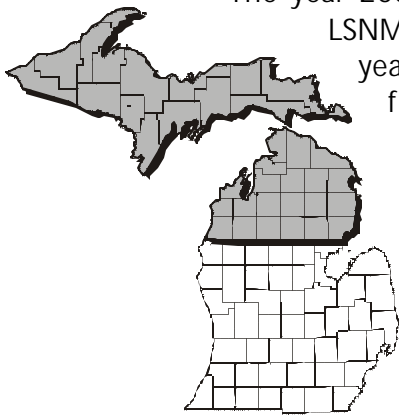


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LSNM Office Locations: Alpena, Escanaba, Gaylord, Houghton, Marquette, Petoskey, Sault Ste. Marie, and Traverse City

LSNM Service Area: Alcona, Alger, Alpena, Antrim, Baraga, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Emmet, Gogebic, Grand Traverse, Houghton, Iosco, Iron, Kalkaska, Keweenaw, Leelanau, Luce, Mackinac, Manistee, Marquette, Menominee, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Ontonagon, Oscoda, Ostego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Schoolcraft, and Wexford Counties

Service Population: 144,736 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



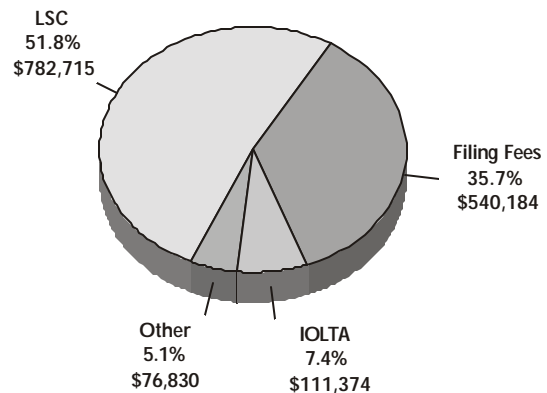
The year 2000 was one of progress for LSNM. For the first time in many years, LSNM received a grant from the Region 11 Area Agency on Aging to provide services to senior citizens in the Upper Peninsula. LSNM provided more informational presentations about legal issues to seniors throughout the service area. All staff attorneys received additional training

concerning Medicare and Medicaid issues, which will benefit seniors and non-seniors alike. LSNM received a federal technology grant that will, in part, provide videoconferencing for much of Upper Michigan. LSNM opened a new office in Gaylord to provide easier access and better service to clients in that area, which is one of the fastest growing parts of the state.

An elderly couple on a low fixed income retired to northern Michigan and purchased a manufactured home. The home had numerous minor construction deficiencies, and LSNM negotiated the correction of these deficiencies. Then a serious front porch construction problem resulted in severe water leakage that damaged the house itself. When repeated attempts to negotiate the repair or replacement of the porch failed, LSNM initiated litigation. After pretrial investigation, the case was settled just before trial when the company paid the couple the amount necessary to fix the porch.

A young woman wanted to divorce her husband who had been imprisoned for criminal sexual assault. She was overwhelmed by the complexities of the "do-it-yourself" divorce kit and was intimidated by her husband's threats to take the children away from her. She was poor and unable to pay a private attorney. Through referrals from LSNM's pro bono program, the woman obtained counseling, child care services, and pro bono legal assistance with her divorce.

LSNM Sources of Funding for 2000: \$ 1,511,103



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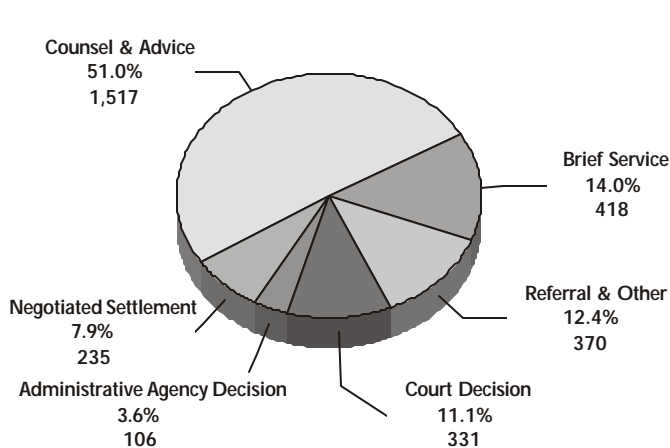
Community Outreach and Collaboration. Many LSNM staff members are involved with community groups and activities. For example, the deputy director in Escanaba is on the board of the local community mental health provider and of a three-county community action agency, whose recent activities include a mixed-income housing development. Two LSNM attorneys in Escanaba serve on the Abuse Alliance Coalition in the tri-county region. The LSNM attorney in Houghton serves on the boards of a home for delinquent and neglected girls, and a substance abuse center. He also makes presentations to the Upper Peninsula Community Action Program on elder law issues. An attorney in Traverse City gives annual presentations to landlords concerning landlord-tenant law. The deputy director in Traverse City works closely with the local domestic violence centers. One LSNM attorney has been working with the Michigan Department of Attorney General and the State Bar of Michigan after encountering a company that was fraudulently selling costly probate “trust kits” to senior citizens who did not need them.

Client Age	
18 & Under	32
19-59	2,546
60 & Over	399
Groups	0
Total	2,977

Pro Bono Support. Pro bono attorneys closed 403 cases for LSNM in 2000. LSNM works closely with the Grand Traverse-Leelanau-Antrim County Bar Association to sponsor the Third Level Crisis Intervention Center pro bono clinic and referral program. There are also pro bono attorney panels in Wexford, Missaukee, and Roscommon Counties. Preliminary discussions were held concerning the creation of a pro bono group in Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties. LSNM's executive director toured the Upper Peninsula with the State Bar of Michigan president in October 2000 to discuss legal aid, pro bono work, and the Access to Justice program with many local lawyers.

Client Ethnicity	
White	2,791
Black	18
Hispanic	21
Native American	143
Asian	4
Other	0
Total	2,977

LSNM Types of Service in 2000



LSNM Cases Closed in 2000: 2,977

