

**American Bar Association Survey Summary
Economic Downturn and Access to Legal Resources
(1016 Respondents)**

QB1. How would you say your household's financial situation has changed in the past six months? Would you say...?

It has gotten much better	23	2%
It has gotten somewhat better	71	7%
It has not changed	366	36%
It has gotten somewhat worse	341	34%
It has gotten much worse	199	20%
Don't know/Refused	15	1%

QB2. How concerned are you that you will need legal assistance for financial issues you may experience? Legal assistance may include help with things like medical bills, child support, foreclosures, and declaring bankruptcy. Are you...?

Extremely concerned	88	9%
Very concerned	74	7%
Concerned	120	12%
Somewhat concerned	216	21%
Not at all concerned	509	50%
Don't know/Refused	8	1%

QB3. Are you aware that in most communities, free legal help is available to some people faced with serious legal and financial problems?

Yes	718	71%
No	293	29%
Not sure/Don't Know/Refused	5	*

QB4. If free legal help was available, how likely would you be to seek it out? Would you be

Extremely likely	137	13%
Very likely	129	13%
Likely	152	15%
Somewhat likely	304	30%
Not at all likely	272	27%
Don't know/Refused	22	2%

QB5. How important do you think it is that Americans have access to legal resources and advice when they are in crisis? Would you say...?

Extremely important	420	41%
Very important	275	27%
Important	202	20%
Somewhat important	94	9%
Not at all important	18	2%
Don't know/Refused	8	1%

QB6. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: It is essential that a non-profit provider of legal services is available to assist those who could not otherwise afford legal help. Would you say you...?

Strongly agree	560	55%
Somewhat agree	338	33%
Somewhat disagree	66	6%
Strongly disagree	40	4%
Don't know/Refused	12	1%

QB7. Would you favor or oppose federal funding to help Americans who need legal assistance? Is that strongly or just somewhat favor/oppose?

Strongly support	362	36%
Somewhat support	313	31%
Somewhat oppose	131	13%
Strongly oppose	153	15%
Don't know/Refused	56	6%