFITS-RELATED ISSUES

- ✓ Did you seek FEMA assistance or any other government aid (D-SNAP, D-Unemployment or rebuilding funds) following these disasters?
- ✓ Did you encounter any challenges in the application or appeal process for government aid because of these disasters?
- ✓ If you are a veteran, did you encounter difficulties accessing VA benefits or medical care because of these disasters?

EMPLOYMENT LAW

- ✓ Did any of the 2020-2021 natural disasters affect your employment status or working conditions?
- ✓ Did you lose your job or face reduced hours due to these disasters?

WILLS AND SUCCESSIONS

- ✓ Did the events of the past natural disasters prompt a desire to create or to make changes to your will or estate planning documents?
- ✓ Have you faced challenges in handling the succession of a loved one's estate from these disasters?

Report the damage to your home.

DISASTER RECOVERY

It is crucial to report your damage to the state to start the recovery process after a natural disaster. Reporting damage will help determine federal funding.

AFFECTED BY HURRICANE LAURA/DELTA

Did your flood damage begin before the recent storms? We may be able to help! ALSC offers services for lost documents, wills, and title clearing and more. We also provide informational clinics to address issues and answer question.

Visit www.la-law.org/events to see upcoming events in your area.

SCAN TO



REPORT
DAMAGE

Written and published by Acadiana Legal
Service Corporation, July 2024.
www.la-law.org | 1 (866) 275-2572

LSC | America's Partner
for Equal Justice
LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION



**LOUISIANA BAR
FOUNDATION**
FUNDING CIVIL LEGAL AID