



## **FLORIDA ATTORNEYS SAVING HOMES NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

In a massive effort to assist Floridians in their fight against the foreclosure crisis that has Florida ranked at number two in the nation, the Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division is proud to join the following organizations in an effort to do battle to save Florida's homeowners:

- The Florida Bar
- Florida Legal Services, Inc.
- Real Property, Probate and Trust Law (RPPTL) section of the Florida Bar
- Business Law section of the Florida Bar

It is estimated that 77,000 Floridians are in foreclosure. "Overall, 11.6 percent of Florida property owners were more than 30 days past due on a mortgage payment or in foreclosure, suggesting more trouble ahead." The *Miami Herald*, June 6, 2008. For these homeowners, every day that goes by without meaningful assistance brings them closer to losing their homes to foreclosure.

With Florida's State Legislators and Banking Industry representatives joining the effort, we are all working toward a common goal - stopping foreclosure before it starts.

Florida Attorneys Saving Homes is not intended to provide representation to those already in foreclosure. Those cases are referred to legal aid offices. The assistance provided by volunteer attorneys is strictly advice, counseling and negotiation. If foreclosure is filed during the course of a volunteer's representation, the litigation will be handled by local legal aid offices.

As a volunteer attorney, you operate under the umbrella of Florida Legal Services, Inc., and are provided malpractice insurance for the purpose of your pro bono representation. You also have access to free training and supporting materials in foreclosure prevention representation.

While numerous Florida homeowners have been assisted by pro bono attorneys, the Florida Bar is getting hundreds of calls from Floridians in crisis – far more than can currently be handled by attorneys that have already volunteered their time. These Floridians need your help!

### **Contact us:**

If you're an attorney interested in learning more about Florida Attorneys Saving Homes or volunteering with this important project, go to [www.floridaprobono.org](http://www.floridaprobono.org) and sign up.