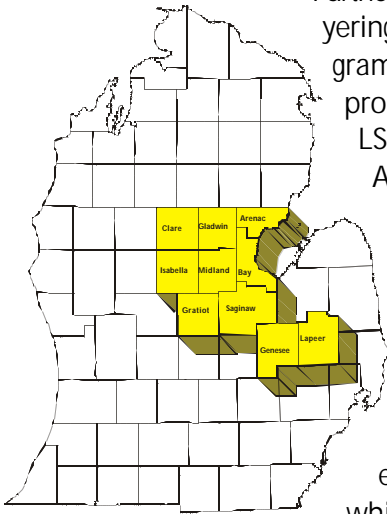


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LSEM Office Locations: Bay City, Flint, Midland, and Saginaw

LSEM Service Area: Arenac, Bay, Clare, Genesee, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Lapeer, Midland, and Saginaw Counties

Service Population: 209,288 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



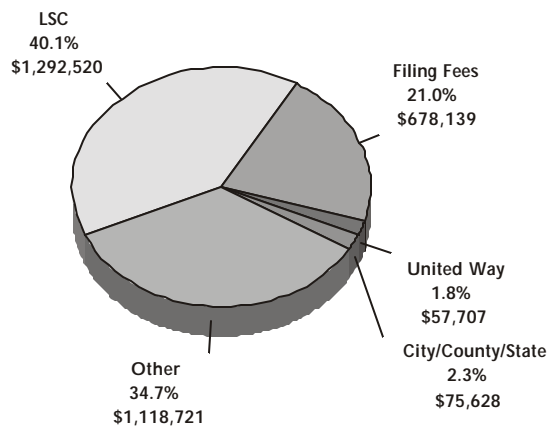
Furthering its focus on community lawyering has marked LSEM's 2000 programming. For its innovative approach in addressing fair housing, LSEM received a Best Practices Award from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. LSEM's work also helped start Saginaw Career Paths, an entrepreneurship program that has created more than 30 new businesses. LSEM also helped establish 15 child care centers, which are sources of employment for the poor and provide child care

A man came to LSEM for assistance with an employment issue. He was a skilled die maker who was terminated from his job. His former employer refused to release the man's \$6,000 worth of tools due to an outstanding balance of \$200 on a loan he had with the company. He had already lost a new job because he did not have the tools which were required to perform the work. With help from LSEM, the man regained his tools, secured employment within one week, and repaid the loan to his former employer.

necessary for working parents to keep their jobs. LSEM made significant strides by fully activating its consumer and bankruptcy law specialty and by adding driver's license reinstatement to address another barrier to employment. Funding was obtained for low-income tax clinics geared to seniors and non-native English speakers.

A patient with severe cerebral palsy was receiving home help services so he could live independently in the community instead of in an institution. The Family Independence Agency (FIA) conducted an assessment, determined that he required a lower level of care, and cut the home help services by half. FIA refused to consider the man's severely impaired speech and serious mobility impairment as special circumstances that warranted exceeding the payment schedule. LSEM represented the man at a hearing which resulted in restoring an additional 20 percent in home help services.

LSEM Sources of Funding for 2000: \$ 3,222,715



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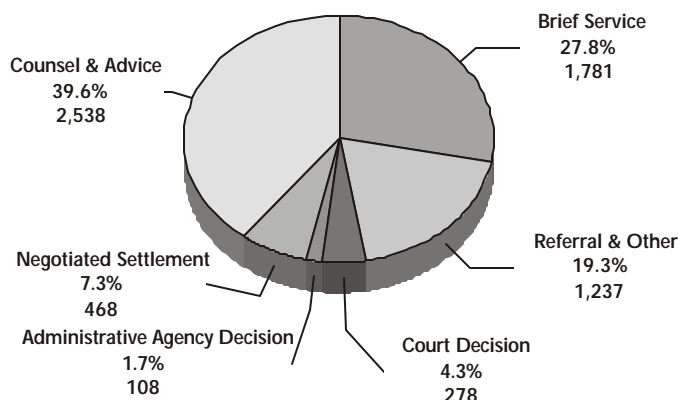
Community Outreach and Collaboration. LSEM is involved in many community collaboratives, including participation in consolidated planning committees for city and county governments, homeless consortiums in three counties, and a group that organized a "Dress for Success" program in Midland County. Staff members also belong to boards of a housing rehabilitation organization, a drug assessment and training organization, the Genesee County United Way, and other community groups. An example of a joint programming effort is a collaboration of a local alternative dispute resolution center, the Urban League, and the University of Michigan on an enhanced mediation program to settle landlord-tenant problems. In 2000, LSEM also contacted the senior citizen centers and Spanish-speaking service agencies in the area to advise them of the new low-income tax clinic LSEM was starting to help clients file their taxes on time and take advantage of all the credits and deductions available to them.

| Client Age | |
|------------|-------|
| 18 & Under | 2,078 |
| 19-59 | 3,754 |
| 60 & Over | 574 |
| Groups | 4 |
| Total | 6,410 |

Pro Bono Support. LSEM, in conjunction with local bar associations, has a pro bono program through which volunteers handle individual cases, staff legal advice clinics, conduct training sessions, mentor other pro bono attorneys, and help with fundraising. Pro bono attorneys closed 676 cases for LSEM in 2000. Corporate attorneys in Midland continued their commitment to staff a monthly pro bono consumer law clinic. Fifteen senior attorneys provided monthly clinics at senior citizen centers through the Saginaw County Senior Circuit Pro Bono Bar Association. LSEM continued to sponsor pro bono attorneys to speak at local high schools on legal topics such as housing, probate, and child custody and support matters. School districts appreciated this service for students because it was an opportunity to prevent legal problems before they developed.

| Client Ethnicity | |
|------------------|-------|
| White | 3,443 |
| Black | 2,707 |
| Hispanic | 224 |
| Native American | 9 |
| Asian | 8 |
| Other | 19 |
| Total | 6,410 |

LSEM Types of Service in 2000



LSEM Cases Closed in 2000: 6,410

