

OUR ACTIVITIES PROMOTE:

ACCOUNTABILITY, INTEGRITY, & TRANSPARENCY



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
LSC | America's Partner
for Equal Justice
LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Conduct performance audits of LSC and its grantees.

We assess compliance with select laws, regulations, and internal control standards. We recommend program improvements and ways to enhance efficiency.

Investigate allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse.

We help weed out criminal or unethical behavior, and flag compliance violations or wasteful spending. We hold wrongdoers accountable by referring findings to LSC management for action or working with law enforcement on prosecutions.

Oversee LSC's annual corporate financial statement audit.

We engage an independent public accountant firm (IPA) to evaluate LSC's financial management policies and practices to determine whether material weaknesses or significant deficiencies exist and, if so, corrective actions are put in place by LSC management.

★ OUR MISSION

We provide oversight to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse; enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of LSC and its grantees; and inform stakeholders of risks and challenges.

★ ABOUT US

We operate under the Inspector General (IG) Act. The IG reports to the LSC Board of Directors and Congress.

★ OIG's AND LSC MANAGEMENT's ROLES

We make recommendations for improvement and referrals to LSC identifying questioned costs or compliance problems. LSC management must respond to our work. But, management is ultimately responsible for implementing corrective actions and conducting ongoing monitoring of their grantees.

“ LSC is the largest funder for organizations providing civil legal aid to low-income Americans. **LSC management funds and works with 130 legal aid organizations across the United States.** These programs help low-income Americans navigate critical legal matters that impact their safety, livelihood, and individual or family stability. The OIG provides independent oversight of LSC programs and operations.

Oversee a nationwide program of grantee financial audits.

We ensure all LSC grantees engage IPAs to conduct an annual audit as required by Congress. We review the audit reports and transmit findings to LSC for action.

Operate a nationwide fraud Hotline.

We accept allegations of fraud, waste, or abuse from LSC, grantees, and the public online and by phone or mail. We thoroughly investigate credible allegations.

Conduct fraud prevention reviews.

We proactively assess select grantees' policies and processes in areas prone to fraud. We make suggestions to address gaps and disseminate any good practices we identify.

Produce advisories and agile oversight products.

We disseminate insights and information to help LSC and grantees stay on top of risks that could affect compliance or performance.

Conduct trainings and briefings to disseminate our insights.

We spread the word through advisories, webinars, and other channels about challenges and risks facing LSC grantees, including fraud and cyber security.

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