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## **Alberta Lawyers Support Fort McMurray Residents through Free Dial-a-Lawyer Service**

**Calgary, Alberta** - In response to the wildfires in Fort McMurray and area, members of the access to justice community are partnering to offer legal assistance to those affected by the wildfires.

Pro Bono Law Alberta, in collaboration with Legal Aid Alberta, pro bono clinics and student legal organizations from across the province, and supported by the Canadian Bar Association Alberta Branch and the Law Society of Alberta, is organizing a one-day **Dial-a-Lawyer telephone advice service** to be held on **Saturday, June 11**. The Dial-a-Lawyer service is for residents of Fort McMurray and area and will provide legal information and advice concerning issues arising from the wildfires. The service will be accessible from anywhere in Canada.

“We want to provide an opportunity for people affected by the wildfires to obtain legal information and advice,” said Kendall Moholtny, Executive Director of Pro Bono Law Alberta. “Our partnering agencies are passionate about ensuring that those affected are able to have their questions answered as they begin the transition back to Fort McMurray.”

Individuals who have been affected by the wildfires can **call Toll Free: 1-888-644-8950 between 9:30 am and 3:30 pm on Saturday, June 11 to speak with a volunteer lawyer**. Fort McMurray and area residents can access the toll free line anywhere in Canada.

Legal advice will be provided in the areas of: **insurance, employment, landlord-tenant, mortgage and creditor-debtor, family and immigration (temporary foreign workers)**. We encourage all individuals to have their policies and documents available when they call if possible.

In addition to Dial-a-Lawyer, Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) sheets have been created for various topics such as insurance, employment, landlord and tenant, family, condominium, mortgage and creditor debtor. These resources are available to the public online at: [www.pbla.ca/gethelp/fortmcmurrayfire](http://www.pbla.ca/gethelp/fortmcmurrayfire).

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