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## Free Legal Clinic in Gatlinburg for Wildfire Survivors

GATLINBURG, March 7, 2017 – Legal Aid of East Tennessee (LAET) and the Sevier County Bar Association will offer a FREE LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC for wildfire survivors Monday, March 27. Clinic hours are 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Center at Greystone Lodge on the River, 559 Parkway in Gatlinburg. The Conference Center is at the rear of the hotel complex. Free parking is available behind the center (off Greystone Heights Road). Those impacted by the November 28 wildfires in Sevier County are eligible to receive legal advice.

LAET staff attorneys will be joined by members of the Sevier County Bar and other area lawyers who are volunteering to help people needing legal assistance. Some attorneys will drive as much as two hours to offer their time and services to Sevier County wildfire survivors.

“As their basic needs are met, more residents affected by the fires find themselves dealing with legal issues, some that have taken the months since the wildfires to surface,” said Dr. Kathryn Ellis, LAET’s Knoxville Pro Bono Director. “We expect legal issues to arise for months to come. Our plan is to continue holding clinics so wildfire survivors have access to legal advice as issues arise.”

No appointment is necessary to see an attorney, and walk-ins are encouraged. A Spanish language interpreter will also be available. For more information, call LAET’s Knoxville office at (865) 637-0484, or call the Spanish Hotline at 1-866-408-6573.

*Legal Aid of East Tennessee’s mission is to ensure justice for elderly, abused, and low-income people by providing a broad scope of civil legal assistance and advocacy. LAET serves eligible persons in 26 counties through offices in Chattanooga, Cleveland, Knoxville, Johnson City, Maryville, and Morristown.*

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