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## **SOUTH CAROLINA FLOOD RELATED INFORMATION**

### **Free legal assistance available for South Carolina flood victims**

Flood victims facing legal issues who are unable to afford a lawyer may call 1-877-797-2227 ext. 120 (toll-free) or 803-576-3815 (local) between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, to request assistance. When connected to the hotline, callers should state that they are seeking disaster-related legal assistance, give brief details of the assistance needed and identify the county in which they are located. Flood victims may also request assistance online by e-mailing [DisasterInfo@SCBar.org](mailto:DisasterInfo@SCBar.org). Click [here](#) for additional information.

### **S.C. Department of Consumer Affairs Scam Alerts**

After a natural disaster, such as the recent floods, people are naturally anxious and emotional making them vulnerable to con artist and financial scams. Moreover, unscrupulous people often target the most vulnerable among us, which may include the elderly and people with disabilities. The S.C. Department of Consumer Affairs recently released Scam Alerts with regard to home repair scams and fraudulent charities. Please review the Alerts in the following links for information about scams:

Scam Alert: Home Repair Scams in Wake of SC Flood

Scam Alert: Avoid Fraudulent Charities Looking for Profit off Flood

If you or someone you know has been approached by a suspicious person or entity or has been the target of a scam, you should report this to your local law enforcement office as well as the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs at 1-800-922-1594 or [scdca@dca.state.sc.us](mailto:scdca@dca.state.sc.us).

## **EVENTS**

### **Aging Gracefully Conference**

The South Carolina Bar, in conjunction with the S.C. Medical Association and the S.C. Coalition for the Care of the Seriously Ill, is holding its second annual conference, Aging Gracefully, to address the concerns and questions facing South Carolina's elderly, their families and their caregivers. The conference will take place on November 5<sup>th</sup> in Florence.

Click [here](#) for specific registration information. S.C. Bar President Anne Ellefson is weighing in on the importance of helping seniors "age gracefully". Click [here](#) to see the full story.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **2015 Alzheimer's & Related Dementias Webinar Series for Professionals**

The National Institute on Aging at NIH (NIA), Administration for Community Living (ACL), and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are pleased to invite you to join the 4th annual free webinar series on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias for professionals in the public health, aging services, and research networks. Click [here](#) for the full webinar schedule.

### **NAELA Celebrates National Special Needs Law Month**

NAELA established October as National Special Needs Law Month as a grassroots effort to help people with disabilities and their families understand Special Needs Planning and the resources available to them. Click [here](#) to see the press release.

## **FREE LEGAL CLINICS**

The South Carolina Bar sponsors free legal clinics around the state. There will be various clinics throughout the month of October focusing on the following topics: Wills, Estate and Probate; Heirs' Property Issues; Medicaid and Medicare

Issues; Senior Issues; Senior Scams and End of Life Issues. For more information about the clinics, or to schedule a clinic for your organization, contact Debbie Morris at [debbie.morris@scbar.org](mailto:debbie.morris@scbar.org). You can find the schedule [here](#).

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