

**LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION  
KATRINA CONFERENCE CALL NOTES  
MAY 16, 2006**

**Texas**

Maria Luisa Mercado

- Sent out notices to Houston households of right to appeals. The deadline has been set for June 3 regarding the section 403 termination of housing benefits.
- Initial letters from FEMA went out on May 3 or 4.
- People can call the Texas 1-800 number and staffers from the hotline will take calls in rotations regarding housing issues.
- They are starting out of the Houston office with volunteer lawyers for a housing clinic.
- The mayor of Houston is trying to get the deadline extended but the programs are still trying to be prepared.
- There is a class action lawsuit being filed by a Houston firm but they have not gotten specifics on what they are going to do and not going to do. Lynn White from Texas Appleseed is working with the firm. **Update: This suit has been filed (Watson v. FEMA) Please see FEMA Answers.org site for a summary.**

**Florida**

Robert Dwyer – Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc.

- First time joining the call. Wanted to listen in and see what issues were discussed.

**NLADA**

Don Saunders

- Has been putting together information for the litigation directors meeting.
- One of the sessions will be discussing next steps in disaster response.

**Next Call: June 6, 2006 at 5pm EST**