

Webinar – Friday, February 17, 2012, 2:00 – 3:30 pm (EST)

Service and Learning in Times of Disaster

Disasters, natural and man-made, can strike any community at any time. For the most part, law schools are unprepared to respond to disasters, although law schools have abundant resources that can be brought to bear as part of a disaster response effort. This webinar is part of an effort to help law schools prepare to become legal first responders in the event of a disaster in their communities or beyond.

The interactive program will present models of disaster response forged from these disasters – New York Law School’s 9-11 Response, Loyola New Orleans’ Katrina Clinic, University of Miami’s Haitian TPS Project, and the University of Detroit Mercy’s Foreclosure Defense Clinic – and begin a dialogue that we hope will lead to the creation of a law school disaster relief network.

Who should attend:

Law school deans and administrators

Law school faculty, both clinical and doctrinal

Potential law school partners, including Legal Services providers and Bar leaders

What will you learn:

1. The disaster response contributions made by law students, law schools, and law school clinics with the concomitant opportunities for professional skills training, responding to client and community needs, and opportunities for community collaborations.
2. How law schools and clinics can begin to develop formal plans for disaster response and develop the elements of such plans or “best practices,” including:
 - Networking among law schools, law clinics, legal services providers and social service relief organizations;
 - Training for anticipated legal needs;
 - Creating a legal first responder corps;
 - Connecting with communities and community organizations; and
 - Ideas for the creation of a law school disaster relief network.

Presenters:

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Participants will be able to ask questions of the presenters via email. **To be a part of this Webinar, send an email to Ogilvy@law.cua.edu to request registration information.** *There is no charge for participation, but space is limited, so reserve your space soon.* **For more information, contact Professor Sandy Ogilvy at Ogilvy@law.cua.edu**