



Hurricane Ian Relief for Members of the Legal Community

If you are a member of the legal community and have been affected by Hurricane Ian, you may be eligible for assistance.

The lawyers and judges of the Middle District of Florida, through the Middle District Bench Bar Fund, have made a grant to the Southwest Florida Federal Court Bar Association to provide assistance to those in the legal community affected by Hurricane Ian. The Jacksonville Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is administering the relief program. Eligible applicants include lawyers and their support staff, as well as state court judges and staff, who reside or are employed in one of the following counties designated by FEMA as qualifying for federal individual assistance because of Hurricane Ian: Brevard, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Flagler, Hardee, Hendry, Hillsborough, Lake, Lee, Manatee, Orange, Osceola, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, Volusia. To apply for assistance, submit this completed and signed [application](#) to HurricaneIanRelief@jaxfedbar.org, no later than **November 10, 2022**.

Because Bench Bar Funds may not be used to provide any personal benefit to court staff and their family members, the Jacksonville, Orlando, and Tampa Chapters of the Federal Bar Association have separately donated their funds to the Southwest Florida Federal Court Bar Association to assist federal court employees affected by Hurricane Ian. Federal court employees who reside or are employed in one of the counties listed above may apply for assistance using [this form](#).

While the exact amount to be distributed to each recipient may depend on the number of applications received, it will likely be approximately \$500, until such time as the grant or donated funds are depleted. Please note that funds from either source will be dispersed based on the order of the applications received, and once a fund is depleted no more applications will be processed.