

BAR ACTS TO ASSIST PUBLIC AND BAR MEMBERS WITH STORMWATER-RELATED CRISIS

Recent rainstorms and related flooding are causing significant hardships for many of Rhode Island's most vulnerable citizens, many of whom are our neighbors and friends. Responding to this crisis, the Rhode Island Bar Association is offering no-fee legal assistance through the Bar's Lawyer Referral Service. News releases, noting this assistance were sent to all the state's print and electronic media outlets, directing residents to contact the Bar's Public Services Director Susan Fontaine..

Bar members, interested in joining the Bar's Lawyer Referral Service (LRS), are asked to contact Rhode Island Bar Association's Public Services Director Susan Fontaine by telephone: (401) 421-7722 ext 101 or email: sfontaine@ribar.com

Members may also sign up for LRS, online, at the Bar's website at www.ribar.com by clicking on **Members Only** in the left menu and then clicking on **Lawyer Referral Service**.

Members of the public and the Bar may access flood-recovery information for homes and businesses below:

Information on Federal Aid Programs for Rhode Island Disaster Recovery for individuals and businesses:

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=50706>

Frequently Asked Questions and Best Practices for homeowners and businesses in the aftermath of flooding:

http://www.fema.gov/hazard/flood/fl_after.shtm

<http://www.fema.gov/hazard/midwestfloods.shtm>

Road Closures

Most up-to-date Department of Transportation of road closures in Rhode Island:

http://www.dot.state.ri.us/Flooded_streets_March2010.asp

Volunteers, Donations, Red Cross Shelters

How to volunteer or donate to Rhode Island Red Cross

<http://www.riredcross.org>

General Information: 831-7700