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COURT RESPONDS TO LEGAL NEEDS OF HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUEES

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina caused devastating damage to Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. Thousands of people from those states were displaced from their homes and businesses; some of the evacuees are in Arizona.

Today, the Arizona Supreme Court issued an administrative order that allows attorneys displaced by Hurricane Katrina to practice law for six (6) months from a location in Arizona as if each attorney was located in the state in which he or she is licensed. To qualify, an attorney must hold a valid license issued by Louisiana, Mississippi or Alabama and be in good standing with his or her home state bar.

This special authority is limited to representing clients displaced from the lawyer's state of licensure by Hurricane Katrina -- and any other clients with whom the attorney has an ongoing attorney-client relationship.

All attorneys are subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct and other Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court and shall provide their

- names
- Arizona addresses or contact information, and
- license numbers, as issued by their home state

to the State Bar of Arizona within five days of engaging in the practice of law in Arizona.

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