## **Fraud Alert**

Watch for and report legal fraud in response to recent fires in California. Lawyers and their representatives **cannot** do any of the following in person or by phone:

- Solicit your business at an accident scene, at a hospital or on the way to a hospital
- Solicit your business if you are unable to exercise reasonable judgment because of your physical, emotional, or mental state
- Send you solicitations by mail unless the letter and envelope are clearly labeled as an advertisement
- Promise a particular outcome from legal representation

Also, disaster victims may be approached by people posing as attorneys. Consumers should check the State Bar website, calbar.ca.gov, for the status of an attorney's license and whether they have any record of discipline.

To find out how to file a complaint, call the State Bar of California's multilingual intake hotline:

800-843-9053

Learn more about protecting yourself from legal fraud on the State Bar website: <a href="www.calbar.ca.gov">www.calbar.ca.gov</a>