Note: This section contains organizations that are not Executive agencies under the definition in 5 U.S.C. 105 but that are required by statute to publish certain information on their programs and activities in the Federal Register.

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The Legal Services Corporation’s mission is to promote equal access to justice in our Nation and to provide high quality civil legal assistance to low-income persons.

The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is a private, nonprofit corporation established by the Legal Services Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2996) to seek to ensure equal access to justice under the law for all Americans.

LSC is headed by an 11-member Board of Directors, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. By law, the Board is bipartisan; no more than six members may be of the same political party. LSC is funded through congressional appropriations and provides legal services through grants to independent local programs selected through a system of competition. In
2005, LSC funded 138 programs. Together they serve every county and congressional district in the nation, as well as the U.S. territories. Special service areas also address the needs of Native Americans and migrant farmworkers.

The legal services delivery is based on several principles: local priorities; national accountability; competition for grants; and a strong public-private partnership. Local programs are governed by their own boards of directors, which set priorities and determine the types of cases that will be handled subject to restrictions set by Congress. A majority of each local Board is appointed by local bar associations and one-third of each local Board is composed of client representatives appointed by client groups. Each Board hires its own Executive Director.

Programs may supplement their LSC grants with additional funds from State and local governments and other sources. They further leverage Federal funds by involving private attorneys in the delivery of legal services for the poor, mostly through volunteer pro bono work.

LSC funded programs do not handle criminal cases, nor do they accept fee-generating cases that private attorneys are willing to accept on a contingency basis. In addition, in 1996 a series of new limitations were placed upon activities in which LSC-funded programs may engage on behalf of their clients, even with non-LSC funds. All Legal Services’ programs must comply with laws enacted by Congress and the implementing regulations promulgated by the Legal Services Corporation.


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