Report to  
Loyola University New Orleans Board of Trustees  
October 12, 2007  

College of Law – Loyola Law Clinic

Summary of Loyola Law Clinic Katrina Highlights

- Initiated and Expanding Katrina Clinic
- Assisted Over 1500 People in Houston and New Orleans
- Started Worker Justice Clinic
- Prepared and Presented Know Your Rights Presentations – English and Spanish
- Prepared Pro Se Form Pleadings Adopted by Clerk & Others
- Helping Reform Local Public Defender Office and Louisiana Indigent Defense
- Supervising Expanded Immigration Outreach by Catholic Charities
- Created Mediation Clinic
- Created Katrina Websites – hurricanelaw.org and justiceforneworleans.org
- Created Online Katrina Case Management System
- Participation by 175 Loyola Law students
- Participation by Law students from 26 additional Schools
- Impact Litigation
- Public Outreach, Education and Advocacy – Local, State and National

Description of Loyola Law Clinic - Katrina Clinic

The Katrina clinic is a part of the Loyola Law Clinic. There are two full-time staff attorneys working in the Katrina clinic. The Katrina clinic offers information, education, communication, training in self-help skills and advocacy assistance to people impacted by the aftermath of Katrina and Rita. Dozens of Loyola law students have worked in the Katrina clinic as volunteers, for academic credit, skills credit, on fellowships, or for pro bono credits. Dozens of law students from other schools across the nation have done the same. A number of lawyers from around the country have come and volunteered at the Katrina clinic as well.

The Loyola Law Clinic has been in operation for nearly 40 years. Law students learn the theory and practice of litigation advocacy by working on all phases of court cases under the supervision of clinical law professors and lawyer supervisors.

Prior to Katrina, students in the law clinic practiced in the following areas: Criminal (Prosecution and Defense); Family; Immigration; Federal Civil Rights; and Homelessness.

After Katrina, everything in legal system changed and consequently the clinic also changed. Criminal, Family, and Immigration all were significantly impacted.
The Federal Civil Rights clinic transformed into the Workplace Justice Clinic addressing labor and employment issues in our new workforce.

The clinic is starting a new Mediation Clinic with two attorneys who will supervise students assisting families in trying to resolve recovery construction and contractor issues without having to go through litigation.

People Assisted

Over 1500 people have been assisted by the Loyola Katrina clinic in Texas, Louisiana and across the U.S. The Katrina clinic will assist over 500 people this academic year.

Issues

Contractor fraud
FEMA appeals of rent assistance terminations
FEMA trailer problems
Insurance appeals
Landlord tenant – evictions and security deposits
Road Home appeals

Funding for Katrina Clinic

Loyola University College of Law
Loyola Gillis Long Poverty Law Center
Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana
Jesuit Southern Province
Equal Justice Works

Working Cooperatively With

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services
New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation
New Orleans Pro Bono Project
Common Ground Legal Collective
Appleseed
Advancement Project

Impact Litigation and Advocacy

Katrina clinic attorneys have been involved in impact litigation involving FEMA, trailers, and demolition of homes. Other Loyola Law Clinic professors and attorneys have been involved in litigation over private and public evictions, FEMA hotel terminations, home demolitions, public housing, and voting rights.
Members of the Loyola Law Clinic have been involved in a wide range of advocacy efforts involving the Road Home, public healthcare, fair treatment of immigrant workers, affordable housing, family law reforms, reconstruction and reform of the criminal justice system, and immigration reform.

**Law Students Participating**

Over 175 Loyola Law students have worked in the Katrina clinic – 25 this semester. Dozens of students from law schools across the country have participated as well – most in person, some remotely under faculty guidance. Undergraduate students from Loyola, Creighton and other schools have also volunteered.

American University  
Boston College  
Brooklyn Law School  
DePaul University  
Georgetown University  
Harvard University  
Howard University  
John Marshall Law School  
Louisiana State University  
Nova Southeastern University  
Roger Williams University  
South Texas College of Law  
Temple University  
Tulane University  
University of Baltimore  
University of California at Berkeley  
University of California at Davis  
University of California at Los Angeles  
University of Denver  
University of Kansas  
University of Michigan  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburg  
University of San Diego  
Washington and Lee University  
Washington University  
Yale University