

**MidPenn Legal Services
Lebanon County Office
Information Sheet**

Mission: We are the legal safety net for low-income persons and for domestic violence survivors in Lebanon County. We aim to provide the best service available to the greatest number of clients. We advise and represent on civil issues: domestic violence, custody, housing, health care, consumer, elder law and public benefits. We do not handle criminal cases.

Funding: Government funding is our primary source of funding. The Pennsylvania Legal Assistance Network (PLAN) provides 45% of our funds. PLAN distributes IOLTA and Title XX monies. The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) provides 33% of our funds. Additional monies are obtained from local groups, private foundations, and individuals. We receive funding from the Lebanon Area Agency on Aging, the United Way of Lebanon County, and the Lebanon County Bar Association.

Lebanon County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	7.0%	8.5%
Food Stamp recipients	3.3%	6.7%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	8.5%	12.5%
Poverty Population	8,728	10,603

The Work: We provide critical help for those with critical needs. The largest part of our caseload involves family law cases. Below, you will find a chart which shows the numbers and types of cases handled by the Lebanon County staff and pro bono attorneys in calendar year 2005.

Major Case Type	MidPenn	Pro Bono	Total
Consumer	37	66	103
Family	289	537	826
Health	5	0	5
Housing	159	35	194
Income Maintenance	32	20	52
Other / Multiple Topics	5	0	5
Totals	527	658	1185

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