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# 2015 Recap

LASNNY Executive Director Lillian Moy recently recapped 2015's most exciting developments.

First and foremost, she reports that LASNNY has been able to hire some new attorneys. "It's terrific," Moy says. "They bring in a ton of new energy, but since they have less experience, we're trying to provide them with training." The new staff recently completed basic lawyering skills training and now LASNNY is putting together a new lawyer-training program to hone skills like motion practice and appellate writing. Moy explains, "In their first year or two this will provide some great basic knowledge, through a more practical lens than what law school might provide." To coordinate this training, LASNNY recently named Victoria Esposito as its first Advocacy Coordinator. Before she joined LASNNY as a staff attorney in 2011, Esposito served as an Assistant District Attorney for St. Lawrence County and an instructor at SUNY-Canton. While there she wrote SUNY-Canton's Legal Studies program, a four-year paralegal program, which was the first of its kind within the SUNY system.

Throughout the year, LASNNY remained committed to outreach and funding for the Solutions to End Homelessness Program (STEHP). This program benefits the entire service area, but its focus varies depending on location. In Albany, the program's attention is on rapid rehousing, while in rural areas, it shifts to prevention services. Moy says, "This program and its funding are a mainstay of us being able to meet clients needs."

One of the most exciting wins for LASNNY last year was receiving a grant renewal for the Domestic Violence Legal Assistance Program. The Office on Violence Against Women in the U.S. Department of Justice awards this grant and it's the third time LASNNY has received the funding. Moy says that it's a bit unusual to receive funding three times in a row and she wasn't sure how things would turn out. "I was really sweating this one," she explains. "I was worried we weren't going to get it, but fortunately we did." Whether it's a basic order of protection or a custody case, Moy says that this funding is used to provide a full range of civil remedies for victims of domestic violence. She says, "Access to civil legal services really helps our client get out of bad situations. This renewed funding is great news for our clients and partners."

LASNNY uses the funding to help a wide range of groups, but recently, they've paid special attention to rural victims, victims of elder abuse, and the LGBT community. In particular, LASNNY has teamed up with In Our Own Voices, an LGBT advocacy organization, and is working to address domestic violence in this demographic.

As 2015 came to a close, the civil legal services portion of the state budget was a bit uncertain due to the appointment of a new Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals. Fortunately Chief Justice Janet DiFiore has been very supportive of civil legal services and its allocation in the budget came through intact and was approved by the legislature. As this is a competitive bidding process, LASNNY is still waiting to hear how much of the \$15 million dollar allocation it will receive, but the intact budget is a promising start.

While last year featured many new programs and faces, helping clients continued to be the number one priority for LASNNY. Moy says that above all, "We want to keep telling the story of our work because our clients continue to experience the economic benefits of our work." Whether it's remaining in their homes or receiving benefits, the funds that clients retain can then benefit local communities, a win-win for everyone.



Below: The Legal Aid staff at the Fall 2015 Projectwide in Lake George.

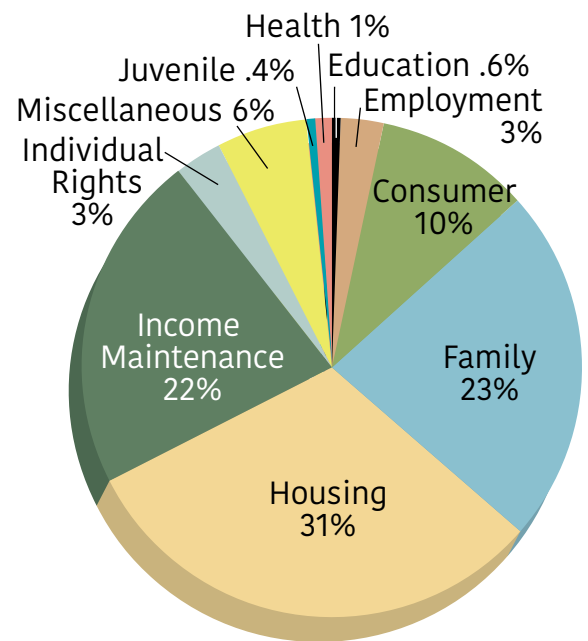


Private attorneys provide important civil legal services through LASNNY's PAI (Private Attorney Involvement) Program, which encourages and supports attorneys who offer pro bono services to needy people in Northeastern New York.

Support for PAI volunteer attorneys includes client and case screening, CLE credits, free training, secondary professional liability insurance and reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses.

In 2015, we closed 379 pro bono cases through the Private Attorney Involvement Program.

## Types of cases handled by our staff and pro bono attorneys in 2015.



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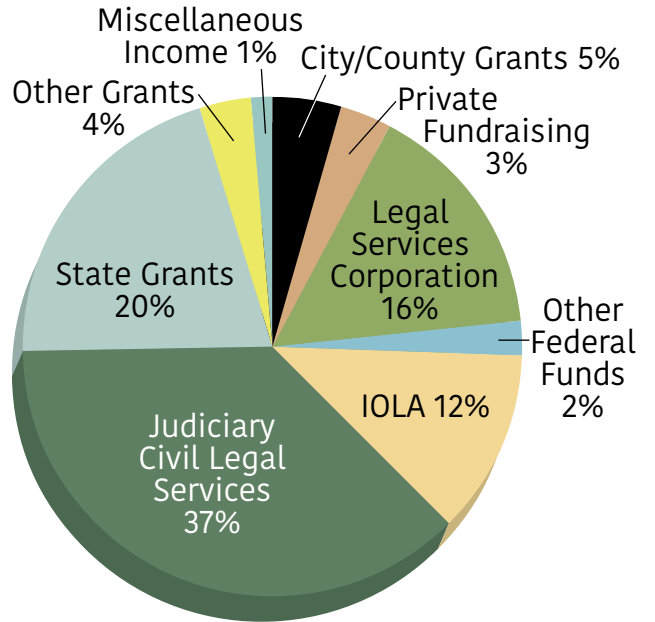
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## Revenue

State Grants .....	\$1,701,428.90
County/ City Grants .....	\$384,023.25
Other Grants .....	\$297,235.49
Miscellaneous Income.....	\$93,159.63
Private Contributions .....	\$275,344.06
Legal Services Corporation...	\$1,295,643.00
Other Federal Grants .....	\$200,164.43
Interest on Lawyer Accounts ...	\$989,375.00
Judiciary Civil Legal Services.	\$3,107,882.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$8,344,255.76</b>



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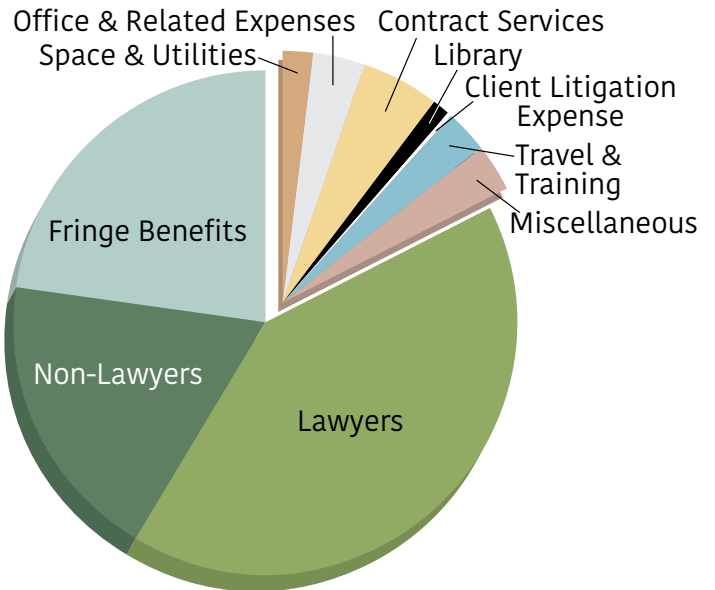
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Lawyers .....	\$3,351,983.37
Non-Lawyers.....	\$1,519,677.03
Fringe Benefits .....	\$1,839,600.14

### Operating:

Space & Utilities.....	\$160,234.61
Office & Related Expenses.....	\$273,312.98
Contract Services .....	\$416,282.04
Library .....	\$90,965.53
Client Litigation Expense.....	\$17,625.02
Travel & Training.....	\$226,048.52
Miscellaneous.....	\$253,911.08
<b>Subtotal .....</b>	<b>\$8,149,640.32</b>

### Operating



### Personnel



Left: The grand opening and press conference at our Saratoga Springs Office in June of 2015. E. Stewart Jones, Jr., Harry Snyder, co-trustee of the Alfred E. Solomon Charitable Trust , Lillian M. Moy



## General Legal Services

Legal Services Corporation.....	\$1,235,643.00
Interest on Lawyer Accounts .....	\$989,375.00
Fund Raising & Contributions.....	\$275,344.06
Judiciary Civil Legal Services.....	\$3,107,882.00
Interest Income .....	\$4,582.14
Miscellaneous Income.....	\$88,577.49

## Tax Clinic Legal Services

IRS/ Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) .....	\$90,000.00
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## Children's Law Project

Division of Criminal Justice Services ..	\$49,663.00
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## Disability Advocacy

Disability Advocacy Project.....	\$597,540.98
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## Domestic Violence Legal Assistance

### Domestic Violence Legal Assistance Project

U.S. Department of Justice .....	\$83,471.43
DV Legislative Grant .....	\$54,594.00
DV Legislative Grant (Farley Member Item) .....	\$35,811.00

### STOP Domestic Violence

Division of Criminal Justice Services ..	\$97,689.76
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## Family Court

Warren County .....	\$133,985.00
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## HIV/AIDS Legal Consortium

Albany Law School/ AIDS Program..	\$81,421.44
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## Housing

### Foreclosure Prevention Project

AG Home Owners Protection Program (HOPP) .....	\$390,380.22
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### Homelessness Prevention Project

Housing and Urban Development /LASH Schenectady .....	\$26,693.00
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### Solutions to End Homelessness Program (STEHP)

NYS OTDA (STEHP) .....	\$156,674.94
Albany County DSS (STEHP) .....	\$95,267.25
SCAP/Schenectady County (STEHP) .....	\$95,302.47
ETC/Clinton County (STEHP) .....	\$6,248.31
Unity House (STEHP) .....	\$16,192.51
St. Paul (STEHP) .....	\$596.04
ESG Albany County.....	\$8,364.79
ESG Schenectady County.....	\$38,318.76
ESG Troy/Joseph's House .....	\$25,151.43
City of Troy ESG .....	\$1,337.74
Saratoga Springs Community Development Block Grant .....	\$7,973.50

## Nutrition Outreach and Education Project

Nutrition Consortium.....	\$319,075.00
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St Regis Mohawk Indian Office for Aging .....	\$6,281.21
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Rensselaer County Department of Aging .....	\$10,000.00
Clinton County Office of Aging.....	\$15,495.00

## Other Programs

United Way Community Investment ..	\$30,000.00
LSC/Pro Bono Innovation Fund .....	\$60,000.00
Legal Assistance of Western NY/PBIF	\$8,596.00
Upstate NY Immigration Law Project/NYBF .....	\$14,400.00
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