

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



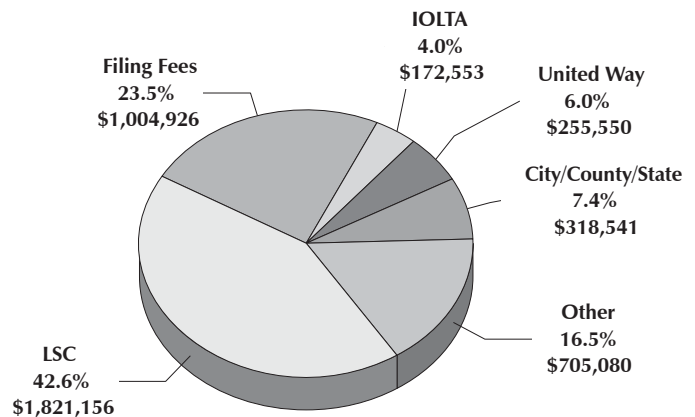
LSSCM provides free civil legal assistance to low income persons with an emphasis on homelessness prevention, domestic violence prevention, and assistance in accessing health care, food, and needs-based income programs. In 2008, LSSCM provided direct services to nearly 9,000 eligible clients. LSSCM also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



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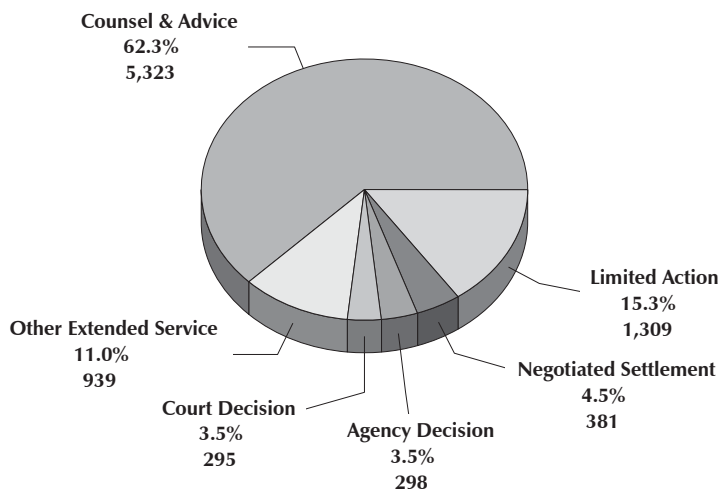
Community Outreach and Collaboration. LSSCM works closely with many community partners including local courts, the private bar, housing providers, homeless shelters and services providers, domestic violence shelters, government agencies, and other human services agencies. In 2008, community legal education 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

