



Legal Aid Society

NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

2018 Legal Aid Overview

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The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York (LASNNY) is a non-profit law firm, providing assistance and representation to 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 Benefits (help with SSD, SSI, SNAP, Medicaid or other public benefit)
- Family Law
- Impact Advocacy to effect systemic change in our community
- Consumer

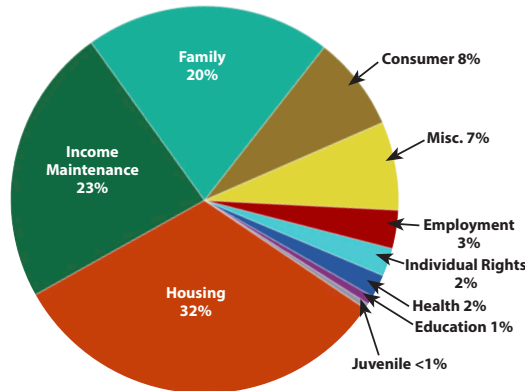
In order to access our services a family's income must be at or below 200% of the poverty level. For a family of four this is \$52,400. These clients call us directly or are referred by a community agency.

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 of Northeastern New York, 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.

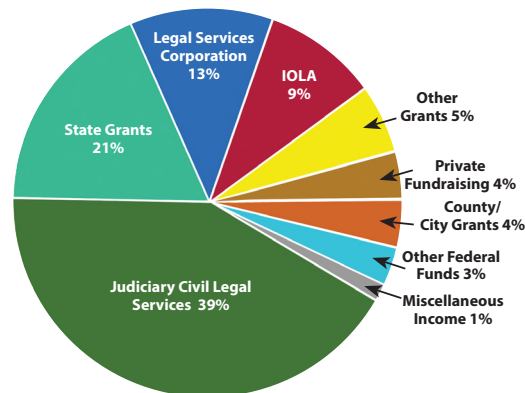
LASNNY now has five offices, in Albany, Canton, Amsterdam, Plattsburgh and Saratoga Springs, that serve 16 counties in northeastern New York: Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, St. Lawrence, Warren and Washington. Agency wide we have 59 attorneys, 18 paralegals, 15 legal secretaries, and 6 other professionals.

WHAT KINDS OF CASES DO WE HANDLE?

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

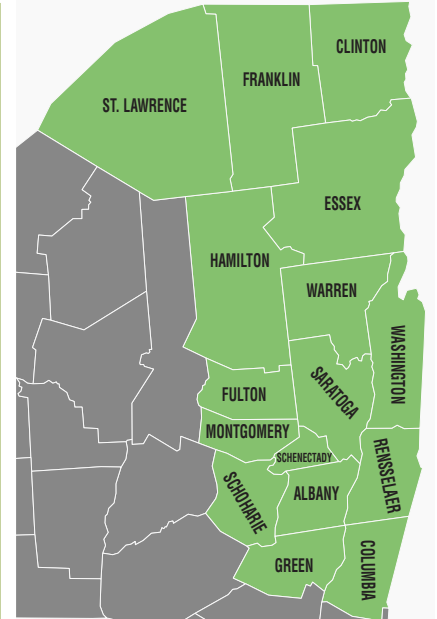


WHERE DOES LASNNY'S MONEY COME FROM?



IN 2018 LASNNY CLOSED APPROXIMATELY 10,340 CASES, BENEFITTING 21,784 PEOPLE, AT A COST OF \$1,064 PER CASE.

The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York fights for fairness, dignity, and justice for those living in poverty and for a society which is inclusive and equitable for all. We transform lives, build community and empower people by using the law to address individual and systemic wrongs and inequities.



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 responsibilities
- Other workshops and other services

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