

On behalf of OCBA President Nikki P. Miliband:

To Members of the OCBA:

The recent fires that have devastated our fellow Californians in the City of Paradise in Butte County and the other recent wildfires in Ventura and Los Angeles counties are unprecedented in their destruction. As lawyers, we are uniquely qualified to help in ways that others cannot. If you have been wondering how you can help, please check out the resources noted below.

ARE YOU AN ATTORNEY WHO CAN HELP?

- The State Bar of California is working with local bar associations, legal services providers, law schools, and pro bono partners to coordinate the legal response for survivors of the Northern and Southern California wildfires. Register to volunteer [via this online form](#).
- Complete this [Volunteer Lawyer Form for Pepperdine University School of Law](#) - Their Disaster Relief Clinic will offer pro bono legal services to people affected by the Southern California Wildfires of 2018. The Disaster Relief Clinic will provide community education, limited-scope representation, advice and counsel, and referrals to volunteer lawyers on matters related to the Wildfires. These matters likely will include applications and appeals for FEMA and other governmental benefits, insurance disputes, housing matters, business interruption, and related matters.
- Familiarize yourself with the resources and trainings available at <https://www.disasterlegalaid.org/trainings/>.
- Sign up to be a member of the [National Disaster Legal Aid Advocacy Center](#) (membership is free). This special practice area includes password-protected advocacy resources, a monthly training calendar email, and a series of roundtable discussions.
- Check <https://www.disasterlegalaid.org/volunteer/> for volunteer opportunities updates.
- ChangeLawyers (formerly California Bar Foundation) is soliciting donations to fund fire relief legal services programs. Learn more here: <https://www.changelawyers.org/rapid-response.html>