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## **The San Antonio Bar Association and the Community Justice Program to facilitate pro bono legal services for those affected by the shooting in Sutherland Springs**

SAN ANTONIO, TX — In [a message delivered to members](#) November 13, 2017, **San Antonio Bar Association** (SABA) President Beth Watkins called for volunteers to assist with SABA's efforts to alleviate burdens placed on the Sutherland Springs community following the November 5 mass shooting at the First Baptist Church.

“According to the State Bar [of Texas], there are 34 active attorneys in all of Wilson County and only one in Sutherland Springs,” wrote Ms. Watkins. “The need for legal services will likely exceed what that community, acting alone, can readily provide. SABA wants to make sure those affected by this unimaginable tragedy know they are not alone.”

SABA and the **Community Justice Program (CJP)**, SABA's pro bono project, have launched efforts to perform intake services at the Sutherland Springs Disaster Resource Center, which was established to serve as a hub of assistance for those affected. The CJP will match SABA volunteer attorneys with people who need their services. At this time, **pro bono legal services are available in the areas of family, probate, guardianship, employment and real estate law. Additional areas of law will be included as the need arises.**

“We must come together to care for this community and help them mend,” said SABA Executive Director June Moynihan. “There are a variety of legal issues that people face in tragedy, and oftentimes they have to navigate these issues alone and under stress. This is a small, but extremely effective way in which our members can lend a hand.”

Those affected by the Sutherland Springs tragedy who are unable to visit the Disaster Resource Center and are in need of legal assistance should reach out to the CJP via phone message or email to (210) 227-8828 or [cjp@sabar.org](mailto:cjp@sabar.org) and indicate they are a referral from Sutherland Springs. Attorneys interested in volunteering to assist in one of the aforementioned practice specialties should contact the CJP at [cjp@sabar.org](mailto:cjp@sabar.org).

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*The San Antonio Bar Association (SABA) was established in 1898 to serve its members and the public with the highest degree of dedication and professionalism in the continuing pursuit of equal justice for all under law. SABA provides continuing legal educational programs for the legal community and legal outreach for the public. For more information, visit [www.sabar.org](http://www.sabar.org).*

*The Community Justice Program (CJP), the pro bono project of the San Antonio Bar Association, was established in 2001 to bring legal professionals together to serve the indigent, vulnerable and at-risk by enhancing access to justice and bringing the courthouse to the community. Through community clinics – primarily focused on veterans' legal issues, family law and wills – the CJP provides meaningful access to legal advice, assistance and education. To date, the CJP has matched nearly 10,000 pro bono cases to volunteer attorneys. The CJP is financially supported by grant funding and donations. To donate or find more information, visit [www.sabar.org](http://www.sabar.org).*