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“Dan” Wade is the 2018-2019 Coordinator of the ABA Young Lawyer’s Division’s Disaster Legal Services Program. Dan joined the DLS team for the 2016-2017 bar year, returning as a Vice Coordinator for the 2017-2018 bar year.

Dan is an attorney in the Rate Enforcement Bureau of the California Department of Insurance where he focuses on insurance company compliance with consumer protection laws on behalf of the state’s elected Insurance Commissioner. Dan also assists the Commissioner with special projects related to insurance claims for wildfires.

He was formerly the staff attorney for United Policyholders ("UP"), a national non-profit 501(c)(3) consumer advocacy group based in San Francisco that focuses on helping disaster victims with insurance recovery. UP’s mission is to “empower the insured” and was founded following the Oakland-Berkeley Hills Firestorm.

Dan has staffed multiple FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers, helping survivors with insurance issues, in collaboration with state, local, and federal partners, including the American Red Cross, FEMA, the Bay Area Resilience Collaborative, and VOADs to deliver a disaster recovery services. Dan assisted with recovery efforts following Superstorm Sandy, flooding and wildfires in Colorado, flooding in South Carolina and Louisiana, Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria in addition to numerous wildfires in California.

Dan has trained legal services attorneys in many states on insurance law and related topics following disasters. He organized and hosted a series of successful insurance clinics following the 2017 California wildfires. He has spoken and written on insurance law for trade groups and professional associations, and has been published by LexisNexis, the American Association for Justice, the Consumer Attorneys of California, and the ABA.

Dan received his J.D. from California Western School of Law in San Diego in 2013 and holds a B.A. in Political Science and Environmental Policy from San Diego State University (2007). Dan is admitted to practice in Illinois (2013 - inactive) and California (2014).

He lives and works in the San Francisco Bay Area.