Legal Aid Society
NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

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2016 LEGAL AID OVERVIEW

The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York (LASNNY) is a non-profit law firm, providing assistance and representation to poor and low-income people in civil, not criminal, cases. There is no cost for any of the services we provide. We believe that everyone has the right to equal justice regardless of the ability to pay.

Areas Of Expertise:

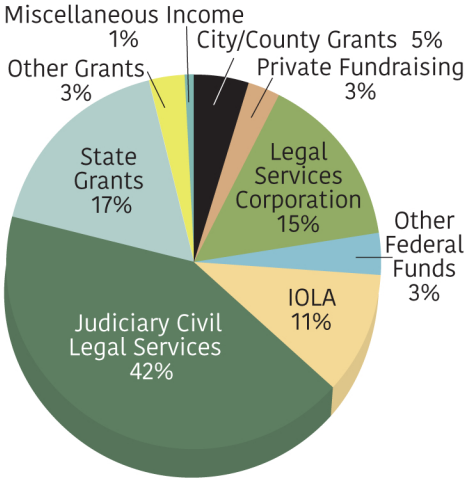
- Domestic Violence
- Homelessness Prevention (Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention),
- Public Assistance Denials
- SSD and Medicaid
- Family Law

In order to access our services a family's income must be at or below 200% of the poverty level. For a family of four this is $49,200. These clients call us directly or are referred by a community agency.

Founded in 1923, LASNNY is one of the oldest legal services organizations in the United States. As federal funding expanded, so did the Legal Aid Society, growing from 1969 to 1996 to include Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties. In 2004, the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York merged with North Country Legal Services and also assumed responsibility for serving Fulton, Montgomery and Schoharie Counties.

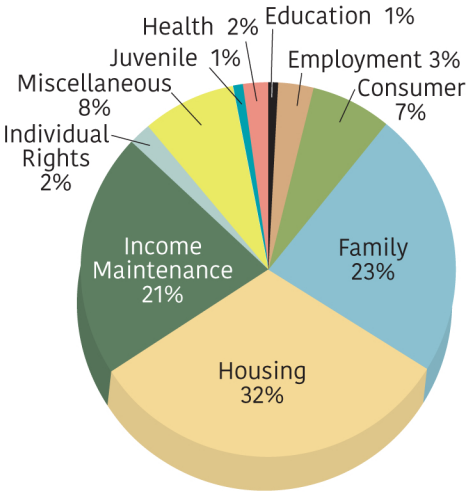
LASNNY now has five offices, in Albany, Canton, Amsterdam, Plattsburgh and Saratoga Springs, that serve 16 counties in northeastern New York: Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, St. Lawrence, Warren and Washington. Agency wide we have 60 attorneys, 16 paralegals and 16 support staff.

Where does LASNNY's money come from?



We handle many kinds of cases:

Urgent civil non-criminal cases; mostly family law, housing and income maintenance cases.



2016 LASNNY numbers:

10,137	21,401	$944
cases closed	people benefitted	cost per case

What type of assistance do we provide?

The following types of services are available:

- **Full Representation** a lawyer or a legal advocate in court or at a hearing at a government agency
- **Brief Advice** consultation in person or over the telephone
- **Pro Se Legal Clinic** where you are shown how to "help yourself" with a particular legal problem
- **Self-Help Materials** such as educational fact sheets and brochures
- **Community Legal Education** — preventative education about legal rights and responsibilites
- Other workshops and other services

Member of the
NYS Legal Services Coalition
http://www.nylscoalition.org

The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York provides effective, free civil legal services and education to and advocacy for people with low income or other barriers to accessing the legal system. We secure basic needs, protect and preserve legal rights, provide equal access to justice and seek fairness and dignity for our clients.