**WHAT**

**SOLACE stands for Support of Lawyers/Legal Personnel—All Concerns Encouraged**

This National FBA committee provides donations of goods, services, and time for FBA members, their families, and legal support personnel. Judge Jay Zainey and Mark Surprenant, in connection with the Louisiana State Bar Association, originally developed the SOLACE program. In 2016 former FBA President Judge Michael Newman made the SOLACE program one of his national priorities for the FBA.

**WHEN**

The SOLACE program leverages our network of FBA attorneys to help each other in times of need. Examples of potential requests include:

- Sending e-gift cards to purchase bottled water
- Offering recommendations for qualified plumbers or pipe vendors with material in stock
- Providing meals and blankets to families who are without electricity
- Using hotel points to secure lodging for people who have been displaced due to storm damage

**HOW**

The process of connecting folks in need with FBA members willing to help is mostly anonymous. Only SOLACE Coordinators and FBA members willing to meet a requester’s need will know the identity of someone seeking assistance.

Let us know if we can help. Email requests to solace@fedbar.org

**WINTER STORM URI OUTREACH**

We would like to express our heartfelt condolences and sympathy to all those who have suffered due to Winter Storm Uri. Please know that FBA members are willing to assist with in-kind donations. We hope to help those in the legal community including FBA members, their families, legal staff, federal court personnel, and those related to them via the SOLACE program.