

Looking for Volunteers & Save the Date!

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Hello - I'm writing to make a special appeal to get volunteers to help with FEMA issues in American Samoa.

It is anticipated there are potentially 3,000 - 4,000 appealable issues. There is only one legal aid agency on the island, and it is staffed with two full-time attorneys and one paralegal, which was operating near capacity prior to the disaster. The private bar is also very small, with less than a dozen private attorneys on the island who could take cases. Without your help, most of the people with FEMA issues in American Samoa will not have access to legal assistance.

*The ABA YLD has a coordinator stateside and a local paralegal in American Samoa to help manage the casework.

*American Samoa is a few hours behind the states, (8 hours behind Central time) so if you set aside some time in the afternoon/evening, you will be corresponding during the normal workday in American Samoa.

*Many of the Appeals are not complicated, and may only require a relatively straightforward response to FEMA.

*Training/mentorship/templates are available

*You don't need to have any prior experience in this area.

Please let me know if you are interested in taking a case! You can email me at speng@legalaidofnebraska.org or give me a call at 402-435-2161 ext. 301.

Did you know - American Samoa yields the highest rate of military enlistment of ANY U.S. State or Territory per capita. Let's honor that commitment by helping American Samoa in its time of need.

Save-the-date:

Friday, September 14, 2018

Free all day CLE jointly hosted with Iowa Legal Aid

@ the Omaha Zoo & aquarium

Food will be provided!