



**LEGAL ASSISTANCE  
FOR SENIORS**

# IMPACT REPORT

**2024-2025  
HIGHLIGHTS**

**LAS SERVED**

**12,826**

PEOPLE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE\*

## ABOUT LAS

Legal Assistance for Seniors (LAS) provides free legal services, Medicare counseling, community education, and advocacy to older adults in Alameda County. Our attorneys and advocates remove barriers so that seniors have their basic human needs met – basic needs like secure housing, personal safety, and essential healthcare.

LAS was established as a vital community service for Oakland area seniors in 1976 after three local women (Doka Clausen, Willie James, and Jane Welch) saw a growing need for free legal services for older adults. In 1988, Medicare counseling services were added.

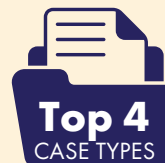
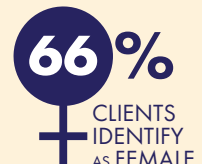
Through the generosity of our community supporters, LAS has been able to help seniors navigate critical legal and healthcare-related processes for decades.

In 2026, we'll be celebrating our 50th Anniversary of ensuring older adults across Alameda County can age with dignity and peace of mind.

## LEGAL

Our practice areas include elder abuse, consumer, housing, guardianship of minors, public benefits, health law, naturalization and limited conservatorships. LAS attorneys are also appointed by the court to represent proposed conservatees in conservatorship cases.

Our attorneys and advocates tailor our services to meet the needs of their clients, including doing home visits, working with interpreters, and providing assisted listening devices when necessary.



- 30% HOUSING
- 14% ELDER ABUSE
- 8% CONSERVATORSHIP
- 7% CONSUMER LAW

\*Last Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)



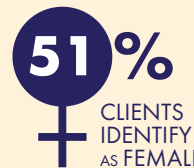
A group of LAS team members at the 2025 Conference on Elder Abuse

“  
 For seniors like me  
 on fixed incomes and  
 without resources,  
 LAS is a Godsend.”  
 —A.B.S.

## HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING & ADVOCACY PROGRAM

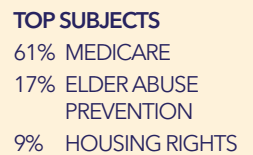
Over the past 37 years, our volunteer-driven Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP) has supported Medicare beneficiaries with free, one-on-one counseling and direct advocacy from certified counselors.

HICAP Counselors are volunteers who receive extensive training to become certified Medicare counselors registered through the State of California, Department of Aging.



## COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Through deep partnerships with senior centers, houses of worship, senior residences, and community centers, our Community Education (CE) team meets older adults where they are to provide free presentations on topics like elder abuse, housing rights, public benefits, consumer fraud, Medicare, and much more, all in service of protecting seniors' rights.



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