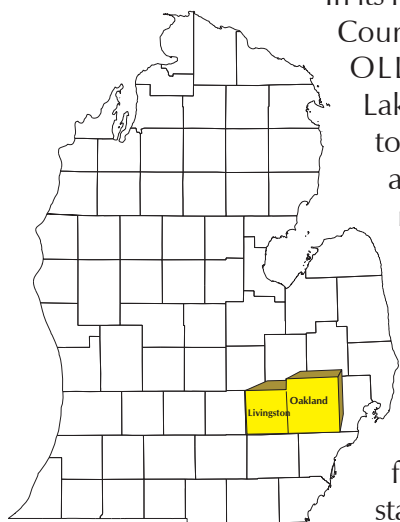


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OLLA Office Locations: Pontiac, Southfield, and Howell

OLLA Service Area: Oakland and Livingston Counties

Service Population: 93,188 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



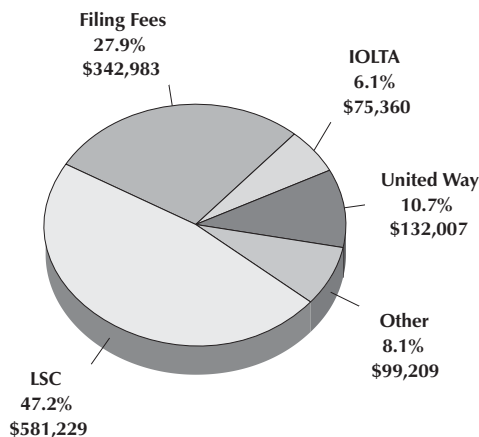
In its first full year of operation, the Counsel & Advocacy Law Line, OLLA's joint venture with Lakeshore Legal Aid, responded to over 20,000 callers, giving advice, brief service or referrals. In 2001, 4,729 cases were closed, providing eligible clients with holistic legal services ranging from advice, document preparation, assistance for those representing themselves, referral to OLLA pro bono or staff attorneys for litigation and

A 63-year-old father was awarded full custody of his children. He had struggled for years to provide for the children but he had not received any child support from his former wife who was some years younger and gainfully employed. An OLLA attorney obtained an order for a mandatory wage assignment for automatic support payments from the mother. Now there is enough income to support the children's basic needs.

targeted referrals to other human service agencies. While priority is given to clients threatened with domestic violence, loss of home, denial of basic income or medical assistance or other services designed to help families become self-sufficient, OLLA staff also provide legal assistance to seniors who want to get their affairs in order and who are prime targets of unscrupulous consumer schemes.

A young single mother with multiple sclerosis wanted to work as long as she physically could. Unrepresented, she was denied any disability benefits because she was performing limited work while she claimed a disability. An OLLA attorney presented appropriate evidence demonstrating real limitations in her daily living. The result was an award of some benefits while allowing her to work to the extent she is able, stay active and remain a role model for her children.

OLLA Sources of Funding for 2001: \$ 1,230,788



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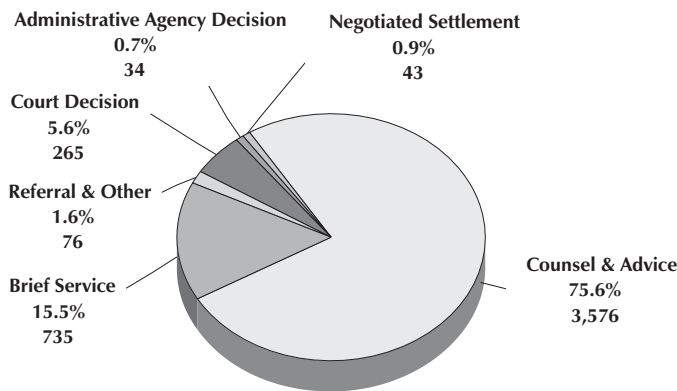
Community Outreach and Collaboration. By cooperating with courts, the state and local bar associations, domestic violence and homeless shelters, and other human service providers, OLLA and CALL staff are able to expand legal solutions for clients. Legal clinics are available to area residents three nights a week through a collaborative funded by United Way of Oakland County. OLLA staff and volunteers reached seniors at local centers, addressed unique legal questions for pregnant and parenting teens through school and hospital programs and participated with other community leaders in high school programs. OLLA programs have been highlighted in radio, cable television and newspaper articles. OLLA attorneys are also trainers of other legal providers and are piloting a database project which keeps multi-program data separate to preserve client confidentiality and avoid conflicts of interest.

Client Age	
18 & Under	47
19-59	3,793
60 & Over	889
Groups	0
Total	4,729

Pro Bono Support. In 2001 OLLA partnered with a number of organizations invited by the State Bar of Michigan's Open Justice Commission to hold trainings for attorneys interested in helping domestic violence survivors. This added 30 participants to OLLA's panel of pro bono attorneys. The Estate and Probate Committee of the Oakland County Bar Association also recruited 50 attorneys who took over responsibility for providing wills, powers of attorney and advanced directives for seniors and other eligible clients. All low-income clients are served free of charge; others pay a low fee for all three documents. Approximately 450 pro bono attorneys were involved in many volunteer activities valued at almost \$200,000 during 2001.

Client Ethnicity	
White	3,083
Black	1,206
Hispanic	152
Native American	54
Asian	34
Other	200
Total	4,729

OLLA Types of Service in 2001



OLLA Cases Closed in 2001: 4,729

