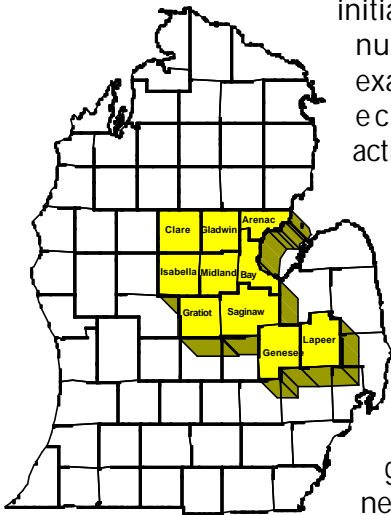


LEGAL SERVICES OF EASTERN MICHIGAN

LSEM Office Locations: Bay City, Flint, Midland, and Saginaw

LSEM Service Area: Arenac, Bay, Clare, Genesee, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Lapeer, Midland, and Saginaw Counties

Service Population: 209,288 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



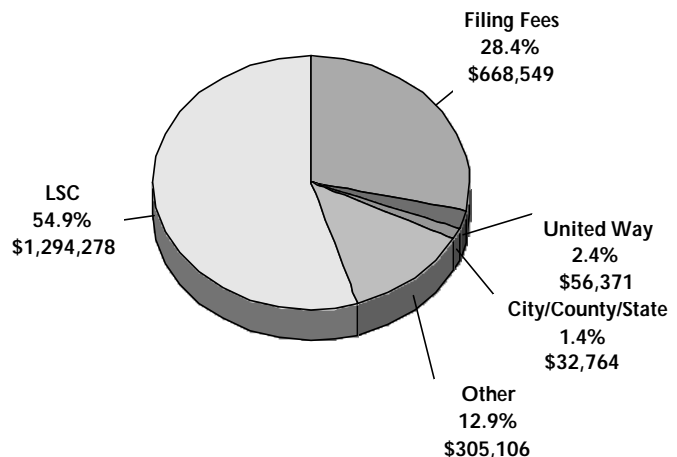
In 1999, LSEM's community-based initiatives assisted increased numbers of people. For example, LSEM's community economic development activities included a number of projects that affect not only individuals but also entire communities. The largest of these activities will result in 400 new affordable homes and neighborhood services. Associated job development could generate more than 1,000 new jobs. Another LSEM project resulted in funds to establish and

train employees for one new child care center and one restaurant. In addition to these and other community projects, LSEM continued to assist individual clients in the areas of housing, public benefits, health, education, employment, senior law, and some family law issues.

A disabled woman sought LSEM's help when her application for an apartment with a local public housing commission was denied based on a bad reference. The housing commission where she formerly lived alleged that she had an unauthorized lodger. In fact the lodger was a live-in home health aide who stayed with her during her recuperation from hip surgery. LSEM submitted a doctor's verification of the client's claim. Upon reviewing the information, the housing commission reversed its decision, and the woman was able to move into a subsidized handicapped-accessible apartment.

A family was left homeless after a fire that took one parent's life and destroyed all its belongings. The surviving parent applied for state emergency relief but was denied because the fire was caused by a family member, apparently a preschool child playing with a lighter. LSEM successfully showed that the fire was not intentionally set, which is the relevant standard for denying emergency relief. After negotiations, the Family Independence Agency reversed its decision and approved emergency relief so the family could obtain necessary household items.

LSEM Sources of Funding for 1999: \$ 2,357,068



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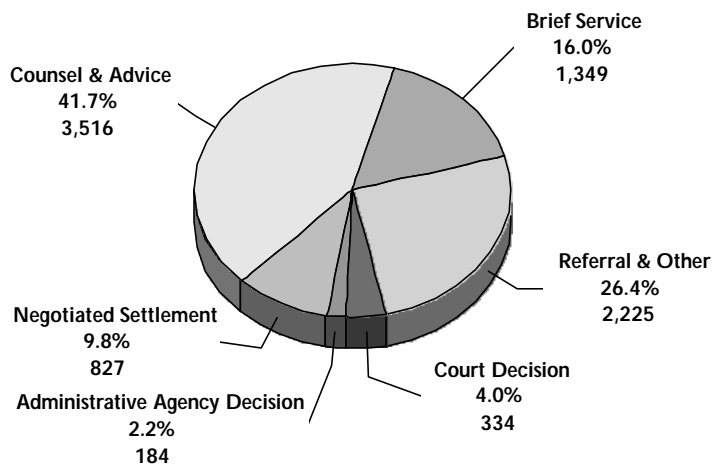
Community Outreach and Collaboration: LSEM continued to emphasize community legal education, particularly about elder abuse, education, guardianships, and housing rights. In 1999, LSEM held more than 50 presentations on elder abuse for senior citizens, family services agency staff, Social Security Administration staff, law enforcement personnel, health care providers, nursing home staff, and adult protective services workers. LSEM developed a housing video in Midland that explains landlord-tenant rights and responsibilities. The video was distributed to social service agencies, the courts, and local cable access stations. In Flint, LSEM operated a fair housing center, which conducted testing, community education, and litigation related to housing discrimination. In Saginaw, LSEM participated in the Saginaw Lead Initiative Project, which resulted in one-third more children being tested for lead.

18 & Under	2,543
19-59	5,111
60 & Over	777
Groups	4
Total	8,435

Pro Bono Support: LSEM, in conjunction with local bar associations, has a pro bono program through which volunteers handle individual cases, staff legal advice clinics, conduct training sessions, mentor other pro bono attorneys, and help with fundraising. Pro bono attorneys closed 880 cases for LSEM in 1999. Corporate attorneys in Midland staffed a monthly pro bono consumer law clinic. Fifteen senior attorneys formed the Saginaw County Senior Circuit Pro Bono Bar Association to provide monthly clinics at senior centers. During 1999, the Saginaw Bar Association received the American Bar Association's Harrison Tweed Award and Dow Corning Corporation received the American Bar Association's Corporate Pro Bono Award, both for their work with LSEM.

White	3,927
Black	3,407
Hispanic	1,054
Native American	34
Asian	6
Other	7
Total	8,435

LSEM Types of Service in 1999



LSEM Cases Closed in 1999: 8,435

