



Dear Colleagues:

As you consider how you might assist those who are suffering as the result of Hurricane Irma, I invite you to join me in a new collaborative fundraiser of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation.

Months ago, Immediate Past President Sara A. Austin organized a “Diving Right In” project for the foundation. From Sept. 23 to Sept. 29, Austin plans to make up to 25 dives during her journey off the coast of Honduras. Each dive is expected to average 100 feet. Pledged donations can be made by the dive or by the foot.

All funds raised were to be donated to the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation. But, in light of the destruction in Florida, Austin and the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation Board have decided that 25 percent of the funds Austin raises during her “Diving Right In” campaign will be donated to the Florida Bar Foundation’s Florida Hurricane Relief Fund to provide for civil legal aid to help Floridians with these and other types of needs:

- Securing FEMA and other benefits for disaster survivors
- Helping to file life, medical and property insurance claims
- Replacing wills and other important legal documents
- Helping with consumer protection matters

The remaining 75 percent of the collected funds will be used to support the projects of the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, which is dedicated to helping Pennsylvania’s youth be better citizens and to making Pennsylvania’s judicial system more accessible to all.

[Donate now.](#)

Donations will be accepted through Oct. 13, 2017.

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Best regards,

Sharon R. López
President, Pennsylvania Bar Association

P.S. Many thanks to my fellow PBA members who answered my Aug. 31 call for donations to the foundations of the Louisiana Bar and the Texas Bar to assist those impacted by Hurricane Harvey.