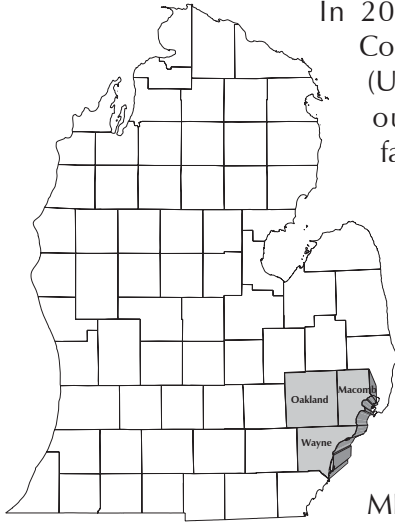


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2008 MLS Office Locations: Detroit

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

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



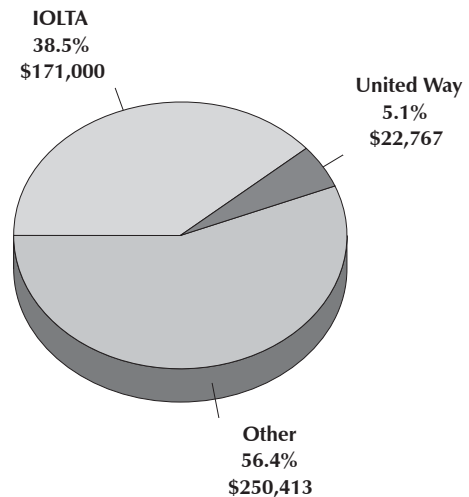
In 2008, MLS and the United Community Housing Coalition (UHC) conducted extensive outreach to 6,500 families facing tax foreclosure in Detroit that prevented the loss all but 20 occupied homes. MLS also initiated a Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program targeting certain predatory lenders and was able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



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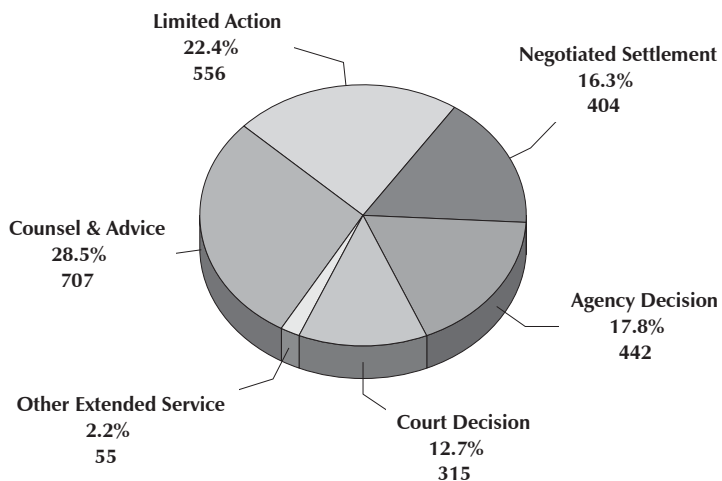
Community Outreach and Collaboration. MLS provides comprehensive legal services to homeless families served by a collaborative funded by HUD; outreach for these clients is conducted at area emergency shelters. MLS and UCHC conducted extensive outreach to families facing tax foreclosure through targeted 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

