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*In cooperation with FEMA, the American Bar Association's Young Lawyer's Division is charged with coordinating disaster-related legal services. After calamity strikes, the YLD establishes a toll-free number that is distributed in stricken areas. In Florida, calls to the number are answered by Florida Bar staff. After the 2004 hurricanes, about 11,000 calls came in. About half the callers received the help they needed directly from Bar staff, but the rest actually needed to speak to an attorney, and these callers were directed to volunteer attorneys recruited by the YLD. About half of those referred (around 2,500) needed further assistance after speaking with one of those pro bono attorneys. And they got it— from you, from your friends and colleagues. The Florida Pro Bono Coordinators Association is now assisting in recruitment efforts for volunteer attorneys willing to lend their unique abilities to the relief effort. The FPBCA contact in Collier County is AnneElena Foster, with Collier Lawyers Care, the pro bono coordination program of the Collier County Bar and Legal Aid Service of Collier County. To make your abilities count, please call her at 239-775-4555.*



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# ACCOUNTABILITY

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It comes up after every calamity. Since Katrina hit, it's up as never before. There is painful personal soul-searching. Policy makers and government leaders at all levels are being held to account. The insurance industry has come under review. Even venerable non-profit relief agencies are being scrutinized, as donors wonder if their gifts and assistance are truly going to serve those in need.

As a Florida attorney, if you want real accountability from the relief effort you give to, you've got a unique option. You can make your own abilities count.

Because once the initial needs for food, clothing and shelter are addressed, the real recovery work begins. Long after the disaster is off page one and the evening news, the victims of calamities continue to struggle to rebuild their lives. And you have the ability to render aid that no relief agency and no emergency service can offer, and the ability to ensure the job's done right, efficiently and effectively.

Immediate, first-response assistance might come from a variety of resources, but there are critical needs that only a lawyer can address, whether it's assisting with insurance claims and home repair contracts, consumer protection remedies, estate administration or even just replacing important legal documents that have been lost or destroyed. These call for a lawyer's abilities.

So sure, you could write a check to any number of respected organizations and just trust that your dollars are being well-spent. But when you give directly through your own pro bono efforts, you know exactly how your resources are being distributed, you know who is benefiting from your contribution, and you know they're being served professionally and effectively. You can't get better accountability than that.

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Join Collier Lawyers Care today to put your unique abilities to work in the relief and recovery effort. Just fill out the form below and return by mail to 4125 E. Tamiami Trail, Naples, 34112, or call pro bono coordinator AnneElena Foster at 239-775-4555.

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