



The Iowa State Bar Association Disaster Legal Assistance Program (the “Program”)

Substantial parts of Iowa have been declared disaster areas as a result of tornados and flooding in the summer of 2008. Following these disasters the Board of Governors of The Iowa State Bar Association immediately began discussing what the ISBA could do to assist the legal community as well as the citizens of Iowa at this great time of need.

In response to these disasters The Iowa State Bar Association Board of Governors elected to create a Disaster Assistance Task Force to evaluate the impact of these disasters on the legal community and the citizens of Iowa. The task force quickly realized the problems were far too vast to assist all in need, so the members have concentrated their efforts on the legal community in the belief that helping lawyers get back on their feet will enable them to continue to seek justice for the citizens of Iowa.

The first project of the Disaster Assistance Task Force was to establish the Legal Community Relief Fund and create a process for distributing these funds to those who qualify. In accordance with guidelines provided in the IRS publication, "Disaster Relief, Providing Assistance through Charitable Organizations" The Iowa State Bar Association and the Iowa State Bar Foundation has:

- (a) established objective criteria for determining need and selecting relief recipients (see below)
- (b) created an independent selection committee to choose recipients for aid.

The ISBA expects to provide financial aid to Iowa lawyers and law firms who have experienced uninsured or underinsured hard-cost losses such as cleanup, record reclamation, furniture, technology, and equipment replacement. It is anticipated that aid will not be provided to those claiming business income loss or moving-related expenses for temporary relocation.

The recipients of aid will be selected after an objective determination of need by the Task Force.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

In order to be eligible for consideration for a relief grant from The Iowa State Bar Association:

1. Applicant must complete and sign the attached Grant Application (the “Application”); and
2. Applicant must reside in an area of Iowa declared a disaster by the federal government; and
3. Applicant must have owned tangible personal property damaged or lost as a result of the disasters of 2008; and
4. Tangible personal property damaged or lost must be net of insurance proceeds.

Eligibility will be determined on a case-by-case basis after review of each application by the Task Force.

Any initial grant made pursuant to The Iowa State Bar Association Legal Disaster Assistance Program as currently structured shall not exceed FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) but may be less than that amount, depending on many factors, including (a) the amount of funding available to the ISBA; (b) the number of applications made for assistance; (c) the relative severity of need as represented in the applications and as may be determined by the Disaster Assistance Task Force. As additional funds are available the Task Force may award additional grants to those who have demonstrated the greatest need.

Decisions of the Task Force shall be final and not subject to review or appeal.

Grant applications must be submitted by November 7, 2008 to be considered.

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GRANT APPLICATION

Law Firm Name _____

Representative completing application _____

Office Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Telephone (Office) _____ E-Mail Address _____

Please provide your temporary contact information (if different from above):

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____

E-Mail Address _____ Cell _____

Number of partners/members of the firm _____ Number of associates in firm _____

Please attach the names of all attorneys affiliated with the law firm to your completed applications.

Briefly describe the damage to your practice and your current office/practice situation.

Do you have insurance coverage for the property lost or damaged? Yes No

If yes, what monetary amount of damages is not covered by insurance? _____

Please Provide an estimate of the hard costs incurred net of insurance for each category below:

Costs Incurred	Estimated Cost	Documentation available and attached
Cleanup		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Record reclamation		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Furniture		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Technology/Equipment		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Other		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have insurance coverage for the property lost or damaged above? Yes No

Briefly describe how you plan to use the grant.

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PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW.

I am the applicant herein, agree to comply with and abide by the foregoing information concerning The Iowa State Bar Association Disaster Legal Assistance Program (the "Program"). I authorize the ISBA Disaster Assistance Task Force and The Iowa State Bar Association, and their agents and employees to make such inquiries and conduct such investigations as, in their discretion, they believe necessary or reasonable to independently verify the accuracy of any of the information provided by me or to discover any other information which, in their discretion, they may deem relevant to a determination to award, deny or determine the amount of a relief grant to me under this Program.

I make the following representations of fact and undertakings in order that the Task Force may evaluate my application for assistance.

I represent that the foregoing information is true and complete to the best of my information and I submit the information so that the Task Force may use it in evaluating my application and determining whether and how much to grant to me, if anything.

I understand that funding for this Program is limited, that there is no guarantee that submitting this application will result in any grant being made to me, or that anything of value whatsoever will be given to me as a result of this submittal.

I represent that no person or entity affiliated in any manner whatsoever with the Task Force, The Iowa State Bar Association, the Iowa State Bar Foundation or any of its or their employees, officers or directors has made any representation whatsoever as to the likelihood of a grant being made to me.

I represent that I have given nothing of value to any person or organization for any preferential consideration or assistance in the creation of this application.

Date: _____

Applicant

PLEASE SEND THIS APPLICATION COMPLETED TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY TO:

**The Iowa State Bar Association
625 East Court Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50309
(515) 243-3179**

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