Other Resources

For legal issues that LSEM cannot assist you with, there are other resources available:

Elder Law of Michigan 1-866-400-9164

Counsel and Advocacy Law Line 1-888-783-8190

Michigan Elder Justice Initiative https://meji.org/contact/meji

Mid-America Pension Rights Project 1-800-488-6070

Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program 1-800-803-7174

In addition, there are lawyer referral services that will refer you to a private attorney who can provide you with an initial consultation for a nominal fee:

Genesee County Lawyer Referral 1-810-232-6000

State Bar Legal Resource Center 1-800-968-0738

Contact Us



www.lsem-mi.org



Flint Office

436 S. Saginaw Street Suite 101 Flint, MI 48502

Saginaw Office

301 E. Genesee Avenue 5th Floor Saginaw, MI 48607

Caro Office

429 N. State Street Suite 108 Caro, MI 48723



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LEGAL SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS





LEGAL SERVICES
of Eastern Michigan



Legal Services of Eastern Michigan (LSEM) seeks to achieve equal justice and independence for all senior citizens. LSEM is committed to community education, outreach to home bound and institutionalized seniors and to working cooperatively with other community groups.

Who is Eligible

You must be 60 years of age or older and a resident of Genesee, Lapeer or Shiawassee county.

Cost

Who

LSEM does not charge for its services.

However, you may be required to pay certain fees, such as filing fees or recording fees.

LSEM does accept donations.

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Help Available

LSEM provides legal services in alignment with the priorities established in the Older Americans Act. The Act recognizes that programs such as LSEM have limited resources and thus legal assistance should be targeted to older individuals with the greatest social or economic need. In general LSEM focuses on "survival issues" - those which affect a person's ability to obtain the basic necessities of life or which affect fundamental interests.

ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- · Physical & Emotional
- · Financial Exploitation
- · Adult Foster Care Home & Nursing Home
- · Unwarranted Guardianships

CONSUMER

- Collection Settlements
- · Dunning Letters to Creditors
- · Objections to Garnishments

ESTATE PLANNING

- Simple Wills
- Deeds
- · Financial & Health Care Power of Attorneys

HOUSING

- · Evictions, Foreclosures and Utilities
- · Repair Problems in Rental Housing
- · Tenants' Rights in Subsidized Housing

PUBLIC BENEFITS

- Social Security
- · Supplemental Security Income
- · Medicaid/Medicare
- · Nutrition Assistance
- · Other Health Care/Health Insurance Issues

When Should I **Contact LSEM**

If you have a legal issue or question, it is important to contact an attorney as soon as possible. If you wait until the last minute, it may be much more difficult to resolve your problem. In some cases, you must take action within a certain time period, and if you fail to do so, you will lose valuable legal rights. You should contact LSEM immediately if you receive any of these documents:

- · Any Court papers
 - o such as Summons, Complaint, Notice of Hearing
- Notice to Quit (Eviction)
- · Notice of Forfeiture or Foreclosure
 - Land Contract or Mortgage
- · Notice of Denial, Cutoff or Reduction of Benefits from the Social Security Administration or the Department of Health and Human Services

How to Obtain Services

To obtain assistance, call LSEM at 1-800-322-4512 and identify yourself as a senior citizen. You will be asked questions regarding the nature of your legal problem. If it appears that your case fits within LSEM's priority areas, an appointment will be made for you to talk to an advocate.

Appointments can take place at an LSEM office, senior citizen center or a home visit (may be possible).