

Tennessee Faith and Justice Alliance

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Harvey Pro Bono Volunteers!

TN Supreme Court calls for #Help4TX

The Tennessee Supreme Court has announced a call to action for “emergency legal responders” to lend a hand to those impacted by Hurricane Harvey. As explained by Chief Justice Bivins at the TALS 2017 Equal Justice University Conference that “Just a few months ago, the Supreme Court issued a call to action for legal assistance across Tennessee called #Help4TNDay, which garnered the equivalent of millions of dollars in free legal assistance. We hope the same will be true for this effort: #Help4TX.”

Links for TN attorneys to sign up to volunteer pro bono, whether in person or from the comfort of your home or office in TN, here:

Texas State Bar Disaster Relief Resources: <https://texasbar.com/Content/NavigationMenu/ForThePublic/DisasterReliefResources1/default.htm>
Houston Volunteer Lawyers Project Portal: <https://portal.makejusticehappen.org/Disaster.aspx>
Free CLE on Disaster Relief and FEMA: http://www.pli.edu/Content/Seminar/Aftermath_of_Hurricane_Harvey_Disaster_Assistance/_JN-4kZ1zozvus?Ns=sort_date%7c0&ID=325985
ABA Free Legal Answers (for TX (w/ authorization) & TN) : <https://www.freelegalanswers.org/>

TFJA recognizes that Faith Communities also serve an important role in disaster relief. According to data provided by the National Disaster Interfaiths Network: 60% of people turn first to their religious leaders for advice and direction after a disaster. In August, a Disaster Preparedness Chaplaincy Training was held at Sewanee: University of the South for Faith Leaders interested in learning about disaster relief. We were able to attend part of the training, and learned of many great resources for the TFJA.

Links for Faith Leaders can be found here:

FEMA’s Center for Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships <https://www.fema.gov/faith>
National Disaster Interfaiths Network: <http://www.n-din.org/>
Tri Star for the Lone Star: <http://www.tennessee.gov/governor/article/harvey-disaster-relief>



They don’t call Tennessee the VOLUNTEER STATE for nothing! Read on to find out how you can volunteer with #Help4TX, PB&F Days (#PBFDays), upcoming clinics, and more!

TFJA Upcoming Event Spotlight!

Fall is a busy season for the TFJA with many ways to get involved and volunteer needs. Here are a few upcoming opportunities that could use a hand!

Knoxville TJFA Clinic, Saturday, September 9th, 2017, 9am-12pm:

The TFJA, KBA, and LAET have partnered for a general civil legal clinic to be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 9076 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN with Legal Aid’s regular Saturday Bar Clinic. TFJA members are asked to invite congregants from their houses of worship to bring their legal questions. More info found here: <https://www.knoxbar.org/index.cfm?pg=events&v.Action=showDetail&eid=46166>.

Poverty & the Arts Photo Shoot & Training, Monday, September 11th, 2017, 3pm:

The TFJA and P&A have partnered to host a photography and marketing training at the P&A studio. P&A provides studio space, gallery opportunities, and artist training for homeless or formerly homeless artists. Their artists have agreed to partner with TFJA to develop marketing materials for PB&F Days (#PBFDays). Training will be provided on free legal resources available for low-income artists followed by a partnership studio session to collaboratively develop the marketing materials for PB&F Days.

Chattanooga Faith Leader Training, Saturday, September 22nd, 2017, 1pm:

The TFJA, GJI, CLS, LAET, and TALS have partnered to host a faith leader training at White Oak United Methodist Church, 2232 Lyndon Ave, Chattanooga, TN. Programming will include overview of the TFJA, legal issue spotting for faith leaders, special training by guest speaker Kristen Jacobson of TALS on Legal Wellness Checkups and how faith leaders can use one easy tool for legal resources & referrals.

“It makes me feel proud that I’ve been able to do something. But I don’t put myself on any kind of pedestal for doing this because it’s the right thing to do. I’m a Smoky Mountain girl, and I’ve been blessed in my life to become a celebrity. And when you’re in a position to help, you should help.” –Dolly Parton, on her help with the Gatlinburg Wildfire Disaster Relief



Pro Bono & Faith Days (#PBFDays!)

Save the Dates are out for Pro Bono & Faith Days! It’s official!! Here are some answers to FAQs:

When is #PBFDays?: October 21st-29th. TN celebrates Pro Bono Month all October long.

#PBFDays is an initiative for your partner houses of worship to celebrate and raise awareness for pro bono and access to justice work during this time.

How can my house of worship participate in #PBFDays?: However you want!! **A Special Edition #PBFDays Newsletter will go out mid-September with ideas for creative participation, but the sky is the limit!!** If your community hosts a legal clinic or pro bono project, we encourage you to spotlight and support that project, or develop a new one!

Food drives, #PB&F sandwich fundraisers, and social media campaigns are all welcome. Get the kids involved! **Youth groups are full of great ideas!** **Will TFJA provide talking points to pass along to my house of worship? Absolutely!!** During and leading up to #PBFDays, we will provide talking points and social media tools that you can to distribute, discuss in your messages, put in bulletins or mailings, use as children’s messages, or develop as discussion points for small group study.

Is the PB&F Sandwich really a thing?: YES!!! And it is delicious!! If you have never had one, go to your local grocery store and pick up a jar of peanut butter, marshmallow fluff (in the condiment aisle), and bread and be amazed. The beauty of the PB&F sandwich is it has no bounds: **it is cheap, delicious, kid-friendly, vegetarian, kosher, and halal.** It goes together almost as well as Pro Bono and Faith!!

As if you needed any more convincing: look at this Ad from the historic Loveless Café in Nashville of the Elvis Pie, made with peanut butter, marshmallow fluff, bacon, and bananas, all on a pie crust. We want one!! →



TFJA Clinic Spotlight**Knoxville TFJA/Sat Bar**

Sept 9, 9am-1pm
Grace Lutheran Church
9076 Middlebrook Pike
Knoxville, TN

Samaritan Center

Tues, Sept 12, 1pm-3pm
Samaritan Center,
9231 Lee Hwy
Ooltewah, TN

**Gospel Justice Initiative
Office Hour Clinic**

September 16 9-12:00pm
White Oak United
Methodist Church
2232 Lyndon Ave,
Chattanooga, TN

**TIRRC Naturalization
Workshops**

September 12, 6pm
Columbia, TN (Family
Defense)
September 16, 9am
Nashville, TN
September 19, 6pm
Knoxville, TN
September 21, 6pm
Chattanooga, TN
September 23, 9am
Memphis, TN
Call 615-833-0384 for info

Cross Point Clinic

Tues 9/12, 6pm-8pm
Cross Point Dream
Center; 4007 Delaware
Ave; Nashville, TN

Loaves and Fishes

Weds 9/13, 9/27 11am
215 Foster St
Clarksville, TN, 37043

Salvation Army Clinic

Every other Weds 10am-
12pm
Salvation Army
631 Dickerson Pike
Nashville, TN

Mending Hearts Clinic

Limited Court Fee
Forgiveness; Contact
MollieGass@gmail.com

**Good Samaritan
Ministries**

October 7, 9am-11am
Good Samaritan
Ministries, 100 N Roan St,
Johnson City, TN

Compassionate Counsel

Hendersonville &
Brentwood
Call (615) 824-3772 or
(615) 370-3010 for info

West TN Legal Clinics**Saturday Legal Clinic**

Sat. 9/9; 10am-12pm
Ben Hooks Publ. Library;
3030 Poplar Ave.;
Memphis, TN

Veterans Clinic

Tues, 9/12; 12 - 2 pm
Memphis Vet Center
1407 Union Avenue

WTLS RIFA Clinic

Tuesday, 9/26 9:30am
133 Airways Blvd
Jackson, TN 38301

HELP Clinic

Tues, 10/3, 1pm-3pm
146 Jefferson Ave,
Memphis

Attorney of the Day

Thursdays at 1:30 pm
9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5
Shelby Courthouse, 140
Adams Ave, Rm. 134,
Memphis, TN

Hickman Clinic

Hickman Co. Senior
Center; 107 Armory Street
#1, Centerville Call 931-
729-3091 for info

**Memphis CLC Pro Se
Divorce Clinic**

Weekdays 9am-12pm,
Weds 9am-2:30pm
Community Legal Center
140 Adams, Memphis,
TN, 38103

Mid TN Legal Clinics**Greenhouse Clinic**

Thursdays at 3:30 pm
9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5
309 S South Spring St.,
Murfreesboro, TN, 37130

Rutherford Clinic

Saturday, 9/16, 9-11am
Higher Ground Worship
Center 2424 Yearwood
Ave, Murfreesboro

Nashville 2nd Tues.

Tuesday, 9/12, 4:30pm
Legal Aid Society
300 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN, 37201

**Gallatin 2nd Tuesday
Legal Help Clinic**

Sept 12, 4:30-6:30pm
Gallatin Civic Center
10 Albert Gallatin Ave,
Gallatin, TN

McHugh Clinic

Saturday, 9/30, 8:30am
Legal Aid Society
300 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN, 37201

MNPS Clinic/EI Office

Saturday, 9/16, 8:30am
615 Fessey Park Road
Nashville, TN, 37204

Mercy Clinic

Thursday, 10/5, 4:30pm
908 Murfreesboro Road,
Franklin, TN

Operation Stand Down

Wednesday, 9/20
Call 615-248-1981 for info

HELP Clinic

Weds, 9/20, 9-11:30am
Room at the Inn, 705
Drexel St, Nashville

Warren County Clinic

Tuesday, 9/12
9:30 am – 10:30 am
Warren Co Courthouse
111 South Court Square,
McMinnville

East TN Legal Clinics**Blount County Saturday
Bar**

Sat, 9/16 9am-12pm,
307 Ellis Street (Compton
Place)
Maryville, TN, 37801
Call 865-981-1818 for info

**Hamilton Juvenile Ct
Child Support Clinic**

Thursday, 9/14, 1-3 pm
1600 E. 3rd Street
Chattanooga 37404

**Washington County Pro
Se Day**

Wednesday, 9/13
108 W. Jackson Blvd.,
Jonesborough, TN

Kingsport Bar Clinic

Thursday, 9/21
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
243 East Charlemont Ave,
Kingsport, 37660

**KBA YLD Veterans'
Legal Advice Clinic**

Wednesday, 9/13 12pm-
2pm
1101 Liberty Street,
Knoxville, TN, 37919

Chattanooga CARES

Tuesday 9/12, 3-5 pm
1000 E 3rd Street
Chattanooga 37403

**Grandview Christian
Legal Advice Clinic**

September 14th
300 University Pkwy,
Johnson City, TN 37604
Call 423-928-8311 for info

Bristol Pro Se Day

September 1st
Chancery Court
801 Anderson St #239
Bristol, TN

**Morristown Senior
Center Estate Planning
Clinic**

September 29th
841 Lincoln Ave
Morristown, TN
Call 423-928-8311 for info

**Knox County SUPER
Saturday Bar**

September 30
1101 Liberty St, Knoxville,
TN 37919
Call 865-981-1818 for info

**** Notice any outdated
information? Know of
clinics that are missing?
Have updates? Keeping
a master clinic list
requires constant
upkeep. Please e-mail
kimi.dement@tncourts.gov
to help keep things
current.**