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*2008 IOLTA Grants and Filing Fees Contracts
Supporting Civil Legal Services
for the Poor in Michigan*

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“Access to justice is a dream; we must make it a reality.”

John W. Cummiskey
ATJ Leader (1917-2002)



The Michigan State Bar Foundation is pleased to present this “Justice For All” report highlighting the important work supported by IOLTA and Filing Fees funds awarded by the Foundation to nonprofit civil legal aid programs. These agencies closed more than 53,000 cases in 2008, helping low-income families in every county in Michigan.

With help from legal aid programs, indigent families throughout the state were able to stay safe from family violence, avoid homelessness, access medical care, obtain child support and address other critical legal needs. The agencies profiled in this report handled 85% of cases outside of court or other forums, with 69% receiving legal advice and counsel to help mitigate or solve problems; 16% benefitting from limited action (such as completing forms, making calls to resolve disputes or reviewing documents); 11% being represented in litigation, negotiated settlements or administrative processes, and 4% obtaining other extensive services.

Legal aid programs also handle many non-case matters that help clients avoid legal problems or prevent the problems from getting worse, such as publishing educational materials, providing information on web sites, conducting sessions on legal topics and training staff in other nonprofits to spot legal issues to be able to direct their clients to assistance earlier. These agencies also support pro bono programs which facilitated more than 37,000 hours of free legal help to low-income persons from volunteer lawyers in 2008.

These programs also collaborate on statewide technology, pro bono and fundraising strategies; work together in joint telephone hotline systems; share training opportunities with each other; and work with community legal assistance centers. They partner with the Foundation and the State Bar of Michigan on the Access to Justice Campaign to raise endowment and operating funds for legal aid (to make a donation, see www.atjfund.org). Through a grantee input process, these agencies helped the Foundation identify priority needs for a special 2008 grant cycle to support statewide strategies, such as statewide support for immigration legal services to the poor and a seven program collaborative foreclosure assistance project reaching all parts of the state.

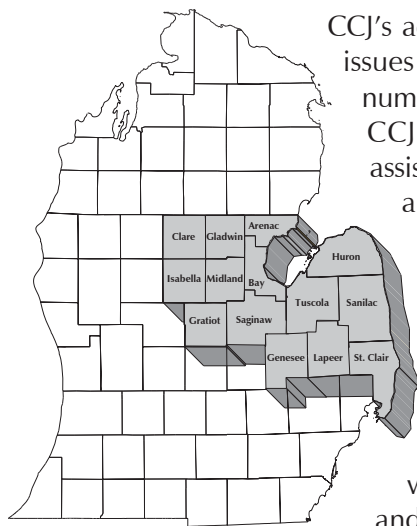
Over 3 million persons in Michigan qualified for free legal assistance in 2008 because their income was below 200% of the federal poverty level (\$28,000 per year for a family of two). For every four indigent persons served, Michigan legal aid programs must turn away three others because of insufficient resources. This emphasizes the importance of IOLTA, Filing Fees and other funding to help Michigan’s civil legal aid agencies keep making a difference for vulnerable populations. The Foundation is pleased to support these services through grants to nonprofit civil legal aid programs for the critically important work illustrated in this report.

CENTER FOR CIVIL JUSTICE

2008 CCJ Office Locations: Saginaw and Flint

CCJ Service Area: Arenac, Bay, Clare, Genesee, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Lapeer, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Clair and Tuscola Counties; Statewide on anti-hunger advocacy

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



CCJ's advocacy emphasizes legal issues that impact a significant number of low-income persons. CCJ also provides technical assistance on policy questions and systemic legal issues for community-based organizations serving the poor. Areas of law where CCJ has been most active are: health care, food stamps and nutrition programs, welfare-to-work programs, education and training programs, child

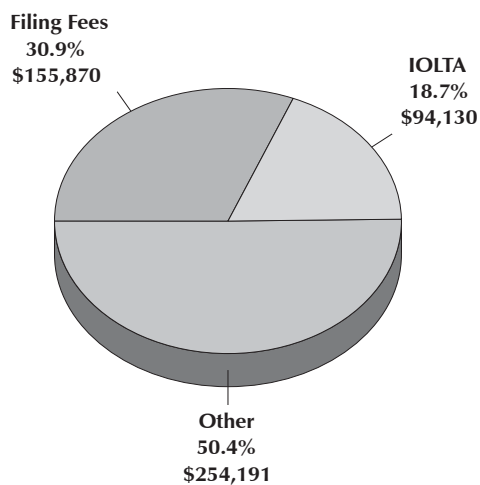
CCJ challenged a local rule denying or terminating foster care licenses to people whose sole income was from a childcare business. CCJ helped the agency rewrite its policy so persons who could show their childcare business had been viable for at least a year would still be eligible for a license. Now, these parents can keep their foster care licenses and maintain a stable home for the foster children in their care.

day care programs, and subsidized housing programs. CCJ has also been

involved in utility and consumer law issues, homelessness, prison-re-entry issues, and policies affecting domestic violence survivors. In 2008, CCJ successfully opposed a motion to vacate a federal court order that CCJ had previously won requiring reimbursement of Medicaid recipients for Medicaid-covered medical expenses incurred while the appealing the denial of Medicaid. CCJ's staff also worked with other organizations to raise awareness about the impact of changes to federal food programs on food assistance eligibility. In 2008, CCJ worked with Legal Services of Western Michigan and the ACLU to develop an outreach and litigation strategy to help ex-offenders who may be subject to unlawful race-based discrimination when they apply for jobs.

In 2008, CCJ trained the staff of a county health plan provider on how to screen its members to see which persons might qualify to apply for the Adult Benefit Waiver program which opens to applicants only once or twice a year. As a result, an estimated 3,000 additional people were able to transfer to a healthcare insurance program that will provide them with better coverage and services.

CCJ Sources of Funding for 2008: \$504,191



CENTER FOR CIVIL JUSTICE

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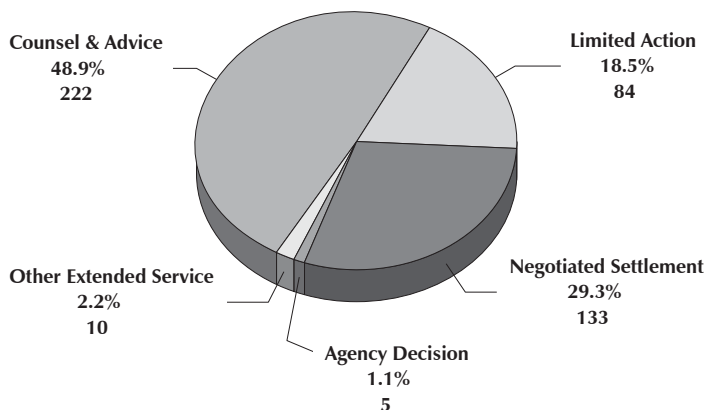
Community Outreach and Collaboration. CCJ's Food and Nutrition Program Helpline is now advertised by the Michigan Department of Human Services on its official Food Assistance webpage, which has significantly increased calls to the Helpline. CCJ worked with the Food Bank Council of Michigan to facilitate a monthly conference call for anti-hunger advocates, through the newly established Michigan Alliance to Stop Hunger. CCJ participates in Genesee Healthnet which targets gaps in local healthcare services; the group has improved coordinated delivery of mental health and other specialty services to indigent persons. In 2008, CCJ's Food and Nutrition Program Helpline contacted many agencies, churches, and other organizations to raise awareness of and utilization of federal food programs. CCJ also worked with other agencies on an improved system for referring persons from a work program to a homeless shelter pending resolution of their barriers to work, and the resulting protocols and forms have been made available as a model for homeless advocates elsewhere.

Client Age	
18 & Under	22
19-59	386
60 & Over	46
Groups	0
Total	454

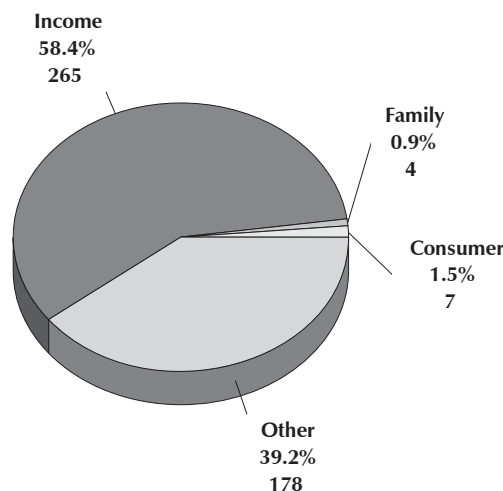
Pro Bono Support. CCJ continues to help law students at the University of Michigan conduct food stamp eligibility screening and referrals. CCJ refers clients to and works cooperatively with Legal Services of Eastern Michigan which operates a pro bono program in the region. CCJ also sometimes also utilizes volunteer attorneys to assist in policy advocacy projects and specific community education efforts. Also, as part of a new immigration project, CCJ will also refer immigration cases beyond its expertise or scope of services to other attorneys. CCJ receives attorney financial donations through the Access to Justice Fund.

Client Ethnicity	
White	253
Black	144
Hispanic	38
Native American	0
Asian	2
Other	17
Total	454

CCJ Types of Service in 2008



CCJ Cases Closed in 2008: 454

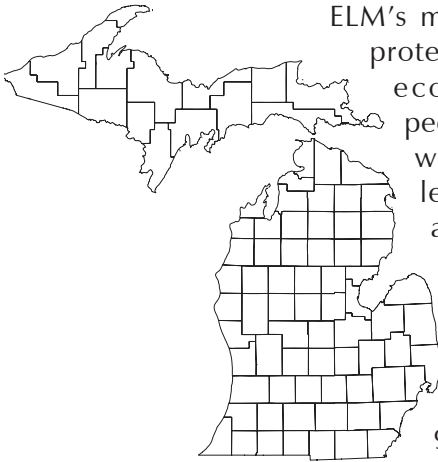


ELDER LAW OF MICHIGAN

2008 ELM Office Locations: Lansing

ELM Service Area: Statewide

Service Population: 237,519 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



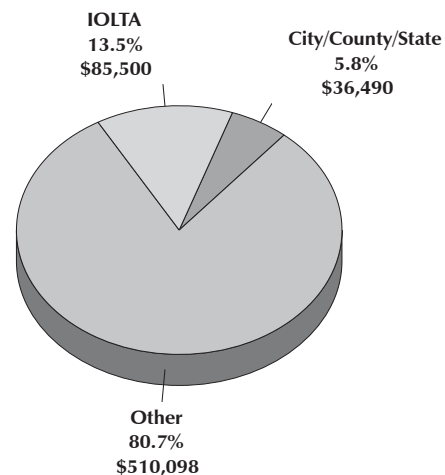
ELM's mission is to promote and protect the rights, health and economic well being of people as they age or those with disabilities by providing legal advice, information, advocacy, and professional services. In 2008, ELM's Legal Hotline for Michigan Seniors (LHMS) and the Pension Rights Project handled 6,408 cases, a 9% increase over 2007. Additionally, LHMS attorneys

Many seniors whose only income is Social Security call the Hotline after receiving receiving notice that that their bank account is going to be garnished. When that is the only income in the account, it is exempt from garnishment. In response, the Hotline created a brochure on how to file an objection to the garnishment order. By following these instructions, the senior can protect the only money that is available to them to live on.

were able to give brief services to 15% of the callers. The ELM Pension Rights Project recovered over \$3.8 million for individuals, helping to sustain those seniors' independence and a stable home life for many families. 70% of these clients resided in households with a total income of \$20,000 or less. ELM also operates the MI CAFÉ Project which uses trained volunteers to help low-income seniors with the requirements of applying for public benefits. In 2008, MI CAFÉ served over 2,100 seniors, assisting them in securing Food Assistance and Medicaid benefits, providing vulnerable seniors with better nutrition and often preserving meager income for needed medicines, housing and utilities. In 2008, the MI CAFÉ project continued to further expand into Wayne County.

The Hotline offers public benefit screening and regularly finds that older adults who have aged into poverty for the first time are not aware of benefits for which they may be eligible. This screening results in applications for and enrollment in programs like Medicare Savings, Medicaid, Home Help, Medicare Part D, Food Stamps and State Emergency Relief, providing additional benefits that dramatically improve the quality of life for these low income seniors.

ELM Sources of Funding for 2008: \$ 632,088



ELDER LAW OF MICHIGAN

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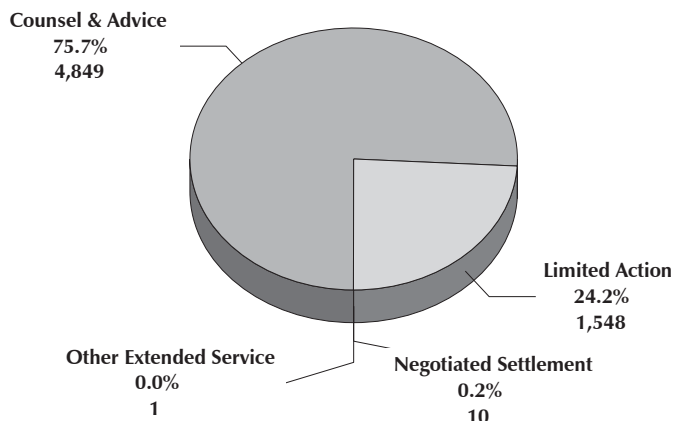
Community Outreach and Collaboration. ELM distributed over 7,500 “After the Loss” booklets to advise seniors on legal issues after the death of a spouse, parent or other significant person. These booklets are placed at legislators’ offices, libraries or other public locations. In 2008, ELM completed work on a companion booklet: “Planning for Your Future.” ELM hosted a statewide Elder Rights Summit in 2008 to bring together legal and human services groups to discuss the legal rights of older adults. Over 100 people participated, forging new connections to improve access to services for older adults. ELM also partners with churches and senior centers and aging agencies to provide trainings on a variety of elder law topics. In 2008 ELM started an e-newsletter; ELM also places articles in the mainstream media on topics relating to elder abuse, elder economic security, and access to benefits. The Legal Hotline has a growing presence on the internet from which it receives many requests each week.

Client Age	
18 & Under	8
19-59	509
60 & Over	5,891
Groups	0
Total	6,408

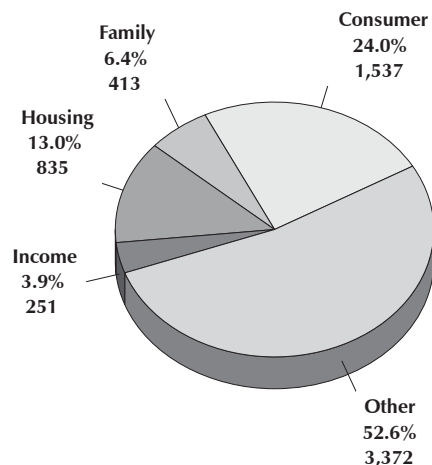
Pro Bono Support. To help secure retirement benefits for older low-income divorced persons, ELM helped the MiLAPP QDRO Project restructure and develop emergency QDRO procedures for clients in immediate financial jeopardy (such as losing their home). In addition to continuing to support corporate attorneys who volunteer to take hotline cases from a remote location, ELM is moving to a new model of having volunteer attorneys take cases in ELM’s office. Also, some volunteers conduct community education events for ELM, and ELM asks attorneys who have made pro bono donations to ELM in the past to be part of the “Friends of the Legal Hotline” to help increase resources. ELM receives attorney financial donations through the Access to Justice Fund.

Client Ethnicity	
White	4,696
Black	1,406
Hispanic	62
Native American	14
Asian	14
Other	216
Total	6,408

ELM Types of Service in 2008



ELM Cases Closed in 2008: 6,408

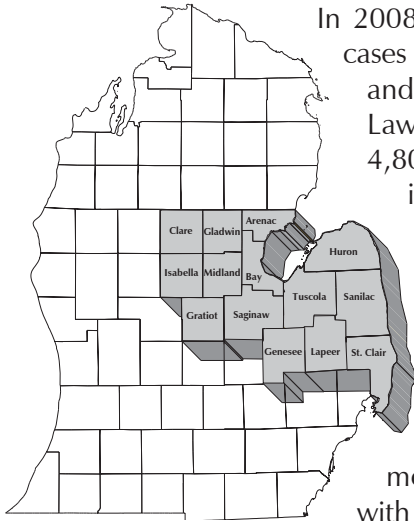


LAKESHORE LEGAL AID

2008 LLA Office Locations: Auburn Hills, Caro, Clinton Township, Detroit, Port Huron and Southfield

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

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



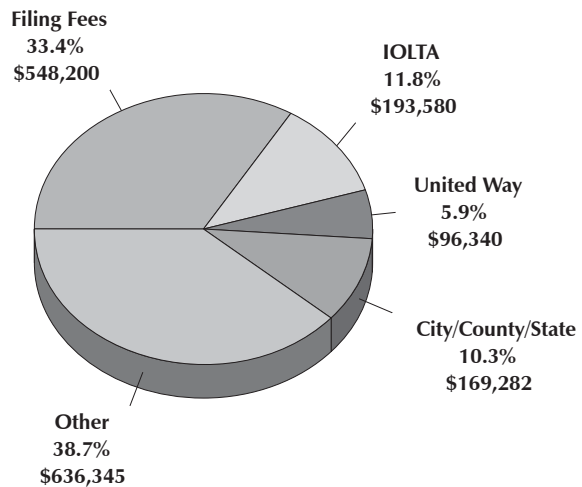
In 2008 LLA resolved 5,300 client cases through its five field offices and its Counsel and Advocacy Law Line (CALL) hotline. Over 4,800 clients were known to be indigent; many were seniors that were often frail and vulnerable. LLA also works holistically; for example, CALL connects battered or homeless clients with shelters, hungry clients with food sources, mentally ill or fragile clients with counselors. LLA convened a group of community organizations

A mother would not say why she refused to consent to a proposed joint custody order. In the hearing it became clear that the child's father was controlling and dangerous; he had prevented her from leaving him and was violent, having to be restrained by the court bailiff. The judge ordered mental health treatment before allowing him any parenting time, gave the mother sole custody and entered a personal protection order to keep the mother and child safe.

to address gaps in legal services for survivors of domestic violence. In rural areas, LLA worked with judges, prosecutors, law enforcement personnel, social workers, and medical professionals in Coordinated Community Councils to support First Response Teams to help communities effectively respond to domestic violence. 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. These protocols were adopted for use throughout the state of Michigan.

A homeless man's sole source of income was Supplemental Security Income. It had been reduced from \$600 to \$300 per month via garnishment for child support. LLA ended the garnishment showing that the man's ex-wife was dead and his children were all adults and assisted the man in obtaining community services for the elderly. The senior is no longer homeless and now lives in safe and supportive senior housing.

LLA Sources of Funding for 2008: \$ 1,643,747



LAKESHORE LEGAL AID

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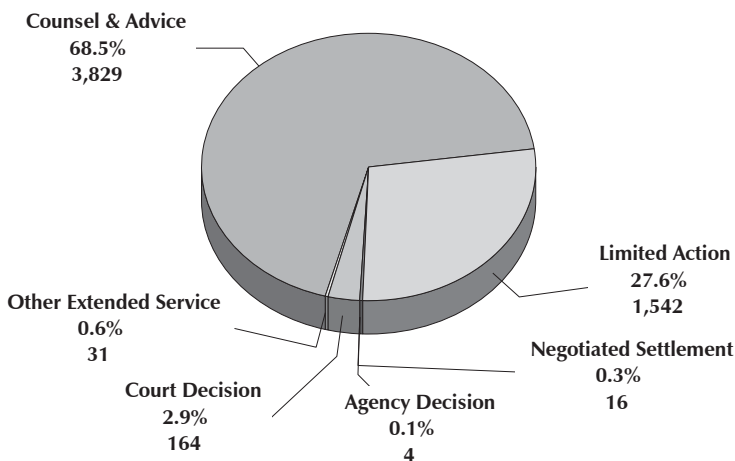
Community Outreach and Collaboration. LLA staff attorneys continue to serve on community boards such as emergency shelter coalitions, domestic violence councils, area food programs, community action groups, and coalitions serving seniors. LLA also maintains an electronic referral information system to quickly and accurately refer clients to other community services they may need. To keep its Community Referral Reference Manual current, LLA contacts dozens of local agencies serving low income people for a mutual exchange of information about CALL and the agencies. Lakeshore meets clients at senior centers throughout the service area. Often, informational presentations on legal issues of interest are presented to the groups before individual matters are discussed with clients. LLA also provided various trainings to local DHS, court, police and other agency personnel throughout the year, including trainings on the dynamics of domestic violence. LLA attorneys presented community education events to over 350 people on elder abuse, same sex partner abuse, and other domestic violence issues.

Client Age	
18 & Under	17
19-59	3,488
60 & Over	2,080
Groups	1
Total	5,586

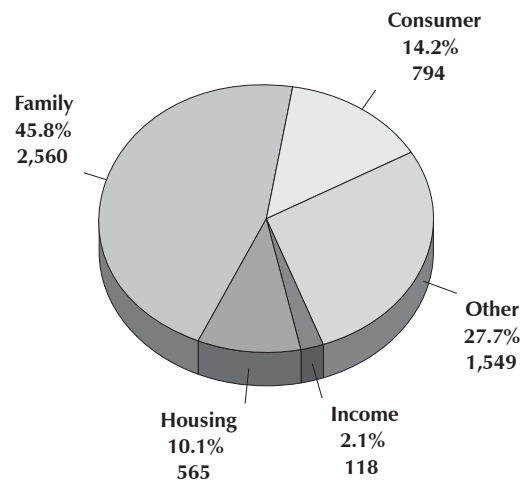
Pro Bono Support. LLA facilitated the closing of 609 client cases by pro bono attorneys in 2008. LLA focuses its pro bono efforts mainly in the area of family law, domestic violence, senior exploitation and other senior legal assistance. By partnering with domestic violence shelters and senior service agencies, LLA has increased its panels of attorneys that specialize in these areas of the law. LLA also works with several local bar associations to expand the list of local attorneys providing pro bono services. LLA receives attorney financial pro bono donations through the Access to Justice Fund.

Client Ethnicity	
White	4,297
Black	885
Hispanic	199
Native American	43
Asian	36
Other	126
Total	5,586

LLA Types of Service in 2008



LLA Cases Closed in 2008: 5,586

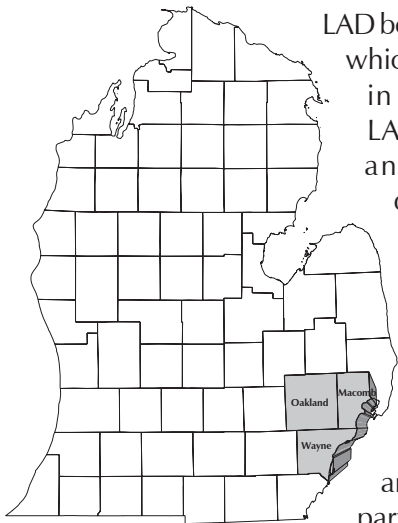


LEGAL AID AND DEFENDER ASSOCIATION

2008 LAD Office Locations: Detroit, Pontiac and Clinton Township

LAD Service Area: Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties

Service Population: 569,314 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



LAD began 2008 in new headquarters which accommodates more walk-in clients on a regular basis. LAD's services includes advice and counsel, brief services, direct representation in litigation actions, appeals, and administrative hearings, primarily in areas such as homelessness prevention, income maintenance, family stabilization, education and transportation. In 2008, a

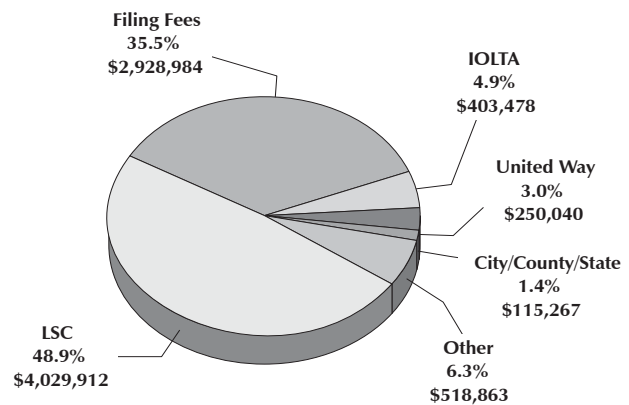
A woman's daughter and grandchild lived with her until the daughter died. At the funeral, the father of the grandchild physically took the child and thereafter refused to allow any visitation by the grandmother. The grandmother and grandchild were both very distressed by the separation. LAD successfully obtained an order permitting visitation time for the grandmother and child.

partnership with Beaumont Hospital was established to design an on-site legal services project for children who are Medicaid recipients. Another LAD project is

"Second Chance Through Expungement Program" (STEP), which helps Wayne County residents expunge one non-violent offense record which occurred at least 5 years ago. Two other projects also began in 2008, including assisting individuals in applying for Federal disability benefits and helping those facing foreclosure through a collaborative effort among seven legal aid programs, state agencies, the Federal Court, housing counselors, Ford Motor Company and many pro bono attorneys. LAD continued to work with the Accounting Aid Society on the Low-Income Tax Clinic where LAD attorneys assist in negotiating with the IRS or representing clients in United States Tax Court in cases of tax controversy.

LAD assists sick children and their families at the Children's Hospital of Michigan and provides education and training to the medical staff to identify legal issues that, if resolved, can positively contribute to the successful treatment and recovery of the children from injury and illness. These services also promote family stability and permit the families to concentrate on helping their children get through their medical care and treatment rather than on legal difficulties.

LAD Sources of Funding for 2008: \$ 8,246,544



LEGAL AID AND DEFENDER ASSOCIATION

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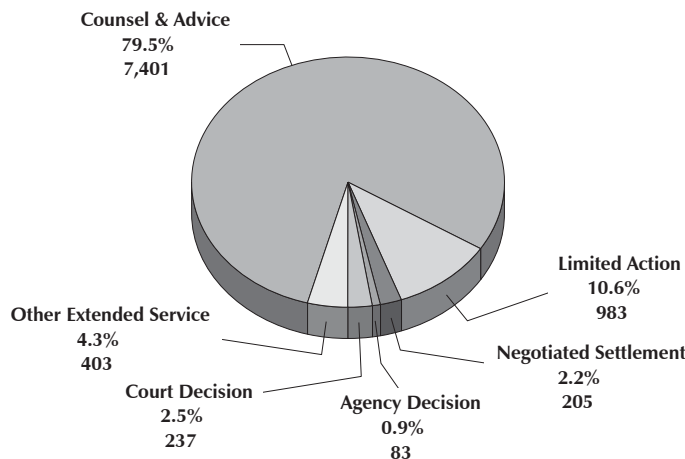
Community Outreach and Collaboration. LAD continues regular outreach in the community through participation in: resource and community fairs, schools, human service organizations, informational fairs, veteran’s centers and homeless centers. Outreach topics include home and automobile insurance, education cases, consumer issues, public benefits, housing, guardianship and obtaining birth certificates and other forms of identification. LAD also provides bilingual outreach at ACCESS (a human services organization that serves the Middle East community) and at various community centers in collaboration with the Oakland Coalition of Hispanic Services and Macomb Hispanic Coalition. LAD has also created 13 different community legal education seminars and accompanying material (translated into Spanish and Arabic) that staff and pro bono attorneys use to provide legal information to eligible clients, including collaboration with ACCESS and others to provide legal information in Arabic on the Internet.

Client Age	
18 & Under	122
19-59	8,890
60 & Over	300
Groups	0
Total	9,312

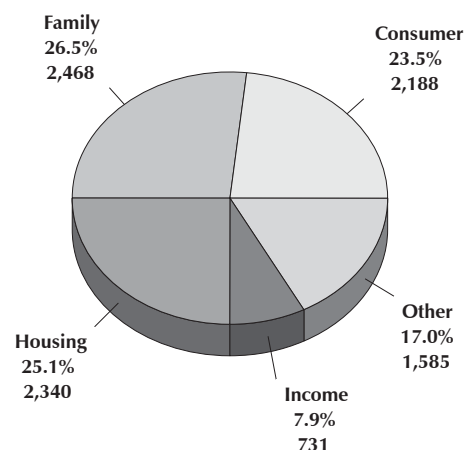
Pro Bono Support. LAD works with local bar associations and others toward a coordinated pro bono effort. LAD recruits pro bono attorneys to assist ex-offenders with expungement cases. Other LAD pro bono efforts include training corporate and other lawyers to assist pro se divorce clients, using law firm volunteers to handle walk-in intake, teaming pro bono lawyers with LAD staff to help pro se litigants prepare post divorce judgment pleadings, continuing to refer cases to the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association (DMBA) pro bono clinic, and using volunteer attorneys to help clients apply for the City of Detroit Water Department program for people with past due water bills. LAD receives attorney financial donations through the Access to Justice Fund.

Client Ethnicity	
White	2,589
Black	6,391
Hispanic	187
Native American	26
Asian	27
Other	92
Total	9,312

LAD Types of Service in 2008



LAD Cases Closed in 2008: 9,312

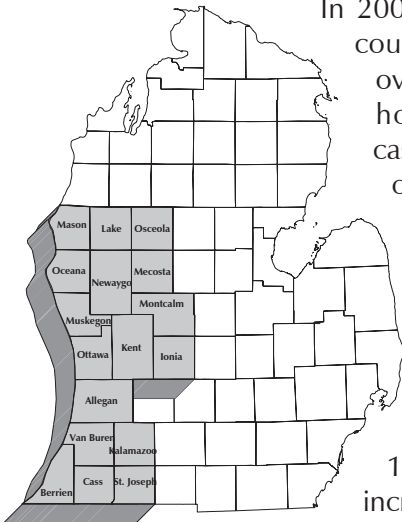


LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MICHIGAN

2008 LAWM Office Locations: Big Rapids, Grand Rapids, Holland, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Niles, and St. Joseph

LAWM Service Area: Allegan, Berrien, Cass, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, St. Joseph, and Van Buren Counties

Service Population: 261,773 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



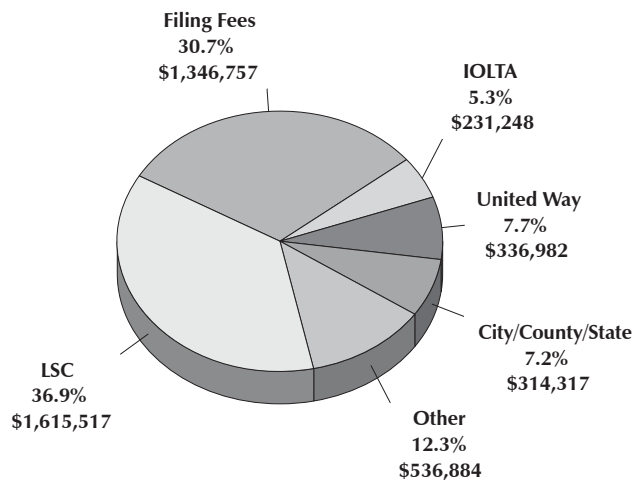
In 2008, LAWM provided advice, counsel, and representation to over 2,500 families at risk for homelessness, litigated 540 cases involving domestic abuse or the defense of a custody matter, and represented 189 disabled persons at administrative hearings to help clients receive or maintain critical health care and stable income. LAWM litigated 152 consumer cases, a 46% increase from the previous year due to the declining economy.

A senior and his three grandchildren were facing eviction after withholding rent due to substandard housing. The entire building was infested with cockroaches. Following a trial and an inspection of the premises by the judge, the landlord agreed to terminate the lease, forgive six weeks of rent and return the entire security deposit, including the non-refundable "cleaning fee," allowing the family enough funds to move to safer lodging.

LAWM also partnered with the Counsel & Advocacy Law Line to provide telephone advice and counsel to low-income persons in west Michigan. Special projects in 2008 included LAWM's Reentry Law Project, including working with the State Bar and the State Appellate Defender Office to distribute a questionnaire to educate criminal defense attorneys about mitigating the civil consequences of criminal convictions. The Reentry Law web site had 40,000 visitors and provided materials for lawyers, human services providers and clients throughout Michigan. Also, LAWM's Homeownership Preservation Project continued to pursue lenders who violated state and federal laws by filing its 30th lawsuit against noncompliant mortgage lenders; nearly all these cases had positive outcomes for clients.

An 87 year-old woman with Alzheimers was duped into buying an in-home security system. She did not realize she had signed a year-long contract for a security monitoring service with the monthly fee automatically deducted from her checking account, depleting her meager income. After LAWM provided documentation of the Alzheimer's disease to the security company, they rescinded the contract and issued a refund.

LAWM Sources of Funding for 2008: \$ 4,381,705



LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MICHIGAN

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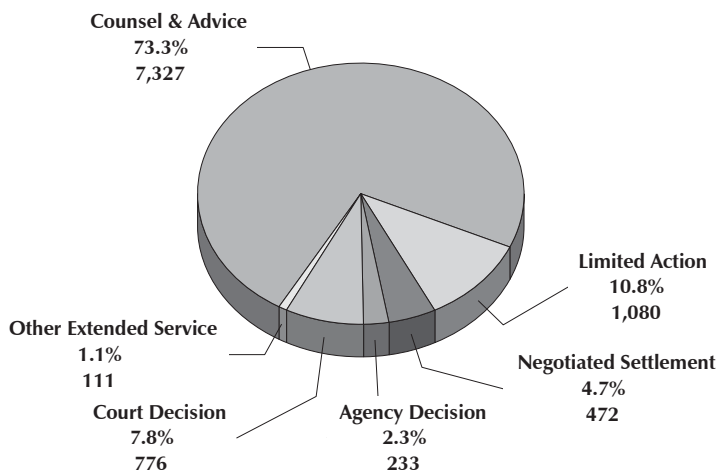
Community Outreach and Collaboration. In 2008, LAWM continued to expand access to legal services through meeting clients at courthouses, domestic violence and homeless shelters, churches, community action agencies or senior centers. LAWM conducted an all-day community legal education event in Kalamazoo County attended by over 160 human service agency staff from seven different counties who learned about poverty law issues and how to recognize civil legal problems and make appropriate referrals. LAWM staff also continued to assist and provide back up legal support for the staff of the Kent County Legal Assistance Center (LAC) which provides pro se help and legal information assisting nearly 1,200 patrons a month on a variety of legal forms and procedures. Two LAWM attorneys conducted a training on behalf of the Tri-County Adult Protective Services Task Force attended by 175 senior citizens on the Financial Abuse of Vulnerable Adults. LAWM attorneys also organized six events to publicize what homeowners can do to avoid foreclosure.

Client Age	
18 & Under	88
19-59	8,729
60 & Over	1,182
Groups	0
Total	9,999

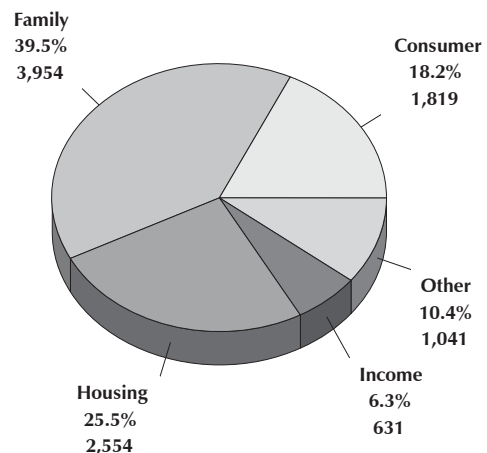
Pro Bono Support. In 2008, LAWM pro bono attorneys closed 204 individual cases in which seventy-two percent were resolved after litigation in court or before an administrative agency. The pro bono program also raised over \$214,000 in donations with 85% contributed through the Access to Justice Fund. LAWM continues to support the Kalamazoo County Bar Association pro bono clinics which occur several times a month, where pro bono attorneys give advice and counsel and conduct evening intake at area community centers. LAWM held pro bono recognition events in Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo honoring the top pro bono lawyers in each community.

Client Ethnicity	
White	6,743
Black	2,310
Hispanic	513
Native American	127
Asian	64
Other	242
Total	9,999

LAWM Types of Service in 2008



LAWM Cases Closed in 2008: 9,999



LEGAL SERVICES OF EASTERN MICHIGAN

2008 LSEM Office Locations: Flint, Midland, Port Huron and Saginaw

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

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



LSEM offers legal assistance in family law, housing, public benefits including health, consumer/bankruptcy, senior law including elder abuse, employment/economic development, low-income tax clinics, and education law. During 2008, LSEM received a Violence Against Women's Act Grant to expand its family law services to include representation in domestic violence cases in all counties in its service area.

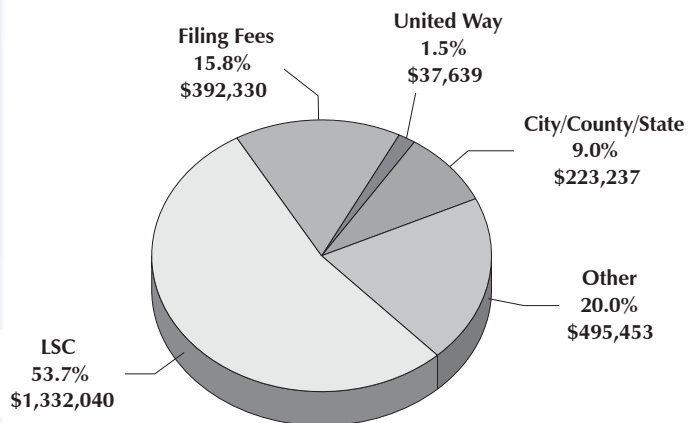
An out-of-state father allowed his son to visit his mother in Michigan. The boy told her he was being abused by the father and did not want to go back to live with him. An LSEM attorney quickly obtained a temporary custody allowing the mother to have custody until the situation could be permanently resolved. The custody issue was then reopened resulting in the mother receiving permanent custody. The boy is now safe and reunited with his mother.

LSEM also sponsors a fair housing

program that serves Bay, Genesee, Midland and Saginaw counties, plus services (as the budget allows) in Huron, Sanilac, Tuscola, St. Clair, and Lapeer counties. LSEM participates in community consortiums that address poverty issues, such as continuum of care for homelessness, tax reversion projects saving homes from foreclosure due to delinquent property taxes, and GAIN\$ (an asset acquisition program matching funds in savings accounts for the working poor to use for home purchase, post-secondary education, or business start-up). LSEM implemented a Teens and the Law Program to educate students about legal issues like paternity, leases, and zero tolerance. LSEM also started a Hospice Program which offers assistance with wills and limited estate planning to terminally ill persons.

LSEM worked as part of a team that included the Genesee County Sheriff's Department Elder Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Unit and a bank representative to protect an elderly woman from exploitation by her Patient Advocate who was misusing resources and was not trustworthy. LSEM immediately drafted documents allowing the woman to revoke both her Durable Power of Attorney and Medical Power of Attorney, safeguarding her from further exploitation.

LSEM Sources of Funding for 2008: \$ 2,480,699



LEGAL SERVICES OF EASTERN MICHIGAN

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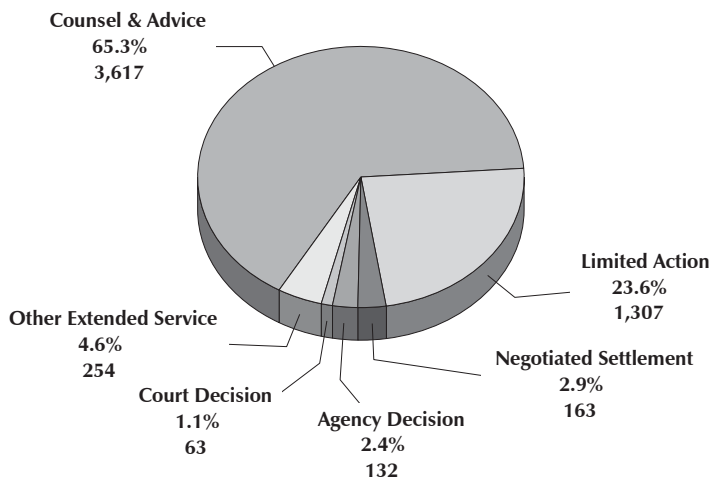
Community Outreach and Collaboration. LSEM has over 100 working agreements with other community-based agencies in its service area that call for mutual referrals and in some instances, joint programming. Additionally, LSEM is involved in many community collaboratives, including three Elder Abuse Response Teams, several local Continuum of Care organizations, two domestic violence coalitions, two emergency services committees, an Early On Consortium identifying and responding to needs of children 0-6, and several multi-purpose collaborative bodies. After the Genesee County Elder Abuse Task Force began the State's first Elder Death Review Team, LSEM and other team members were asked to mentor the City of Lansing and its Police Department in a similar effort. LSEM also offered basic legal training on issues such as landlord/tenant rights for participants of the Bay County Literacy Program.

Client Age	
18 & Under	84
19-59	5,075
60 & Over	377
Groups	0
Total	5,536

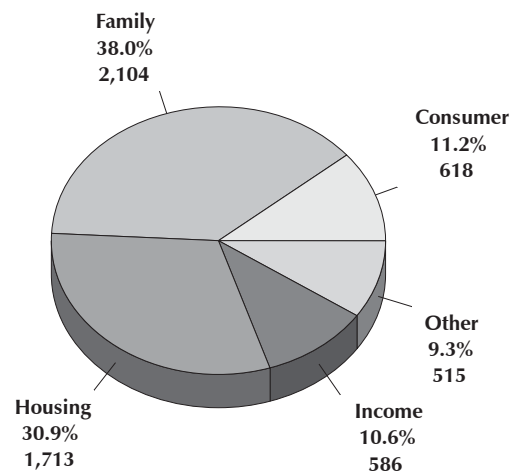
Pro Bono Support. In 2008, LSEM implemented a new pro bono recruitment program for its IRS-funded Tax Controversy Program. Participants in LSEM's pro bono panel also engage in outreach. Examples include Law Day, development of educational materials, and the You and the Law project in which pro bono attorneys provide legal education in schools throughout Genesee County. Also in Genesee County, pro bono attorneys staff a Hospice Program that provides assistance with wills and durable powers of attorney for terminally ill clients. Service is delivered at patients' homes, nursing homes and hospice centers. The Saginaw County Bar and LSEM co-produced a Small Claims Video, which is shown in the courthouse and circulated through a state legal library. LSEM receives attorney financial donations through the Access to Justice Fund.

Client Ethnicity	
White	3,459
Black	1,743
Hispanic	178
Native American	14
Asian	5
Other	137
Total	5,536

LSEM Types of Service in 2008



LSEM Cases Closed in 2008: 5,536

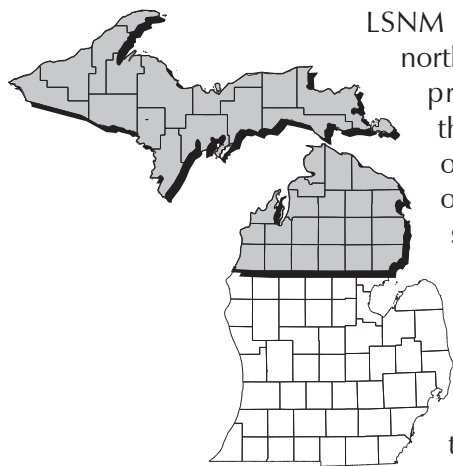


LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN

2008 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: 118,872 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



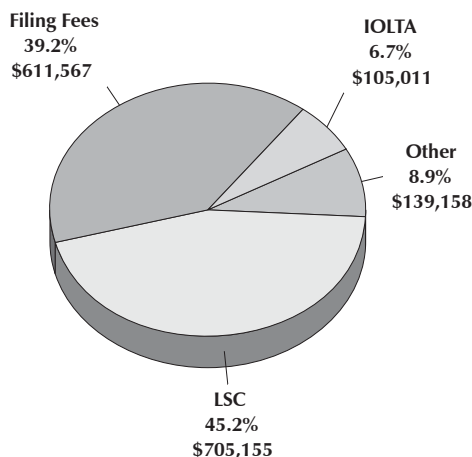
LSNM provides core services to northern Michigan clients facing problems that jeopardize their housing, their benefits or income, their education or threaten their physical safety. LSNM's service area covers 36 of Michigan's 83 counties. To serve the large geographic area, LSNM attorneys regularly travel to outlying areas to meet with clients and deliver legal aid and advice via

An elderly gentleman's bank account, which represented his only savings, was garnished after he was sued by a credit card company. LSNM discovered that the man had been a victim of identity theft by his own son and was able to get the judgment set aside. LSNM also prepared the proper identity theft documentation for the senior's credit card company, which dismissed the lawsuit against him, preserving his life savings.

Internet technology through the Internet Representation Project (IRP) which allows eligible clients to post a question and schedule a real-time chat session with a pro bono attorney or receive an answer via a private answer page. The IRP continues to exceed expectations and has provided online advice to 707 low income individuals via the internet. LSNM also continues to partner with the Counsel and Advocacy Law Line hotline to provide LSNM clients with legal advice, counsel and brief services over the phone with priority cases returned to LSNM for direct representation or extended services. LSNM also contracts with private attorneys to provide legal services to poor people residing in Ogemaw, Oscoda, Iosco, Gogebic and Ontonagon counties.

A victim of extensive physical and emotional abuse told LSNM her husband had begun abusing her children whom he had adopted. LSNM worked with the Prosecutor's office and the Department of Human Services to have the abusive man's parental rights terminated so that he could have no further involvement with the children. LSNM also obtained a divorce for the mother who could then start a new phase of her life in safety with her children.

LSNM Sources of Funding for 2008: \$ 1,560,891



LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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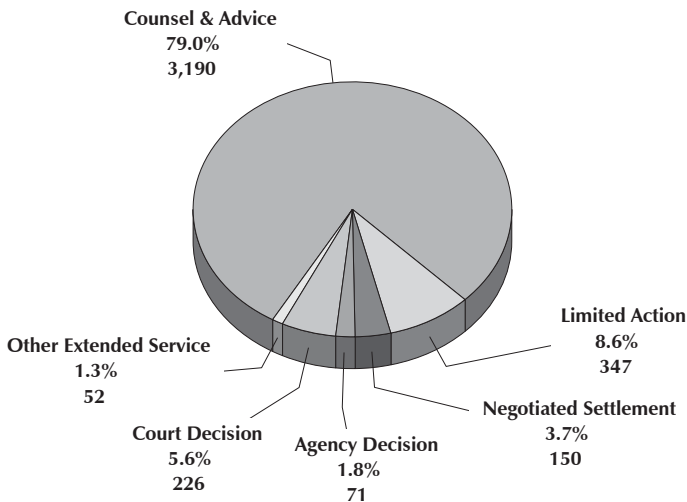
Community Outreach and Collaboration. In 2008, LSNM continued community education and outreach opportunities reaching large segments of several communities. Collaboration and involvement with local domestic violence task forces has been one of LSNM’s most successful efforts. LSNM attorneys have acted as founders, leaders, and participants in these groups which have altered the way northern communities respond to domestic violence. LSNM also provided periodic training visits to staff of the Counsel and Advocacy Law Line on various substantive issues; made presentations at Senior Expo event seminars on consumer fraud, and provided legal education at school presentations and senior center visits. LSNM also continues to have mutual referral agreements with many agencies, including community action centers, community mental health organizations, and domestic violence shelters.

Client Age	
18 & Under	20
19-59	3,673
60 & Over	343
Groups	0
Total	4,036

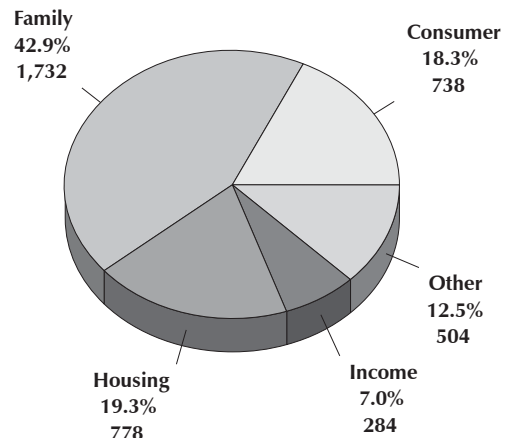
Pro Bono Support. As noted above, the IRP project has significantly expanded pro bono services, with volunteer lawyers currently advising more than 70 persons per month. LSNM also refers clients to pro bono panels in Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Antrim, Wexford and Missaukee counties. LSNM co-founded, underwrites and works with the Third Level Crisis Intervention Center pro bono clinic and referral program in Traverse City assisting clients with divorce forms and filing and completing a non-contested divorce. LSNM partnered with the bench and local bar to initiate a pro bono divorce clinic in Otsego County. LSNM continues efforts to strengthen ties between domestic violence centers and pro bono groups. LSNM receives attorney financial donations through the Access to Justice Fund.

Client Ethnicity	
White	3,782
Black	37
Hispanic	44
Native American	140
Asian	7
Other	26
Total	4,036

LSNM Types of Service in 2008



LSNM Cases Closed in 2008: 4,036



LEGAL SERVICES OF SOUTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN

2008 LSSCM Office Locations: Ann Arbor, Bangor, Battle Creek, Jackson, Lansing and Monroe

LSSCM Service Area: Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Shiawassee, and Washtenaw Counties
 Farmworker Legal Services—Statewide
 Michigan Poverty Law Program—Statewide

Service Population: 195,329 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



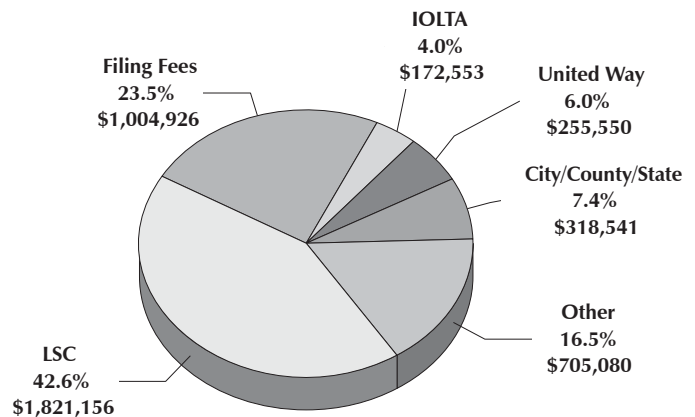
LSSCM provides free civil legal assistance to low income persons with an emphasis on homelessness prevention, domestic violence prevention, and assistance in accessing health care, food, and needs-based income programs. In 2008, LSSCM provided direct services to nearly 9,000 eligible clients. LSSCM also gave legal education presentations to approximately 3,800 persons, distributed over 25,000 legal education brochures, and

LSSCM successfully assisted a non-citizen woman, who was abused by her Legal Permanent Resident husband, with a Violence Against Women Act petition. She then could obtain employment authorization, permitting her to live independently of her abusive husband. LSSCM also helped her apply for permanent residency, assisting again after she did not receive her “green card” because it had simply been mis-filed. Now that she has the green card, she will be eligible to apply for U.S. citizenship.

engaged in over 270 “impact” projects involving appellate or significant cases, or community coalition projects that improved low-income client communities. LSSCM continued to utilize program-wide outcomes measures to track case outcomes that measure the results achieved for clients, as well as documenting cases that need further assistance but that the program was unable to serve due to a lack of resources. There was a positive client outcome in nearly 97% of the cases accepted for full representation but the data also showed that LSSCM was unable to accept for representation over 2,000 meritorious priority cases due to lack of resources.

An indigent woman who signed a “rent to own” agreement for a dining room table received letters from the rental company demanding past due rent, court costs and attorney fees. An LSSCM attorney quickly discovered no court case had ever been filed. After the LSSCM attorney contacted the rental center demanding an accounting and raising potential violations of the Consumer Protection Act, the rental center agreed to forgive all future rent due and declared the account satisfied.

LSSCM Sources of Funding for 2008: \$ 4,277,806



LEGAL SERVICES OF SOUTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN

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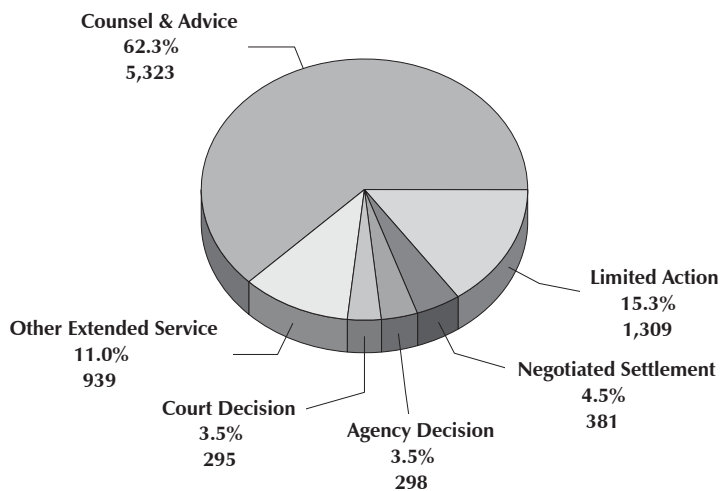
Community Outreach and Collaboration. LSSCM works closely with many community partners including local courts, the private bar, housing providers, homeless shelters and services providers, domestic violence shelters, government agencies, and other human services agencies. In 2008, community legal education presentations reached over 3,800 persons and LSSCM distributed more than 25,000 law-related educational brochures. LSSCM also does extensive outreach and community education at community agencies and migrant labor camps throughout the state where outreach is essential to reach vulnerable populations. Specialized outreach is targeted to populations with limited English proficiency, domestic violence survivors and the elderly. In addition, LSSCM staff serve as representatives of the provider group on many Bar and Court committees as well as participate in the Legal Services Association of Michigan and the State Planning Body. Many LSSCM staff are also involved in national training and advocacy work.

Client Age	
18 & Under	46
19-59	6,725
60 & Over	1,764
Groups	10
Total	8,545

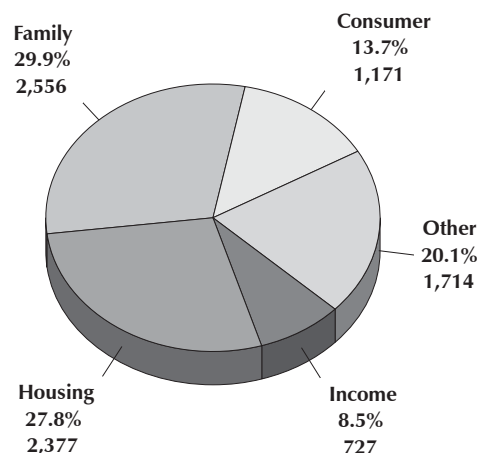
Pro Bono Support. In 2008, pro bono attorneys provided more that \$2.1 million in donated services through LSSCM's pro bono programs. LSSCM supports a very diverse pro bono program, which includes: thirteen county-based pro bono case panels, a domestic violence program staffed by volunteer law students, clinic and externship programs with three law schools, pro bono staffing at two court-based pro se centers, extensive support of statewide pro bono programs, the use of pro bono lawyers as trainers, and pro bono court reporting services. Cases vary from individual cases to complex multi-court impact litigation. LSSCM's pro bono program also includes active Bar-supported financial donation programs in several communities, with attorney contributions received through the Access to Justice Fund.

Client Ethnicity	
White	5,497
Black	1,911
Hispanic	814
Native American	67
Asian	65
Other	191
Total	8,545

LSSCM Types of Service in 2008



LSSCM Cases Closed in 2008: 8,545



MICHIGAN INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES

2008 MILS Office Locations: Traverse City and Dexter

MILS Service Area: Statewide

Service Population: 25-50,000 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



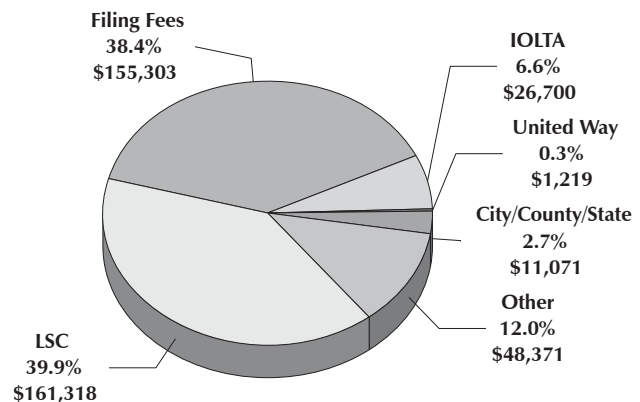
MILS provides civil legal services to low income Indian individuals and tribes to further self sufficiency, overcome discrimination, assist tribal government and preserve Indian families. MILS has offices in Dexter and Traverse City and uses a toll-free number to take client calls and transfer them directly to an MILS staff attorney in either office.

A child living in Michigan was denied further medical assistance under the Medicaid program because she was born in Canada. After MILS documented that the child was over 50% Indian and presented legal research that this blood quantum made the child eligible under the law, the child was approved for the continued medical assistance she needed under the Medicaid program.

MILS attorneys travel to reservations and urban Indian centers to assist clients. Tribes provide MILS with use of their telephone line or Internet connection so MILS can use technology to more efficiently provide statewide services and immediately help clients while meeting with them in the field. In 2008 MILS successfully argued two cases in the Michigan Court of Appeals that significantly advanced the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in Michigan. Also in 2008, MILS began a pilot project to provide criminal representation in one tribal court using a funding source directed for that purpose. The criminal defense project is significant because tribes are not required to provide attorneys for indigent defendants in tribal court because the US Bill of Rights is not binding on tribal courts.

In 2008, MILS won a significant victory in the Michigan Court of Appeals for an Indian mother who had consented to a temporary guardianship for her child. She soon tried to terminate the arrangement, but the guardians sought sole custody of the child. The appellate court found that the trial court erred in failing to return the child when the mother revoked her consent to the guardianship, as is permitted under the ICWA, and the mother and child were reunited.

MILS Sources of Funding for 2008: \$ 403,982



MICHIGAN INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES

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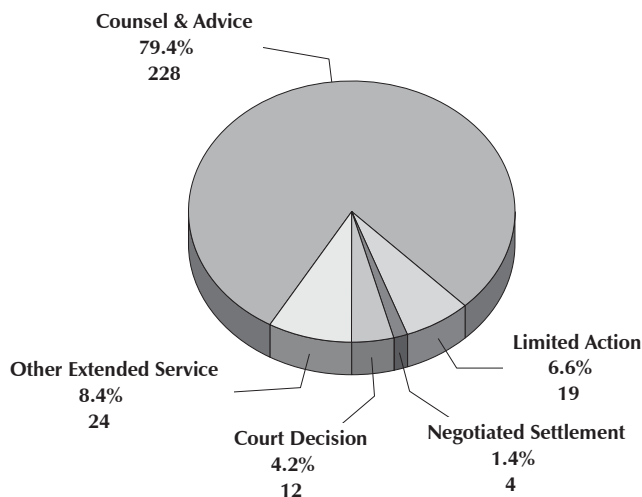
Community Outreach and Collaboration. MILS continues to partner with other agencies in the Michigan Tribal/State Partnership which gathers state and tribal social workers from most tribes and many county Family Independence Agencies to discuss ways to improve compliance under the ICWA and encourage better care for Indian children. Various human services agencies and staff often rely on MILS to provide expertise when issues arise concerning the removal of Native American children from their homes and families. MILS and the Department of Human Services continue to work together to train tribal and state social workers and attorneys on the operation of the ICWA. MILS has published an online manual on the ICWA and also distributes a paper brochure on the ICWA. The MILS executive director is a founding member of the Legal Services Computer Committee and MILS has participated in a number of projects for the LSCC, including the Pika Case Management System project.

Client Age	
18 & Under	1
19-59	267
60 & Over	16
Groups	3
Total	287

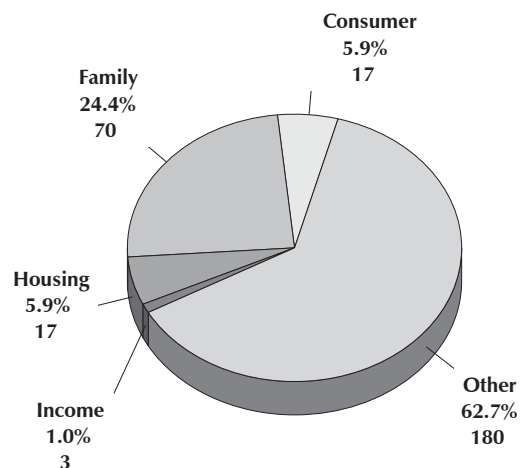
Pro Bono Support. Because of the specialized nature of MILS' work, it is not always possible to engage general pro bono attorneys to assist MILS clients directly. Typically, MILS encourages other Indian law practitioners to assist clients in need of pro bono services. On occasion, MILS seeks advice and counsel from the Michigan Litigation Assistance Partnership Program (MI-LAPP) and pro bono programs of the American Bar Association. Two MILS attorneys provide pro bono services at a weekly clinic at the Third Level Crisis Center in Traverse City. MILS receives financial donations from attorneys through the Access to Justice Fund.

Client Ethnicity	
White	17
Black	3
Hispanic	1
Native American	260
Asian	0
Other	6
Total	287

MILS Types of Service in 2008



MILS Cases Closed in 2008: 287

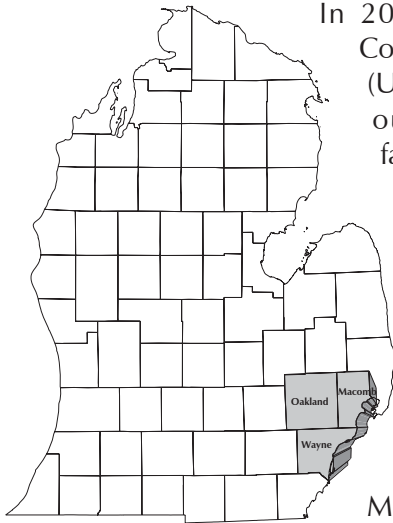


MICHIGAN LEGAL SERVICES

2008 MLS Office Locations: Detroit

MLS Service Area: Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties*; Statewide

Service Population: *569,314 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



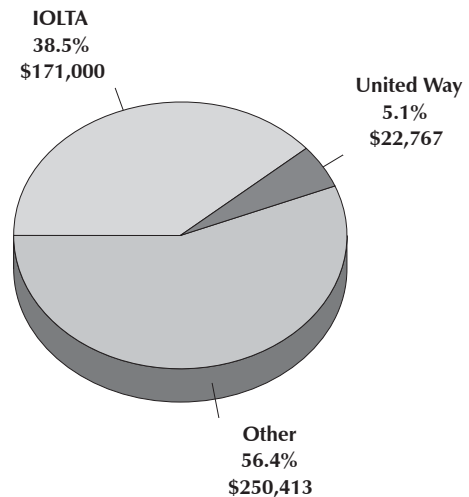
In 2008, MLS and the United Community Housing Coalition (UHC) conducted extensive outreach to 6,500 families facing tax foreclosure in Detroit that prevented the loss all but 20 occupied homes. MLS also initiated a Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program targeting certain predatory lenders and was able to stop nearly 100% of all foreclosure sales with

An elderly homeless man was in acute need of mental health care. After MLS obtained a probate court order for that care, the man was hospitalized, treated, released and relocated with in-home health and community mental health care services in a subsidized housing complex. He now lives independently in a supervised living environment with daily mental health care.

the targeted lenders, pending a negotiated resolution or forbearance plan. MLS operates an anti-homeless project that served more than 700 households in 2008. MLS also subcontracts with Community Legal Resources (CLR) which uses volunteer business lawyers to assist nonprofit organizations throughout Michigan with transactional legal problems, helping more than 600 community groups to date. MLS is counsel to a number of community groups on public benefits, utilities, housing, community development, health and transportation issues. Local impacts include a water affordability plan for Detroit addressing 40,000 annual water shut-offs, preventing the loss of 8,000 homes in the last three years to tax foreclosure, establishment of two more free federal health care clinics, and a restructured SEMCOG which distributes federal funds for public transportation in the region.

MLS stopped a foreclosure for a family which had been in its home for more than 30 years after they became unable to afford their mortgage payments. MLS negotiated with the lender and was able to restructure the mortgage to reduce future mortgage payments, enabling the family to afford the mortgage payments and to stay in their long-time home.

MLS Sources of Funding for 2008: \$ 444,180



MICHIGAN LEGAL SERVICES

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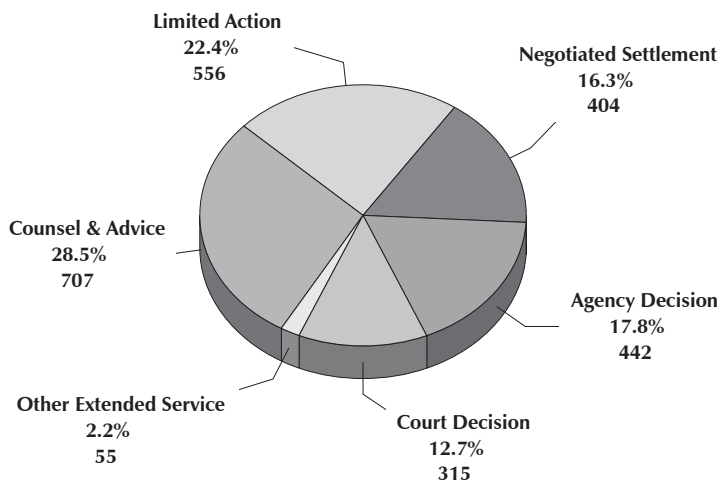
Community Outreach and Collaboration. MLS provides comprehensive legal services to homeless families served by a collaborative funded by HUD; outreach for these clients is conducted at area emergency shelters. MLS and UCHC conducted extensive outreach to families facing tax foreclosure through targeted mailings, phone calls and home visits. MLS is an active participant in numerous community organizations and annually provides legal services for 250 community organizations in Detroit’s block grant process. Also, MLS provides training to legal services attorneys concerning utilities and housing. In addition, MLS has provided training on legal issues to a variety of community and government entities. CLR offers various trainings for nonprofits and regular information about legal issues through the CLR newsletter, Legal Lines for Nonprofits and “E-Briefs.”

Client Age	
18 & Under	0
19-59	2,066
60 & Over	361
Groups	52
Total	2,479

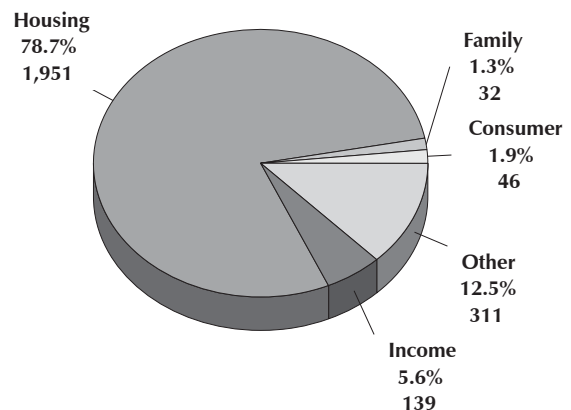
Pro Bono Support. In 2008 CLR recruited pro bono lawyers to assist with 198 legal matters for 145 nonprofit organizations engaged in economic development efforts serving low-income individuals and families. Pro bono attorneys provide advice, representation and conduct trainings or draft legal educational materials useful to community organizations and their clients. CLR also facilitated legal audits conducted by pro bono attorneys for twenty nonprofit organizations. These audits helped the groups to determine any legal needs and strengthened their capacity to operate effectively. MLS has also received significant support from private attorneys in complex litigation. In the Tax Foreclosure Prevention Project, pro bono attorneys at the Detroit Legal Services Clinic accepted 20 probate cases to remove occupied homes with deceased owners from foreclosure. MLS receives attorney financial donations through the Access to Justice Fund.

Client Ethnicity	
White	118
Black	2,262
Hispanic	46
Native American	0
Asian	1
Other	52
Total	2,479

MLS Types of Service in 2008



MLS Cases Closed in 2008: 2,479

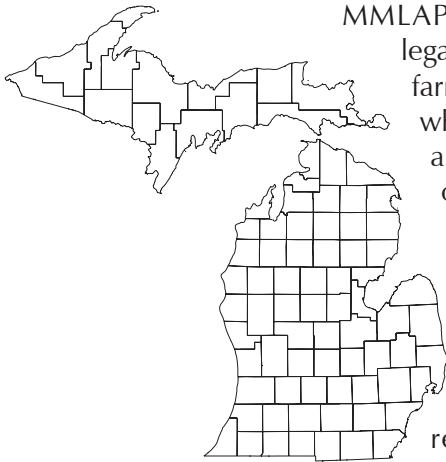


MICHIGAN MIGRANT LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT

2008 MMLAP Office Location: Grand Rapids

MMLAP Service Area: Statewide

Service Population: 160,000 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



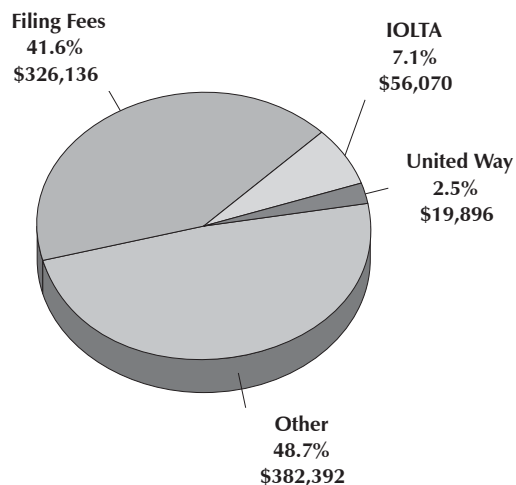
MMLAP's purpose is to provide legal assistance to low-income farmworkers and their families, whether migrating or seasonal, and families recently settled-out from farm work. This often involves enforcing wages and other rights under the Agricultural Worker Protection Act and other laws, as well as specialized agricultural labor problems regarding working arrangements, workplace safety, independent contracting scams, unpaid bonuses and safe housing. In 2008, MMLAP worked cooperatively with pro bono lawyers and a legal service provider from another state on a multi-jurisdiction lawsuit to assure the rights of those with H2B work visas in the same way that agricultural workers holding H2A visas have workplace protection. MMLAP also developed the Registro de Horas Trabajadas to distribute to the migrant camps to educate workers on how to properly document their earnings, whether by piece rate or hourly work, given the incremental increases in Michigan Minimum wage. MMLAP continued to distribute annual payouts for back wages from a prior lawsuit to hundreds of seasonal workers. MMLAP also cooperates with relevant state agencies regarding violations of the law regarding worker safety issues that it learns about while assisting clients.

A group of former migrant workers went to work at a local restaurant which paid them less than the minimum wage. MMLAP attorneys intervened with the employer, obtaining the wages the workers were legally entitled to. In addition, the employer agreed to host MMLAP for a "Know Your Rights" presentation to their entire workforce.

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Seven workers were promised suitable housing and plentiful work in Michigan, but when they arrived they were crowded into a single trailer and did not receive the amount of work they were promised. MMLAP, along with Farmworkers Legal Services as co-counsel, brought a claim for violating disclosures and overcrowded housing and negotiated a settlement that returned the workers' lost income and resolved their housing problems.

MMLAP Sources of Funding for 2008: \$ 784,494



MICHIGAN MIGRANT LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT

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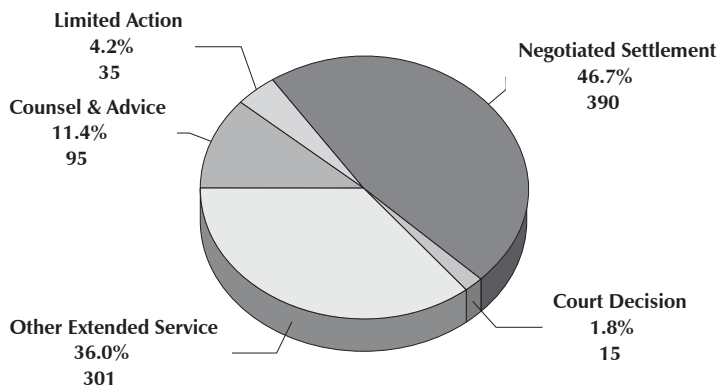
Community Outreach and Collaboration. Each summer MMLAP staff travels around 22,688 miles and visits around 85 migrant camps during outreach. MMLAP participates with other agencies who encounter migrants on Migrant Resource Councils, the Interagency Migrant Services Committee, the Farmworker Legal Services Advisory Board, the West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Hispanic Center of Western Michigan, Justice for our Neighbors, and the Immigration Assistance Program. MMLAP goes “on air” in the summer to take live calls from listeners regarding legal issues. MMLAP places public service announcements in the Spanish press. MMLAP makes the “Know your Rights” book and “Registro de Horas” available to lay service providers so they have legal information in English and Spanish and can share the booklet with their target population. MMLAP also distributes the FLS Calendar that contains information about legal rights of farmworkers.

Client Age	
18 & Under	43
19-59	766
60 & Over	27
Groups	0
Total	836

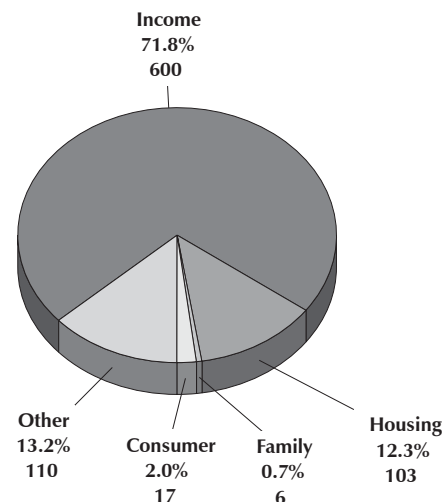
Pro Bono Support. MMLAP refers clients to the local Legal Assistance Center and refers eligible clients to Legal Aid of Western Michigan’s pro bono department. If clients have a non-priority legal issue or a fee-generating case, they receive a list of private attorneys who agree to take phone calls and provide advice or other assistance. MMLAP also distributes a list of Spanish speaking attorneys who have agreed to review cases in their areas of expertise. Co-counsel arrangements are made with private attorneys in large group cases, class actions and impact work. Given the language barrier and specialized nature of legal remedies for migrants, MMLAP stays on as lead counsel in such cases. MMLAP receives attorney financial donations through the Access to Justice Fund.

Client Ethnicity	
White	14
Black	5
Hispanic	811
Native American	0
Asian	1
Other	5
Total	836

MMLAP Types of Service in 2008



MMLAP Cases Closed in 2008: 836



MICHIGAN POVERTY LAW PROGRAM

2008 MPLP Office Locations: Ann Arbor and Lansing

MPLP Service Area: Statewide

Service Population: Legal services programs in Michigan



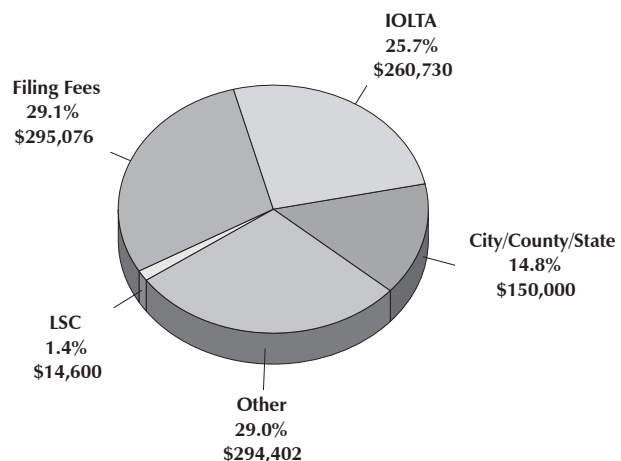
MPLP is a statewide program that supports Michigan legal services providers with direct case assistance, advocacy coordination, substantive law and skills trainings, and technology. MPLP received 1,595 requests for service from legal aid programs. MPLP provides outreach, trainings, and presentations to legal services programs and other nonprofit agencies in areas such as elder law,

A nursing home banned a woman with advanced multiple sclerosis from using her power wheelchair. She then could not move, including from where she had been placed in front of a glass window during a tornado, and could not seek help unless parked near a nurse's station. After MPLP threatened to sue because the nursing home was violating the law, the facility allowed the woman to use her chair and she is now mobile with a much improved quality of life.

consumer law, housing, family law, and public benefits. MPLP provided 15 days of training for 624 attendees and convened 20 task force meetings (including 10 mini-seminars) in legal practice areas that attracted an additional 267 persons. MPLP works with the Michigan Advocacy Project (MAP) on systemic issues such as issues affecting the elderly, housing, family law and the mortgage foreclosure crisis. MPLP also assists the state's technology initiatives, such as the Case Q Project that will create a cross platform case transfer system in the Pika case management system so that programs can electronically transfer client case files. MPLP also provides support for the EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit) electronic tax filing project, which helped secure approximately \$13 million in total refunds for Michigan users, with 9,500 users for the 2008 tax season. This amount is a dramatic increase from 2007, when 7,749 users obtained \$8.7 million in tax refunds. In 2008, MPLP's websites recorded over 3 million hits from clients and advocates.

A disabled individual got a notice to repay disability benefits because he continued to work after his benefits were approved. He incorrectly assumed that his employer had been reporting his wages as a parking attendant. MPLP demonstrated that the employer made many allowances for him to be able work, including being assigned to the same place and coming to work late or missing work as needed. The overpayment was waived because the man was working in the equivalent of a sheltered environment.

MPLP Sources of Funding for 2008: \$1,014,808



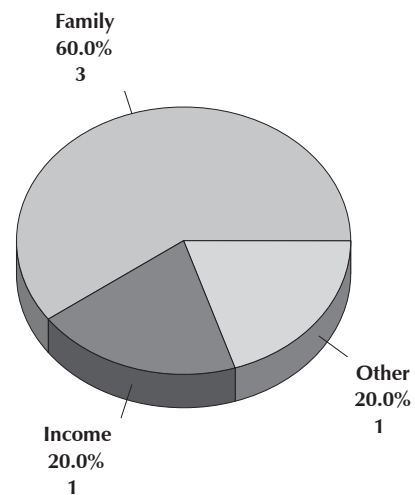
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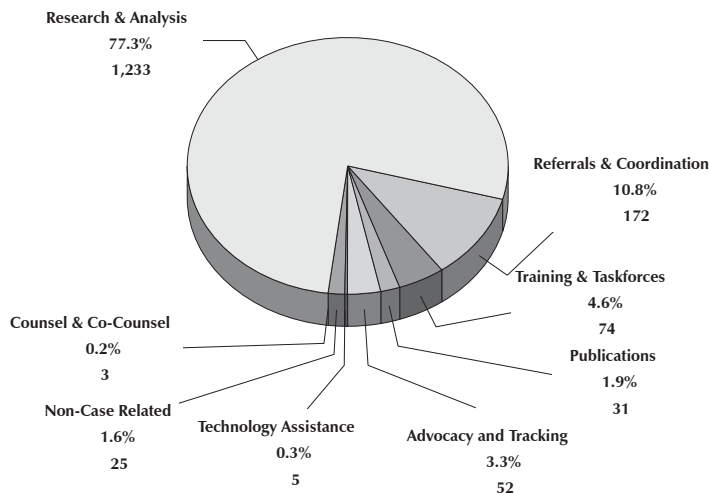
Community Outreach and Collaboration. MPLP maintains the statewide client website located at www.michiganlegalaid.org, which includes legal educational materials, self-help materials and links to forms regarding housing, family, consumer law and income maintenance. MPLP continues to work with Legal Aid and Defender to translate materials into other languages such as Arabic. MPLP, working with Legal Aid of Western Michigan, continues to host and support the Wiki website supporting prisoner re-entry advocacy in Michigan. MPLP also works with the State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, the ARC of Michigan, the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition, the Michigan Quality Care Community Council, and Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service regarding creation of Single Points of Entry where consumers can get information about long term care, assessments for all available government programs, support in creating a person-centered long term care plan, and advocacy to ensure the plan is implemented to the consumer's satisfaction. MPLP also assists the Michigan Foreclosure Prevention Project in coordinating advocacy and addressing issues related to Michigan's mortgage foreclosure crisis.

Pro Bono Support. MPLP has three major pro bono initiatives 1) utilizing many pro bono attorneys as trainers at MPLP task force meetings and trainings; 2) consulting with programs that are developing state wide pro bono initiatives to address unmet legal needs; 3) consulting with programs that need assistance with complex cases or cases that raise statewide issues. LSSCM's Executive Director, is chair of the State Bar's Pro Bono Initiative which permits MPLP to coordinate with and support pro bono initiatives across the state. MPLP receives attorney financial donations through the Access to Justice Fund.

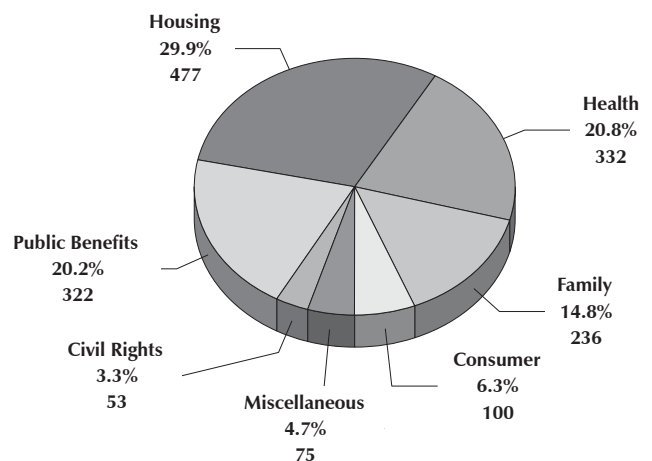
MPLP Cases Closed in 2008: 5



MPLP Types of Activity in 2008

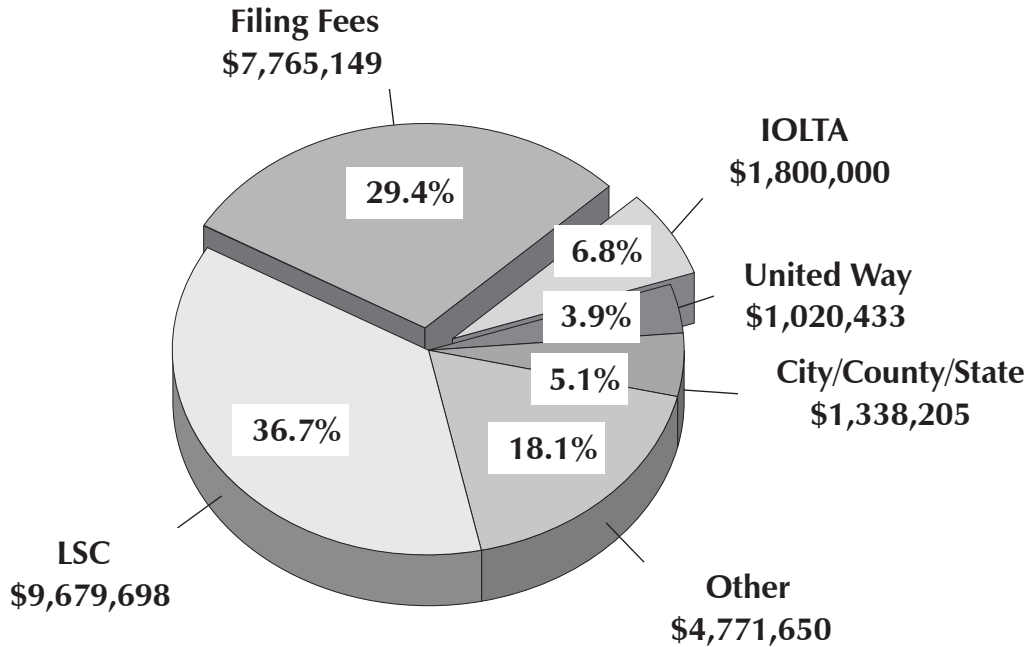


MPLP Completed Activities in 2008: 1,595



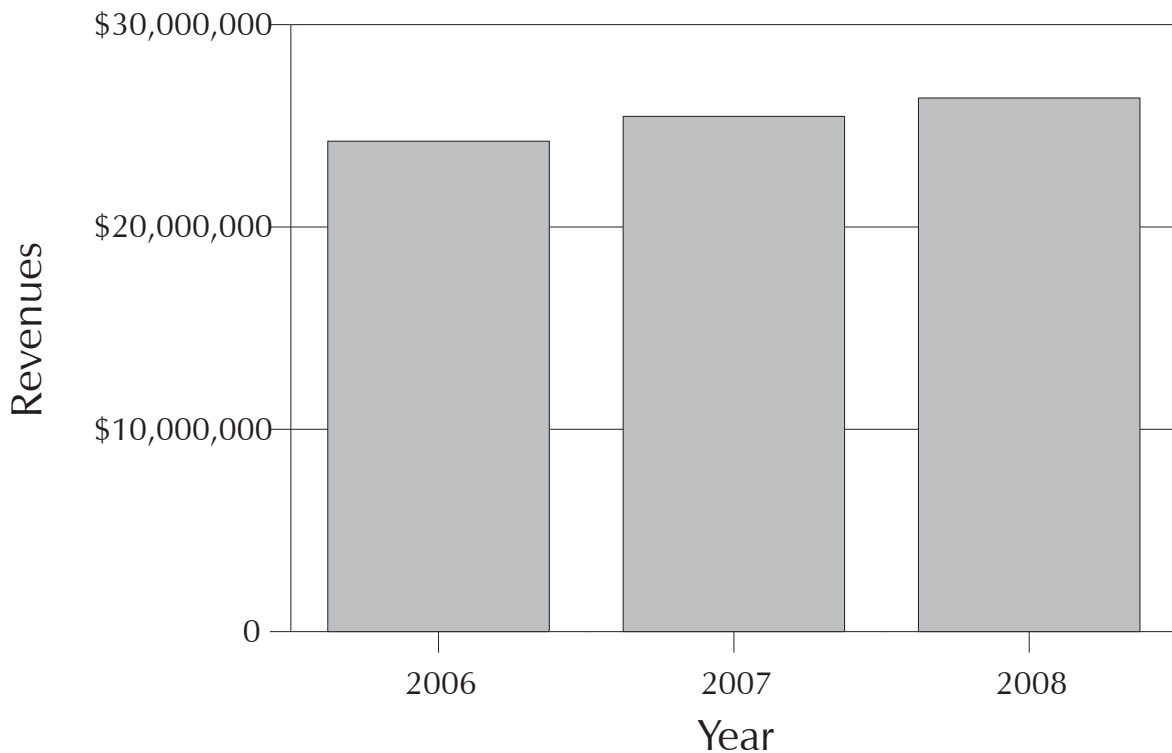
Sources of Legal Services Funding

Total 2008 Funding in Michigan: \$ 26,375,135



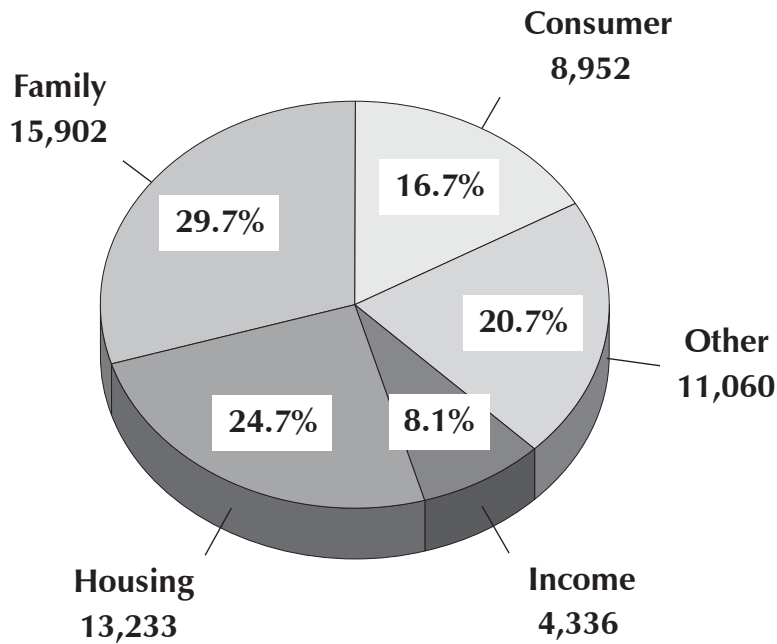
Legal Services in Michigan

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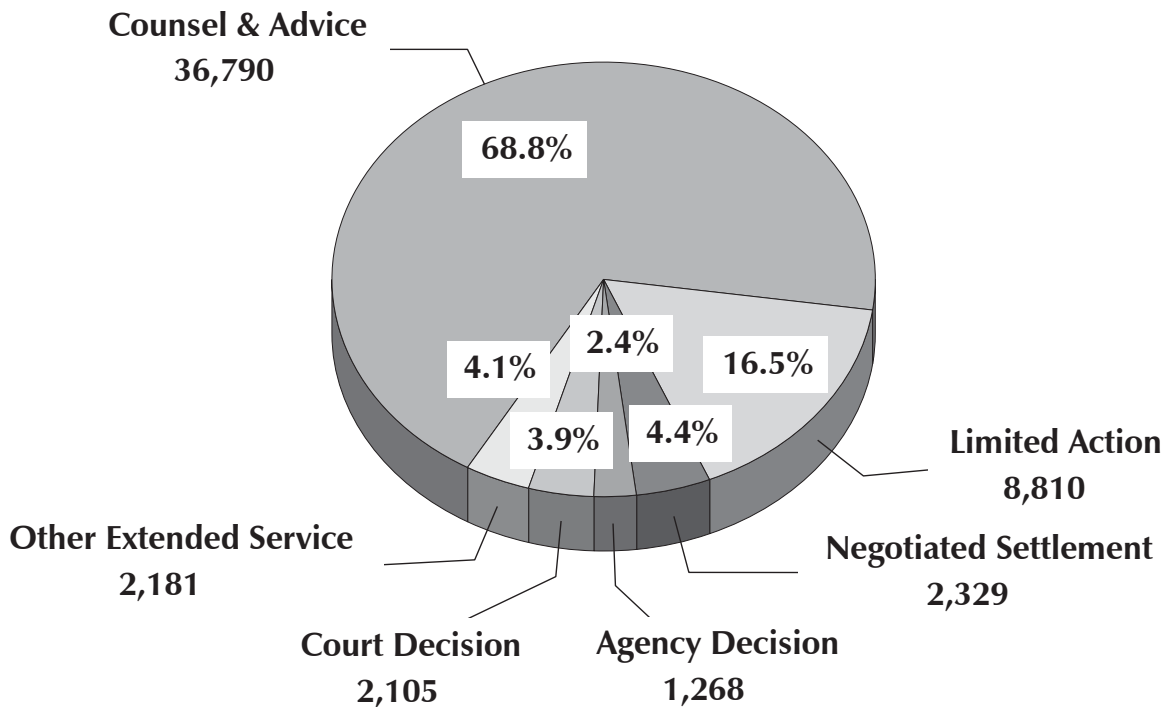
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Cases Closed in 2008: 53,483



Legal Services in Michigan

Types of Service in 2008



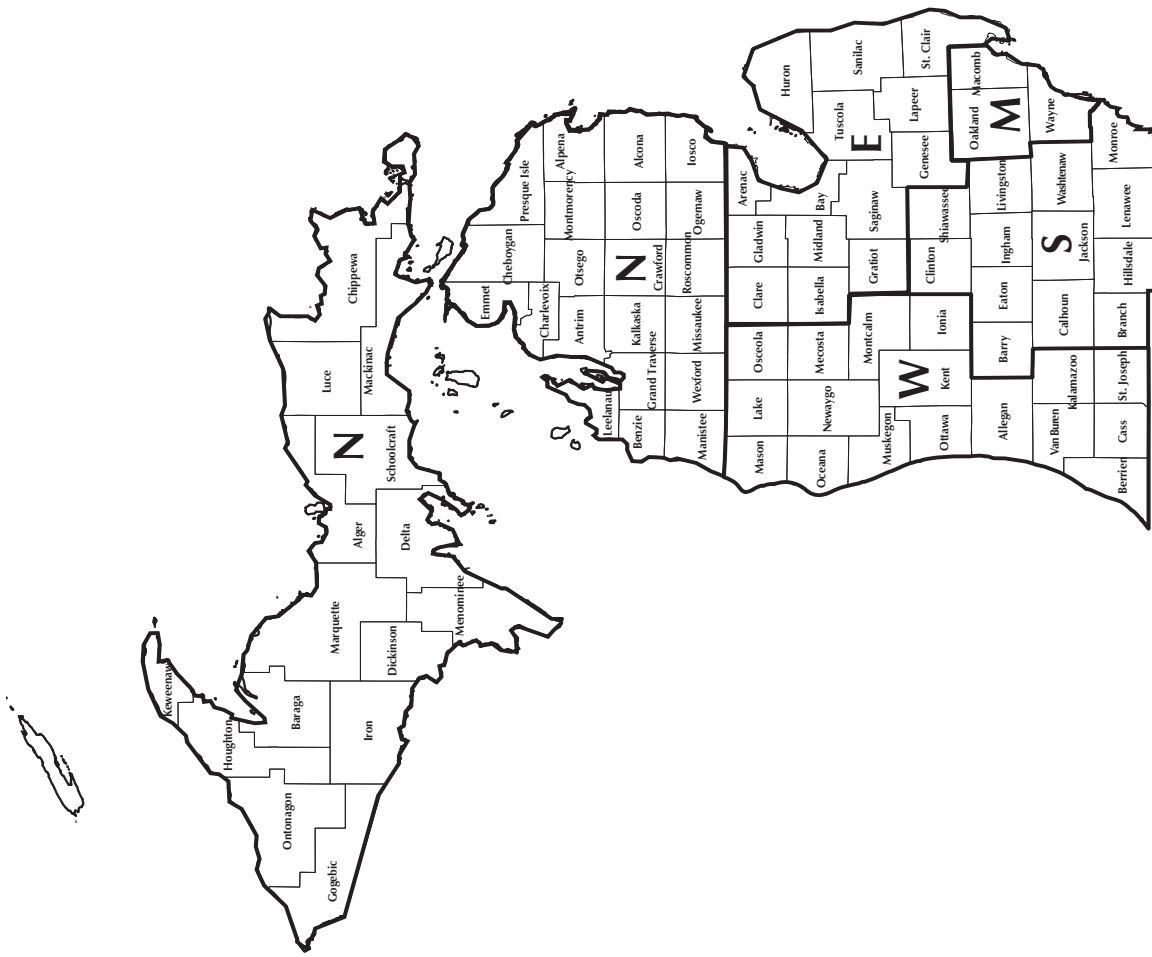
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2008 FILING FEES¹ LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACTS
2008 IOLTA² LEGAL SERVICES GRANTS**

PROGRAM SERVICE AREAS

	Map Area	FILING FEES Distribution	IOLTA Grant
Center for Civil Justice and Legal Services of Eastern Michigan	E	\$ 548,200	\$ 94,130
Elder Law of Michigan	State		85,500
Lakeshore Legal Aid	E	548,200	193,580
Legal Aid and Defender Association (Civil)	M	2,928,984	403,478
Legal Aid of Western Michigan	W	1,346,757	231,248
Legal Services of Northern Michigan	N	611,567	105,011
Legal Services of South Central Michigan	S	1,004,926	172,553
Michigan Indian Legal Services	State	155,303	26,700
Michigan Legal Services	State/M		171,000
Michigan Migrant Legal Assistance Project	State	326,136	56,070
Michigan Poverty Law Program	State	295,076	260,730
TOTAL		\$ 7,765,149	\$ 1,800,000

¹The Michigan legislature assigned the Foundation to administer bids and contracts under Public Act 189 of 1993, which targets court filing fees to support civil legal aid for the poor.

²Under a Michigan Supreme Court order, the Foundation receives Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) income from lawyers pooled trust accounts which contain client funds too small or held for too short a time to benefit clients. Michigan banks make more funds available for grants by waiving all fees on 83% of IOLTA accounts (see bank honor roll at www.msbf.org/iolta/HonorRoll.pdf).



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