

# The Missouri Legal Services Disaster Manual



This document was prepared by the Legal Help in Disasters Committee of the Governor's Faith-Based and Community Service Partnership for Disaster Recovery. This manual was prepared to assist Missourians who are or may be affected by disasters. This manual was prepared to assist Missouri lawyers whose clients may be facing legal issues new to the lawyers or unique to disasters. This manual is designed to assist and train those volunteer lawyers who graciously agree to help disaster survivors through on-site assistance.

Also, this manual is designed to provide information to the public concerning legal matters that may arise due to disasters in Missouri. As always, the public should consult with an attorney before taking action and the attorney should verify the information before any advice is provided.

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