



Who we are:

LAWM is a nonprofit law firm. We provide free legal help to eligible clients in 17 West Michigan counties. **We handle many kinds of civil legal problems – including family law.** Our services range from brief legal advice to full representation, depending on the case type and available resources. We do not handle criminal cases.

We help clients with these family law issues:

- Divorces:
 - For survivors of domestic violence
 - In some circumstances, to ensure income maintenance and equitable property division
- Custody & guardianship: Protecting parents' custodial rights
- Domestic violence: Personal protection orders and priority on all other family law issues for survivors of domestic violence

Our primary goals

→ Ensuring personal safety

→ Maintaining stable family relationships

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,
sgrumm@lawestmi.org 616-608-8061

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