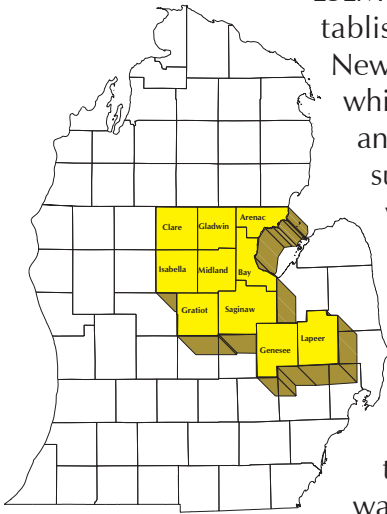


LEGAL SERVICES OF EASTERN MICHIGAN

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



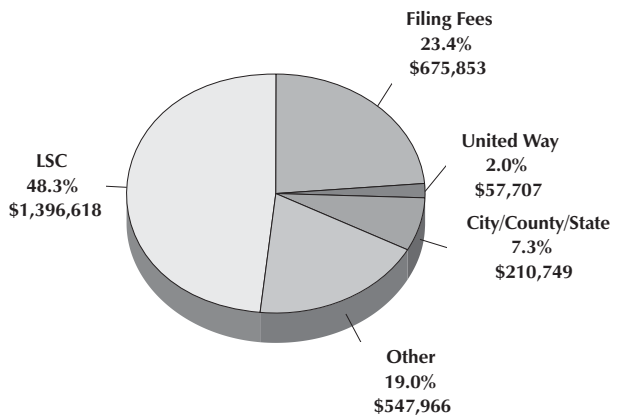
LSEM is one of the partners in establishing the new Judge Bruce Newman Access to Justice Center which provides legal information and referrals for citizens. LSEM supplied written materials and videos, helped with grant writing and the design of the center and receives many client referrals. LSEM also worked with the Genesee County Treasurer's Office to prevent tax reversion of homes after the legal time for redemption was greatly shortened. LSEM

An elderly woman was living with her niece who had a power of attorney over her aunt's income and assets. The niece was preventing her aunt from communicating with family and friends and was misappropriating her resources. A social worker helped the older woman contact LSEM about this exploitation. LSEM was able to protect the senior's interests by asking a court to dissolve the power of attorney and by assisting the lady in relocating to another environment where she was protected from abuse.

assisted with a process for getting tax notices to those affected, offered tax clinics and worked with banks to develop a land reuse plan. Only four out of 1,400 owner-occupied homes subject to reversion reverted to the county. An additional benefit was elimination of monthly rents in many tenant-occupied units. LSEM also worked with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department and other partners to establish a Consumer Protection Service Program, which helps seniors with complaints or in mediating fair resolutions of other consumer disputes. This help is available at senior centers. LSEM's consumer bankruptcy division is also now operational, providing relief for numerous persons in debt relief actions.

A woman who owned her own trailer and paid lot rent withheld that rent because sewer problems resulted in a back up of raw sewage into her trailer. She asked the park owner to make repairs and sanitize her yard. Instead, the owner sued her for non-payment of rent and for penalties. LSEM helped the woman regain a habitable home by negotiating a settlement in which the park owner fixed the sewage problem, sanitized the client's yard and abated most of the back rent.

LSEM Sources of Funding for 2001: \$ 2,888,893



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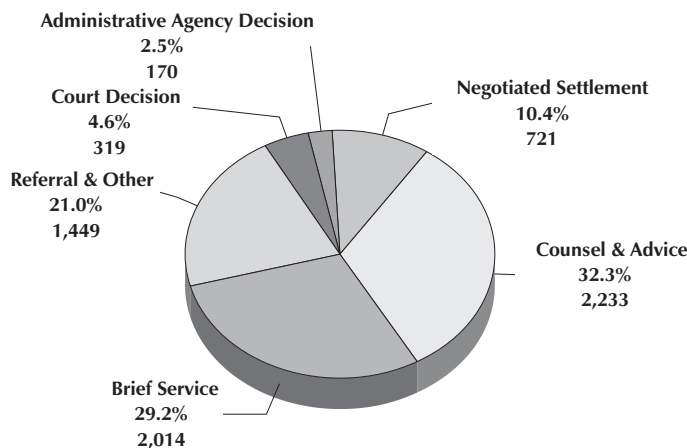
Community Outreach and Collaboration. LSEM is active in over 60 community organizations and committees. LSEM serves on the Housing Change Project Team for the City of Flint which studies current needs such as rehabilitation or housing construction. The Team is working to develop additional quality affordable housing as well as a methodology for an improved allocation system for the City's CDBG and HOME funds. LSEM meets quarterly with all municipalities in Genesee County and with other organizations regarding Fair Housing. A Fair Housing Advisory committee was established and is now functional; this has helped to secure changes to zoning and land use ordinances to remove impediments to fair housing. LSEM is extending some of these fair housing services to Bay County. LSEM is also continuing its participation in one Elder Abuse Task Force and has published an updated elder abuse resource manual. Similar groups are being established in two other counties.

Client Age	
18 & Under	1,967
19-59	4,201
60 & Over	734
Groups	4
Total	6,906

Pro Bono Support. LSEM continued its innovative pro bono program, using volunteer attorneys not only for individual cases but for a speakers bureau, visits to high schools and clinics (general, domestic, bankruptcy, probate, child custody, and support matters.) LSEM continues to staff the Saginaw Senior Circuit Pro Bono Bar. Pro bono lawyers helped 586 persons in 2001. LSEM received an ABA rural services pro bono grant for a cooperative outreach and education effort with over 90 libraries. Clients can fax documents free from local libraries to LSEM offices. LSEM distributes legal information brochures at libraries where pro bono attorneys will provide community legal education and library staff training. LSEM's web site is also accessible to clients from these libraries where librarians can offer assistance in computer use.

Client Ethnicity	
White	3,803
Black	2,433
Hispanic	295
Native American	10
Asian	8
Other	357
Total	6,906

LSEM Types of Service in 2001



LSEM Cases Closed in 2001: 6,906

