



Who we are:

LAWM is a nonprofit law firm. We provide free legal help to eligible clients in 17 West Michigan counties. **We assist people with disabilities on many kinds of civil legal problems, including Supplemental Security Income (SSI), public benefits, housing needs, family law, and more.** See <https://lawestmi.org/i-need-help/services>. Our services range from brief legal advice to full representation, depending on the case type and available resources. We do not handle criminal cases.

Details on some of our work:

Income Maintenance & Healthcare Access, including denials, terminations, and other problems with:

- SSI and State Disability Assistance (SDA)
- Cash and food assistance, Medicaid/CHIP, home health, home help and disability benefits.
- Student debt discharges for a total and permanent disability (TPD)

Housing, including:

- Evictions
- Federal housing subsidies
- Mortgage foreclosures and tax forfeitures
- Mobile home park litigation
- Problems with land contract forfeitures & option-to-purchase contracts
- Predatory lending and other unfair housing practices

Our goals

- ➔ Income maintenance
- ➔ Healthcare access
- ➔ Housing safety, security, & quality
- ➔ Family safety & security

Who is eligible for legal help? Generally:

Income: We help people with household income at or below 125% of the Federal poverty level. We can help some people with a total household income up to 200% if they have other qualifying expenses. We can also help some seniors (60+), veterans, and people with either federal tax or mortgage issues even if their income is over our normal criteria.

Assets: Our clients must have less than \$15,000 in assets.

Restrictions: Due to federal funding rules we cannot represent:

- people who are not US citizens, except in domestic violence cases
- people who are incarcerated

Not sure if a client is eligible? Ask us or send your client to us!

Can we work together?

We partner with service providers on:

- Trainings for your staff on legal issues
- Community education events

Contact: Steve Grumm, Dir. of Community Engagement,
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Client intake:

Apply for help online or by phone:

- <https://lawestmi.org/i-need-help>
(includes regional office phone #s)
- Grand Rapids area phone:
616-774-0672