



SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA  
LEGAL SERVICES



## Disaster Legal Services

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# Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS)

- ▶ SLLS has been providing award winning civil legal aid to low-income and other vulnerable people for almost 50 years.
- ▶ **Who we are:** SLLS offers free civil legal services to help families tackle life's legal hurdles in 22 Southeast Louisiana parishes.
- ▶ **Mission Statement:** To achieve justice for low-income people in Louisiana by enforcing and defending their legal rights through civil legal aid, advocacy and community education.



## SLLS Locations

- ▶ **Baton Rouge Office**  
715 St. Ferdinand St.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
Toll Free: (855) 512-3980  
Local: (225) 448-0080  
Fax: (225) 383-1197  
Intake Line: (225) 448-0331
- ▶ **Covington Office**  
423 N. Florida St.  
Covington, LA 70433  
Toll Free: (800) 891-0076  
Local: (985) 893-0076  
Fax: (985) 893-6774
- ▶ **New Orleans Office**  
1010 Common St.  
Suite 1400A  
New Orleans, LA 70112  
Toll Free: (877) 521-6242  
Local: (504) 529-1000 or 529-1008  
Fax: (504) 529-1009

- ▶ **Hammond Office**  
1200 Derek Dr. Suite 100  
Hammond, LA 70403  
Toll Free: (800) 349-0886  
Local: (985) 345-2130  
Fax: (985) 345-2686
- ▶ **Harvey Office**  
Manhattan Place Building  
2439 Manhattan Blvd. Suite 103  
Harvey, LA 70058  
Toll Free: (800) 624-4771  
Local: (504) 374-0977  
Fax: (504) 374-0991
- ▶ **Houma Office**  
521 Roussell St.  
Houma, LA 70360  
Toll Free: (800) 256-1660  
Local: (985) 851-5687  
Fax: (985) 851-5695



# SLLS' Areas of Impact

## Family Law



- Divorce & Custody
- Children in Need
- Domestic Violence

## Housing



- Landlord/Tenant
- Evictions
- Foreclosures

## Consumer



- Bankruptcy
- Consumer Protection
- IRS Disputes

## Employment/Benefits



- Wage Claim Disputes
- Expungements
- Disability & VA Benefits

## Seniors

60+

- Elder Abuse
- Wills/POA
- Successions

## Disaster Relief



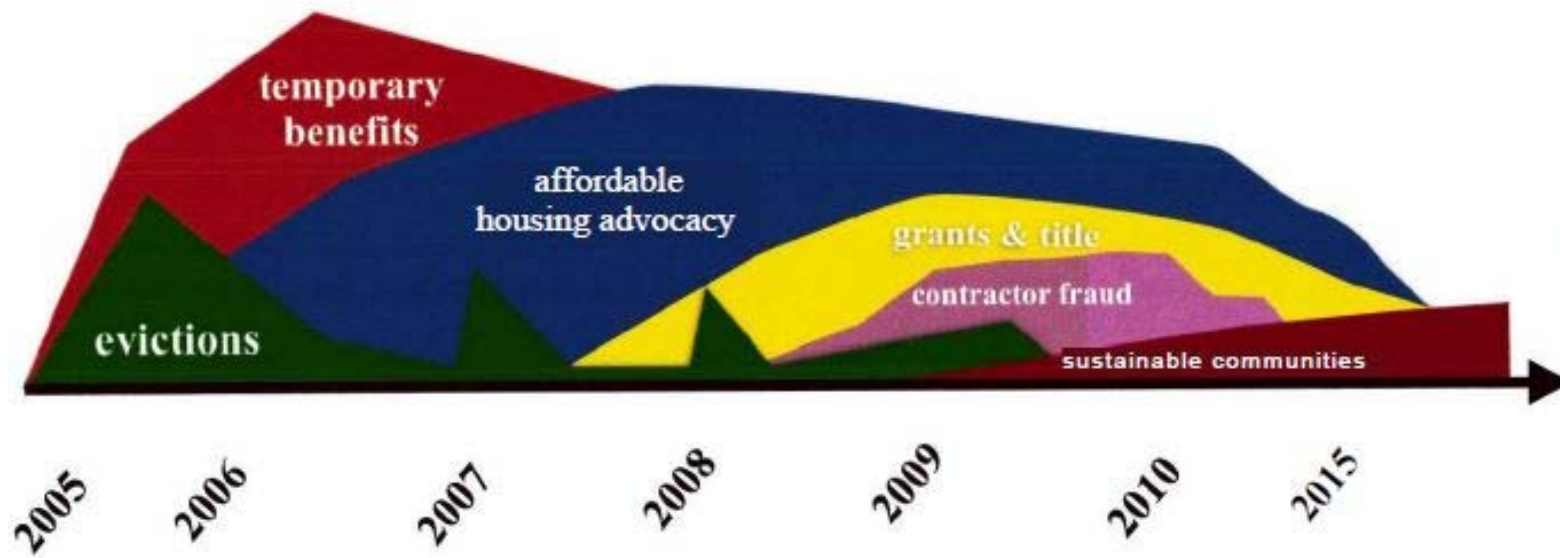
- FEMA Appeals
- Government Benefit
- Contractor Fraud

# Civil Legal Services Help Stabilize Households Impacted By Disaster



- ▶ Civil legal aid is an often overlooked, yet critical solution to help disaster impacted families and communities recover.
- ▶ Major natural disasters - Katrina, Rita, Ike, Gustav, BP Oil Spill, Isaac, and 2016 floods highlighted its importance
- ▶ Arc of disaster-related legal needs

## HOW THE WORK EMERGED



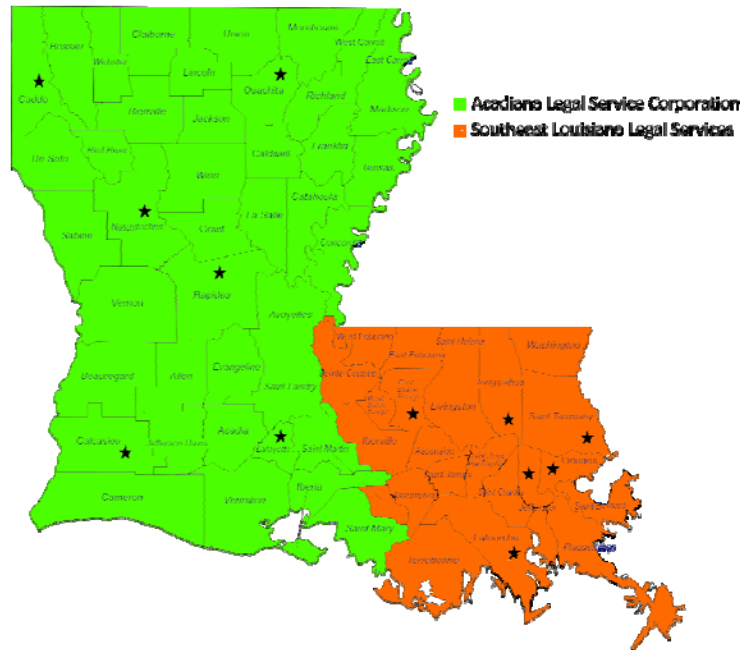
# Disaster Legal Services

- ▶ **Disaster Legal Services Include:**  
Landlord Tenant Disputes, Successions, Contractor Fraud, FEMA Appeals, Employment Law, Disaster Sales Tax, Foreclosures/Mortgage Disputes, Domestic Violence, & More

- ▶ **DR-4277 & SLLS Offices:**

- ▶ St. Tammany, Washington, St. Helena, Livingston, Tangipahoa Parish Residents:  
1200 Derek Drive, Suite 100,  
Hammond, Louisiana  
(985)345-2130 OR 1(800)349-0886

- ▶ Ascension, East Feliciana, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, West Feliciana, East Baton Rouge Residents:  
715 St. Ferdinand Street,  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
(855)512-3980 OR (225)448-0800



Eligibility: 200% Federal Poverty Level or Below

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
200%	\$23,760	\$32,040	\$40,320	\$48,600	\$56,880	\$65,160	\$73,460	\$81,780

## Acadiana Legal Service Corporation (ALSC)

- ▶ Provides free Civil Legal Services, including Disaster Legal Services, in the 42 parishes not covered by SLLS.
- ▶ Disaster Legal Services for households impacted by the March and August 2016 flooding.
- ▶ In the central and northern parishes of the state, ALSC operates as Legal Services of Central Louisiana and Legal Aid of North Louisiana.
- ▶ Applicants should contact the office nearest to them (see next slide).



## ALSC Locations

- ▶ Alexandria Office  
1808 Jackson St.  
Alexandria, LA 71301  
Toll Free: (800) 256-4343  
Local: (318) 443-7281  
Fax: (318) 443-9516
- ▶ Lafayette Office  
1020 Surrey St.  
Lafayette, LA 70501  
Toll Free: (800) 256-1175  
Local: (337) 237-4320  
Fax: (337) 237-8839
- ▶ Lake Charles Office  
1 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 800  
Lake Charles, LA 70629  
Toll Free: (800) 439-0639  
Local: (337) 439-0377  
Fax: (337) 439-0636
- ▶ Monroe Office  
3016 Cameron Street  
Monroe, LA 71201  
Toll Free: (800) 259-6591  
Local: (318) 699-0889  
Fax: (318) 699-0191
- ▶ Natchitoches Office  
134 St. Denis St.  
Natchitoches, LA 71457  
Toll Free: (800) 960-9109  
Local: (318) 352-7220  
Fax: (318) 352-7015
- ▶ Shreveport Office  
720 Travis St.  
Shreveport, LA 71101  
Toll Free: (800) 826-9265  
Local: (318) 222-7186  
Fax: (318) 221-1901



# Flood Proof: Legal Help for Homeowners with Title Problems



- ▶ The Baton Rouge Area Foundation, with support from a W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant, has funded a Title Clearing Collaborative to address the heightened need for legal help to resolve title problems post-disaster.
  - ▶ Goal- To clear title on 500 flood damaged homes impacted by the 2016 floods in 3 parishes so people can access recovery funds or other rebuilding resources.
  - ▶ Project funded for one year. Need will continue beyond. This work is an eligible use of CDBG funds.
- ▶ “Flood Proof” provides:
  - ▶ Free Civil Legal services for successions & title clearing problems
  - ▶ Payment of Court or Other Related Filing Fees
  - ▶ Curators to Represent Missing Heirs through volunteer lawyers
  - ▶ Screening, Identification, & referral of other unmet legal needs posing a barrier to recovery

To apply, call 1-844-244-7871

# "Flood Proof" Project

## ► Eligibility Criteria:

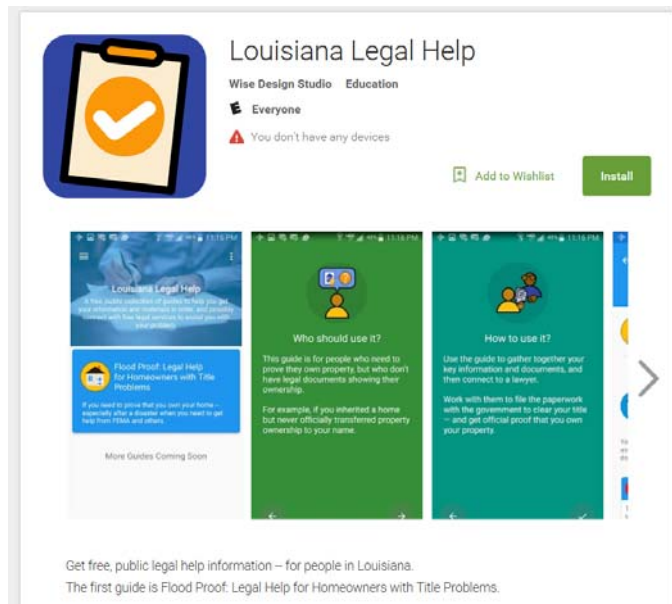
- Property was damaged in 2016 flood
- Flooded home was primary residence and you plan to rebuild
- Property is located in Baton Rouge, Livingston or Ascension Parish
- Applicant meets income guidelines

## ► Project Partners:

- Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, Baton Rouge Bar Foundation, Southern University Law Center, LSU Law Clinic, Louisiana Appleseed, Equal Justice Works, Louisiana Bar Foundation, the ABA Center for Innovation & other stakeholders.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Household Income	\$29,700	\$40,050	\$50,400	\$60,750	\$71,100	\$81,450

# Flood Proof: Legal Help App



Stanford University School of Law Developed a New App to Help with Triage & Documentation Collection

How to find Flood Proof: Legal Help for Homeowners with Title Problems App

<https://www.play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.wisable.louhelp>