

# State Law Library offers services to lawyers affected by Hurricane Katrina

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The State Law Library in Jackson is offering free Westlaw research and free copying to attorneys displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

The Law Library will waive copying fees and make its fax machine available to send copies for lawyers whose practices have been affected by the hurricane. The waiver approved by the Mississippi Supreme Court is in effect through Dec. 31. Attorneys should present a bar card to use the free services.

Legal research collections were among the resources lost in law offices damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

“We want to help the individual attorneys resume their practices. We can help them with library research,” said State Law Librarian Charlie Pearce.

Pearce noted that the State Law Library also has research materials which may be of interest to out-of-state lawyers who wish to take the Mississippi Bar Exam. He has already received requests from lawyers who expressed interest in relocating to Mississippi.

Lawyers licensed in other states must pass the Mississippi Bar Exam to be able to practice here. The next Mississippi Bar Exam is scheduled for Feb. 20, 21 and 22, 2006, with results to be released in late April.

The State Law Library is located on the second floor of the Gartin Justice Building at 450 High Street in Jackson. It is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except on state holidays. To reach a member of the Law Library staff, call 601-359-3672.

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