



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



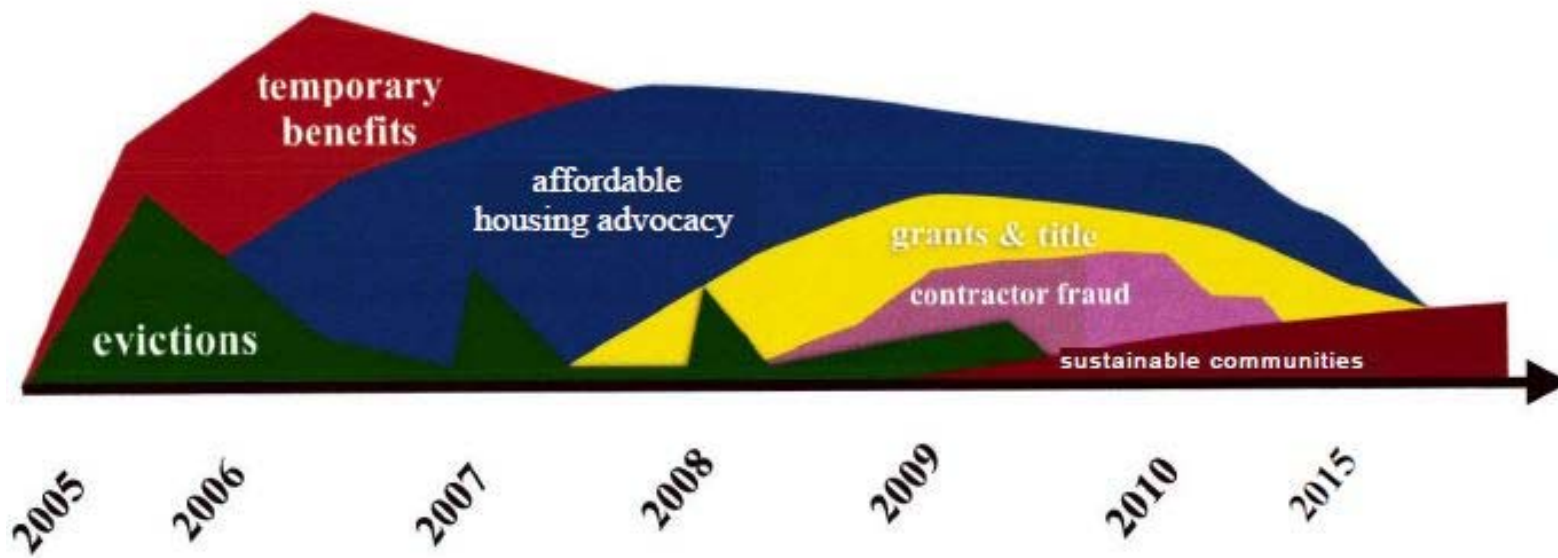
- FEMA Appeals
- Government Benefit
- Contractor Fraud

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



Vulnerable Populations Seek Civil Legal Help at Higher Rates Post-Disaster*

Elderly

- 15% vs.
- 28% in Disaster Cases

Disabled

- 19% vs.
- 28% in Disaster Cases

Veteran

- 1% vs.
- 7.5% in Disaster Cases

*Review of 2016 SLLS Non-Disaster vs. Disaster Impacted Households



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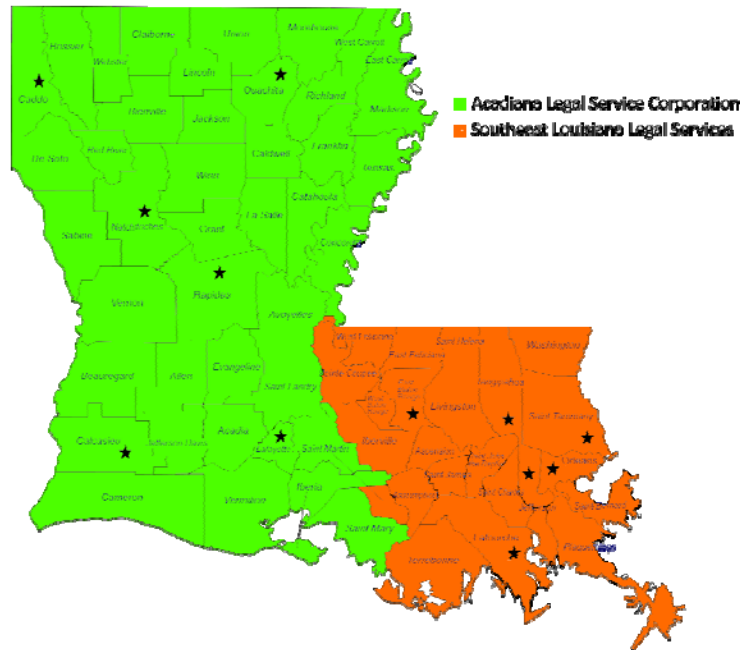
Disaster Legal Services

- ▶ **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

How Can People Reach the “Flood Proof” Project for Help?

- ▶ Call 1-844-244-7871
- ▶ Walk into SLLS’ office Mondays or Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. - 715 St. Ferdinand Street, Baton Rouge 70802
- ▶ At Community Outreach events
- ▶ Download our mobile app at www.FloodProofLa.org
Download “LOUISIANA LEGAL HELP

For more information visit www.floodproofla.org

"Flood Proof" Project

► Eligibility Criteria:

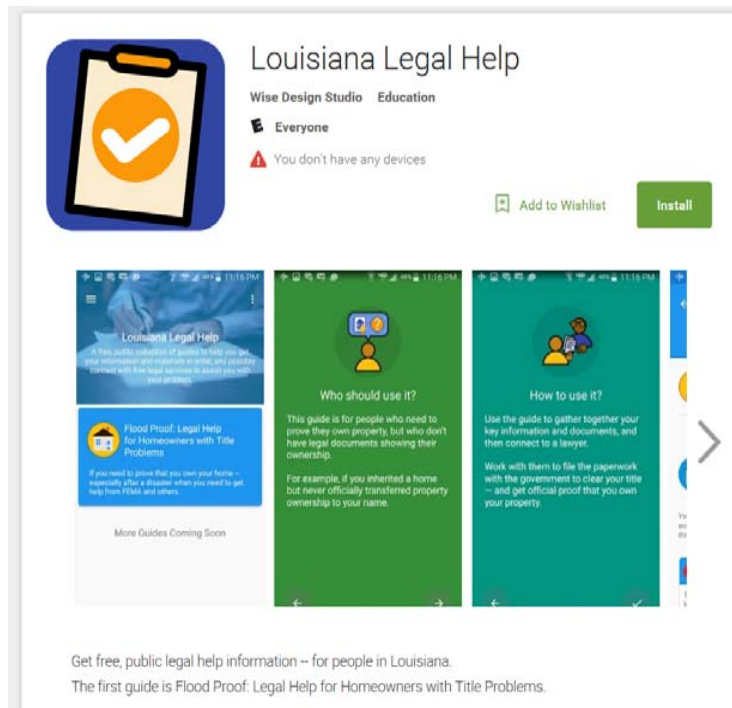
- Property was damaged in 2016 flood
- Flooded home was primary residence and you plan to rebuild
- Property is located in Baton Rouge, Livingston or Ascension Parish
- Applicant meets income guidelines

► 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	\$ 30,150	\$40,600	\$51,050	\$61,500	\$71,950	\$82,400

9(a) Flood Proof: Legal Help App



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

<https://itunes.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewSoftware?id=1190423382&mt=8>

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