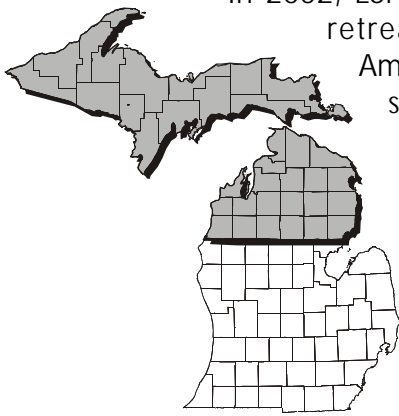


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LSNM Office Locations: Alpena, Escanaba, Gaylord, Houghton, Marquette, Sault Ste. Marie, and Traverse City

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, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Schoolcraft, and Wexford Counties

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



In 2002, LSNM held a three day Board retreat to look to the future.

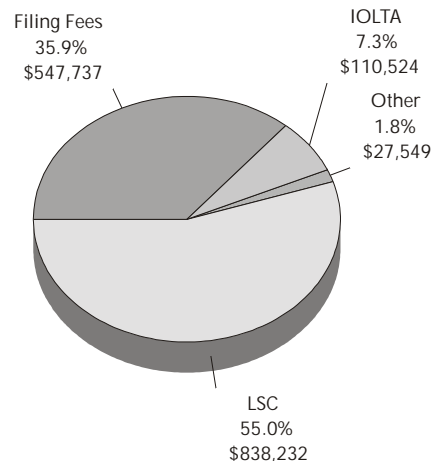
Among LSNM's responses to the specter of reduced federal funding was a centralized intake pilot project designed to increase client access by facilitating advice and brief service by phone. Despite decreasing attorneys by two, LSNM achieved a slight increase in total cases closed, including many cases

handled by extended service. LSNM also continued to expand its close ties with area domestic violence shelters. Nearly half of LSNM's domestic violence cases are closed with extended service in order to fully address all the family's legal problems. LSNM also increased its involvement with the senior community, publishing a newsletter and alerts to advise seniors of "scams" as well as assisting in the implementation of a task force directed at elder abuse.

LSNM represented a woman who was the victim of sexual abuse by her husband. Because of the actions of her husband, the woman was afraid to allow unfettered visitation with the children. In addition, there was a substantial amount of marital debt which the husband was refusing to pay. LSNM obtained a divorce judgment, a supervised visitation provision acceptable to the mother and a equitable division of the marital bills that allowed the mother and son to live free from fear and debt.

A young man was kicked out of high school because of untreated schizophrenia. LSNM assisted with obtaining his temporary placement in a group home while the child received mental health treatment and the family received training regarding the child's mental health. As a result, the family had the tools needed to help the child who was then able to remain in the home and was also main-streamed back into the school system.

LSNM Sources of Funding for 2002: \$ 1,524,042



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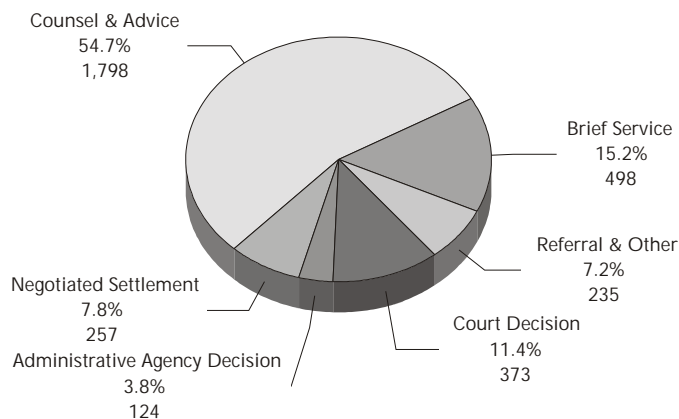
Community Outreach and Collaboration. LSNM's greatest outreach is word of mouth from clients who LSNM has helped. LSNM also places posters at many community agencies and other locations where clients might see information about LSNM's services. LSNM also has a web site containing program information and links to other sites that can assist clients and has referral agreements with various local agencies. LSNM advises domestic violence shelter staff about PPO's and other legal issues affecting clients, and every LSNM office participates on local domestic violence task forces. LSNM also acts as an advisor for paralegal training for the State Disability Assistance to SSI project. LSNM staff members are also involved with a broad range of community groups and activities and make presentations on legal issues to clients and those who work with clients. For example, one LSNM attorney makes presentations on elder law issues and another gives presentations to landlords concerning the basics of tenant law.

Client Age	
18 & Under	40
19-59	2,867
60 & Over	499
Groups	0
Total	3,406

Pro Bono Support. 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. This program uses the volunteer services of over 110 local attorneys. 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 also added 8 volunteer attorneys through the State Bar of Michigan's Domestic Violence Pro Bono Project in 2002.

Client Ethnicity	
White	3,196
Black	24
Hispanic	36
Native American	144
Asian	6
Other	0
Total	3,406

LSNM Types of Service in 2002



LSNM Cases Closed in 2002: 3,406

