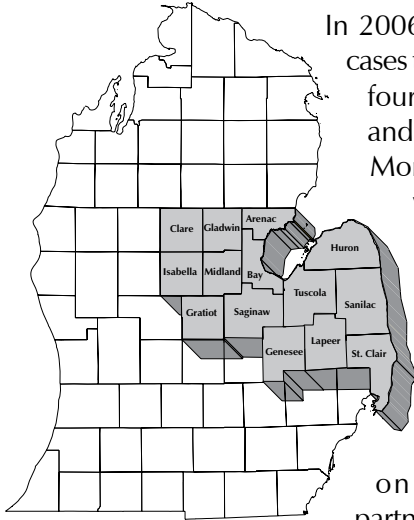


# LAKESHORE LEGAL AID

2006 LLA Office Locations: Caro, Clinton Township, Pontiac, Port Huron and Southfield

**LLA Service Area:** Arenac, Bay, Clare, Genesee, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Lapeer, Midland, Saginaw, St. Clair, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties; also, senior services in Macomb and senior and family services in Oakland County

**Service Population:** 213,110 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



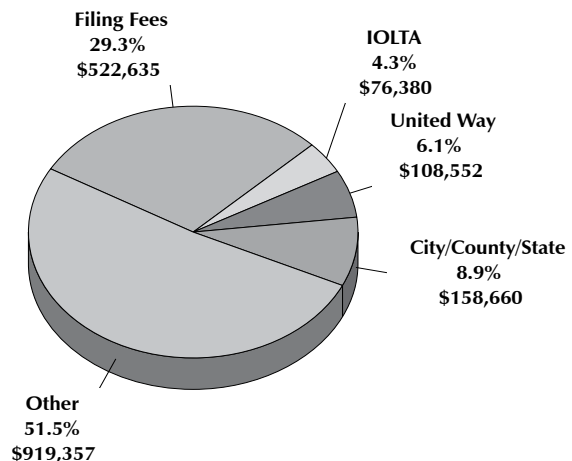
In 2006, LLA resolved 5,117 client cases through its staff attorneys in its four field offices and its Counsel and Advocacy Law Line hotline. More than 4,300 of the clients were indigent; nearly half were over age 60 and were often frail and vulnerable. Working closely with domestic violence shelters, LLA attorneys presented community education events to over 200 people on elder abuse, same sex partner abuse, and other domestic violence issues. In rural areas,

A 90-year-old woman who was living month to month on her social security got a letter from her bank that all of her social security funds had been garnished to pay a medical bill from her late husband's final illness. The removal of the money caused her checks to "bounce," triggering hundreds of dollars in bank fees. Within hours of getting the bank letter, the woman had a stroke. LLA met with her in the hospital and then successfully got the impermissible garnishment reversed and all bank fees waived.

LLA worked with judges, prosecutors, law enforcement, social workers, and medical professionals in Coordinated Community Councils to support First Response Teams which help communities effectively respond to domestic violence. LLA also presented materials to over 60 private and legal aid attorneys on the intersection of domestic violence and child protective proceedings under Michigan's Family to Family Initiative. LLA helped develop statewide protocols for Family to Family Team Decision Making panels allowing attorney representation and facilitating distribution of a form to educate people about their choices in child protective proceedings in which the caregiver suffered domestic violence.

A 66-year-old developmentally-disabled man had his Supplemental Security Income checks sent to family members to pay his bills. After his family members mismanaged the money, he fell behind in his rent. LLA obtained an order allowing the senior to remain in his home until he could enter a supportive housing program where a professional now handles his bill payment properly.

**LLA Sources of Funding for 2006: \$ 1,785,584**



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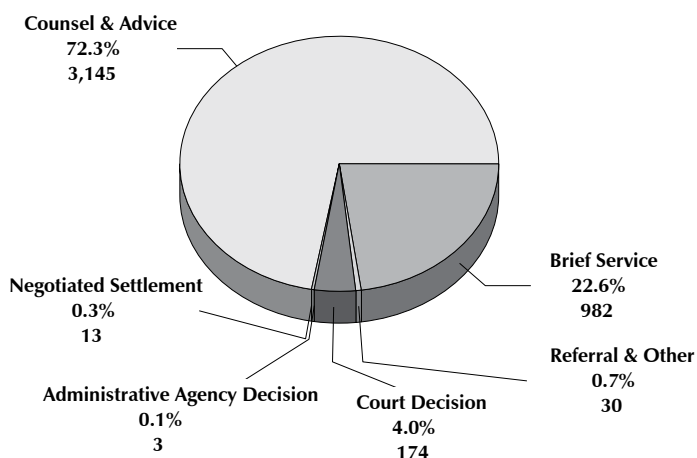
**Community Outreach and Collaboration.** LLA worked with the Department of Human Services, the Prosecuting Attorney, the Sheriff, the Michigan Council on Domestic Violence, local police, judges and the domestic violence shelter to develop a Fatality Review of the systemic failures in fatal domestic violence episodes in one county. The Fatality Review has gained national attention for the importance of civil legal assistance in the prevention of homicides in domestic violence situations. LLA also conducted trainings on the dynamics of domestic violence for clergy, court personnel, law enforcement and community leaders. LLA staff continues to serve on community boards such as emergency shelter coalitions, domestic violence councils, area food programs, community action groups, and coalitions serving seniors. LLA also maintains an electronic referral information system to quickly and accurately refer clients, who contact the CALL telephone hotline, to other community services they may need.

Client Age	
18 & Under	20
19-59	3,049
60 & Over	1,278
Groups	0
Total	4,347

**Pro Bono Support.** LLA had 135 client cases closed by pro bono attorneys in 2006. LLA focuses its pro bono efforts mainly in the area of domestic violence and senior legal assistance. By partnering with domestic violence shelters and senior service agencies, LLA has increased its panels of attorneys that specialize in these areas of the law. LLA's panels of pro bono attorneys are designed to use a variety of methods to assist low-income clients, from taking individual cases, to assisting at outreach, community education and trainings events. LLA also offers less experienced attorneys with professional development opportunities through a mentoring approach to pro bono work, matching less experienced pro bono lawyers to work with another volunteer attorney who has more expertise.

Client Ethnicity	
White	3,764
Black	369
Hispanic	102
Native American	35
Asian	15
Other	62
Total	4,347

LLA Types of Service in 2006



LLA Cases Closed in 2006: 4,347

