



Gate Way to Justice

Close to a 800,000 low-income Alabamians qualify for our legal assistance. These individuals and families need our assistance with issues concerning family survival, domestic violence, income maintenance, health care and housing. We serve the poorest of the poor. We are their Gateway to Justice.

LSA IS A STATEWIDE 501(C)(3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION increasing access to justice by providing high quality legal assistance in civil matters to low-income individuals and families from ten offices located in: Florence, Huntsville, Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, Anniston, Opelika, Montgomery, Selma, Dothan & Mobile. We also provide help through our hotline network comprised of disaster hotline, Spanish Speaking hotline, and the Elder Legal Hotline.

Eligible LSA clients:

The figures in this table are established by the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services.

Size of Family Unit (# of people)	125% of Federal Poverty Guidelines -2006 (Maximum Gross Annual Income levels for eligibility for civil legal assistance from LSA)
1	\$12,250
2	\$16,500
3	\$20,750
4	\$25,000

Fulfilling our Mission: Voices of our Clients

- "With a housing issue concerning my former employer, I can to Legal Services. They were able to negotiate an agreement between myself and the employer that resolved our problem. The services they provided me were helpful and much needed. They helped me better understand my legal situation and the steps I needed to take to move forward. Thank you."*
- "I am a disable senior citizen who has recently lost my wife. I own my home but it needed repairs. I called for help from a builder who said that he would get me government money to pay for the repairs. He said nothing to me about it being a mortgage on my home. I agreed to the and signed the contracts, but did not understand them. He did not finish the repairs. I was going to loose my home, but the legal aid attorney helped me save my home so I have a place to live."*
- "I was living in a domestic violence shelter with my three children. Once I left the shelter, I had no place to live and could not get my children to school. I was so afraid, my husband had beaten me so many times that I had lost count. I needed help in finding a house and keeping my children safe. I could not have survived without their help. They helped with a protection order, then my divorce, custody of my children and worked with my landlord so I could move back to our old house. My children and I are safe now. They are beginning to smile again."*

Ensuring Access to Justice For All

A Snap Shot of LSA

And the People We Serve

- Approximately 740,000 people live in poverty in Alabama
- One in Four low-income families will require legal assistance— approximately 185,000 Alabamians
- There is only ONE Legal Services Alabama attorney for every 3,000 individuals needing our help
 - In 2006, estimated placed the homeless population at over
 - In 2006, we opened 10,406 cases
 - Helped 4,698 families with family law issues—domestic violence, child custody, juvenile
 - Assisted 1991 individuals with housing concerns
- Served 1972 clients with consumer issues— mortgages, automobile financing, predatory lenders
 - Helped 635 families and individuals receive public benefits
 - In 2006, 1563 callers were provided assistance by our Hotline Network
- During January-June 2007, 8583 callers were provided assistance by the Hotline Network
 - Affecting the lives of people, including children and seniors
 - 30% of the households are headed by women
 - 21% of the households are headed by seniors
 - 23% of the households are African American

Mission Statement: *LSA is a statewide nonprofit dedicated to providing access to Justice and Quality civil Legal Assistance to Educate and Empower Alabama's low-income community*