

## Dear Colleagues:

Devastation has reared its ugly head again. This time thousands of our fellow citizens in Puerto Rico and our neighbors in Mexico are suffering and need our help due to Hurricane Maria and a 7.1 magnitude earthquake.

Our support will be of tremendous importance as Americans on the U.S. island territory of Puerto Rico and survivors in neighboring Mexico face the daunting task of putting their lives back together. As some may know, the tragedy in México hits a little too close to home for me. Fortunately, all of my relatives are safe, but there are many who aren't as lucky. I hope you will join me in supporting the Puerto Rican Bar Association's hurricane relief effort, as well as emergency relief efforts in Mexico.

Get more information on Puerto Rican Bar Association's request for <u>general donations</u> and <u>Puerto Rico-Legal Corps support</u>. Find out more information on legal aid at the <u>National Disaster Legal Aid Resource Center</u>.

Here are some options to consider for donating to assist in nonlegal services relief efforts in Mexico: Mexican Red Cross; Direct Relief, a humanitarian aid organization allowing donors to choose the areas of the world where the relief will benefit; the organization pledges that 100 percent of its donations go directly to relief efforts; Global Giving, a vetted crowdfunding organization that directs funds to recovery and relief efforts, or any organization of your choosing.

Thank you in advance for your continued generous support to others in tremendous need.

Best regards & muchas gracias,

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