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Good morning NBPA:

We have all watched with deep concern as Hurricane Harvey pummeled Houston, Texas with rain, winds, and floods, leaving a path of destruction and horror in its wake. Harvey is a record-shattering storm with hundreds of thousands of people having lost their homes. They are now finding refuge in shelters (that are filled to capacity), but many are still waiting on news to hear about the safety of many loved ones, and the state of their homes. Reports indicate that 25 to 30 percent of Harris County was flooded and at least 30 people having lost their lives. It is an understatement to say that rebuilding will be a very long process.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office has been working 24/7 to support law enforcement officers who are assisting in rescue efforts. News outlets report that the courthouse has been 'severely damaged.' The courts are now closed, and no date for reopening has yet been posted for the State and Federal courts in Houston and Harris County.

In the wake of this unprecedented storm, I am calling on each of you to assist in supporting our brother and sister prosecutors in Harris County by marshalling our resources in response to this disaster. The NBPA Foundation will accept donations that will be sent to the Harris County Attorney's Office for aid for their staff, or assistance in their rebuilding efforts.

You can donate online at <http://blackprosecutors.org/donate> (please indicate that the donation is for the Hurricane Harvey Harris County District Attorney's Office Relief Efforts). This is the immediate need of how we can help our fellow prosecutors in Houston right now. President Will Jordan will remain in contact with the Harris County District Attorney, Kim Ogg, and at the appropriate time, will inform us of other efforts we can undertake in helping with the rebuilding. We will keep you posted as we receive updates.

Please donate today, and continue to keep the members of the Harris County District Attorney's Office, and all the people of Houston, in your thoughts and prayers. Let us continue to be a beacon of light and hope in their time of need.

Regards,

/s/

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