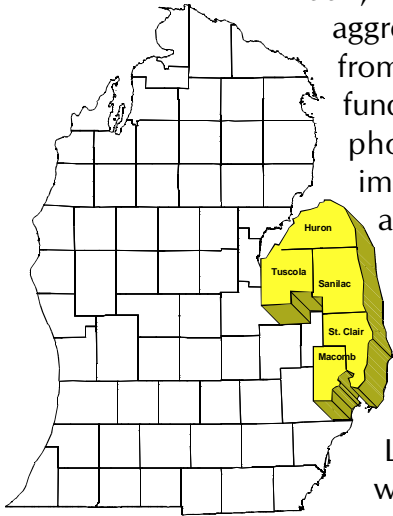


LAKESHORE LEGAL AID

LLA Office Locations: Caro, Clinton Township, and Port Huron

LLA Service Area: Huron, Macomb, Sanilac, St. Clair, and Tuscola Counties

Service Population: 97,433 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



In 1997, LLA continued to restructure aggressively in order to recover from the 1996 loss of federal funds. The central intake telephone "hotline" system was implemented successfully, creating a whole new service for thousands of community members with questions about their rights and how to access the legal system. Some 60 percent of Lakeshore's 7,440 cases were closed by the hotline. LLA's local offices focused on extended service work. Pro

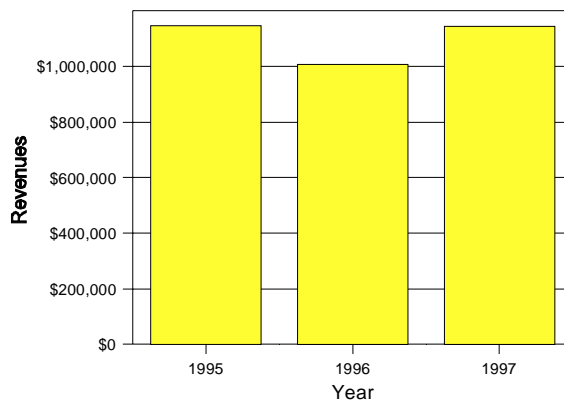
bono work increased notably. Community legal education efforts and collaboration with other community groups increased. LLA staff continued to participate actively in and lead bar-sponsored

The Macomb office represented a 17-year-old mother of two who was being stalked and harassed by the father of her two-year-old. A domestic violence shelter referred the woman to LLA after the dad threatened her with a gun at school and slit his wrists in her car, saying he would kill himself if she did not come back to him. LLA obtained a personal protection order and a custody order granting her physical and legal custody of the child. LLA also convinced the court to limit the father's contact with the child by permitting supervised visitation only.

activities. LLA employees share in the strong state-wide commitment to improve service delivery.

An LLA pro bono attorney represented a legal Laotian immigrant in a divorce. The couple had been married 15 years and had four young children. The case was complicated by a custody dispute and by the fact that the woman spoke virtually no English. The pro bono attorney was able to obtain a protection order and custody for the mother. She was referred to LLA by Turning Point, where she sought shelter from domestic violence. This case was one of two for which the attorney received the 1997 Cumiskey Award for Pro Bono Services from the State Bar.

LLA Funding



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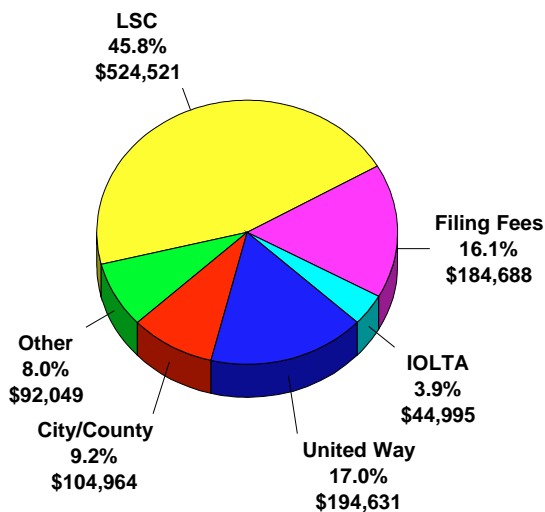
Community Outreach and Collaboration. LLA developed new and more ways to reach clients through nonrepresentation methods such as community education, pro se clinics, events for senior clients, and presentations for others throughout the service area. LLA continued outreach efforts through a large number of referral agreements with many regional providers of nonlegal services. These referrals added to the agency workers' understanding of some of the legal issues facing LLA clients. As part of the Macomb Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, LLA helped produce a video for unrepresented victims of domestic violence on how to obtain a personal protection order. LLA also moderated a training seminar for police departments on domestic violence laws and court services. Other Council members presented information on counseling, shelter, and legal and health services. LLA lawyers and legal assistants also participated in bar activities and committees that benefit from the delivery of legal services to the general community and to LLA clients.

| Client Age | |
|------------|-------|
| 18 & Under | 112 |
| 19-59 | 6,573 |
| 60 & Over | 755 |
| Groups | 0 |
| Total | 7,440 |

Pro Bono Support. Pro bono closure of cases for individual clients in need of extended services increased 60 percent. Because of this increase, the effect of reduced LLA staff on client service was less severe than it would have been. Notably, an LLA pro bono lawyer received the State Bar of Michigan's Cumiskey Award for Pro Bono Services, generating local press and serving as a positive focal point for LLA and the greater pro bono movement. Also, the LLA staff pro bono coordinator received the Macomb County Bar's Liberty Bell award for her pro bono work.

| Client Ethnicity | |
|------------------|-------|
| White | 6,687 |
| Black | 454 |
| Hispanic | 125 |
| Native American | 75 |
| Asian | 22 |
| Other | 77 |
| Total | 7,440 |

LLA Sources of Funding for 1997: \$ 1,145,848



LLA Cases Closed in 1997: 7,440

