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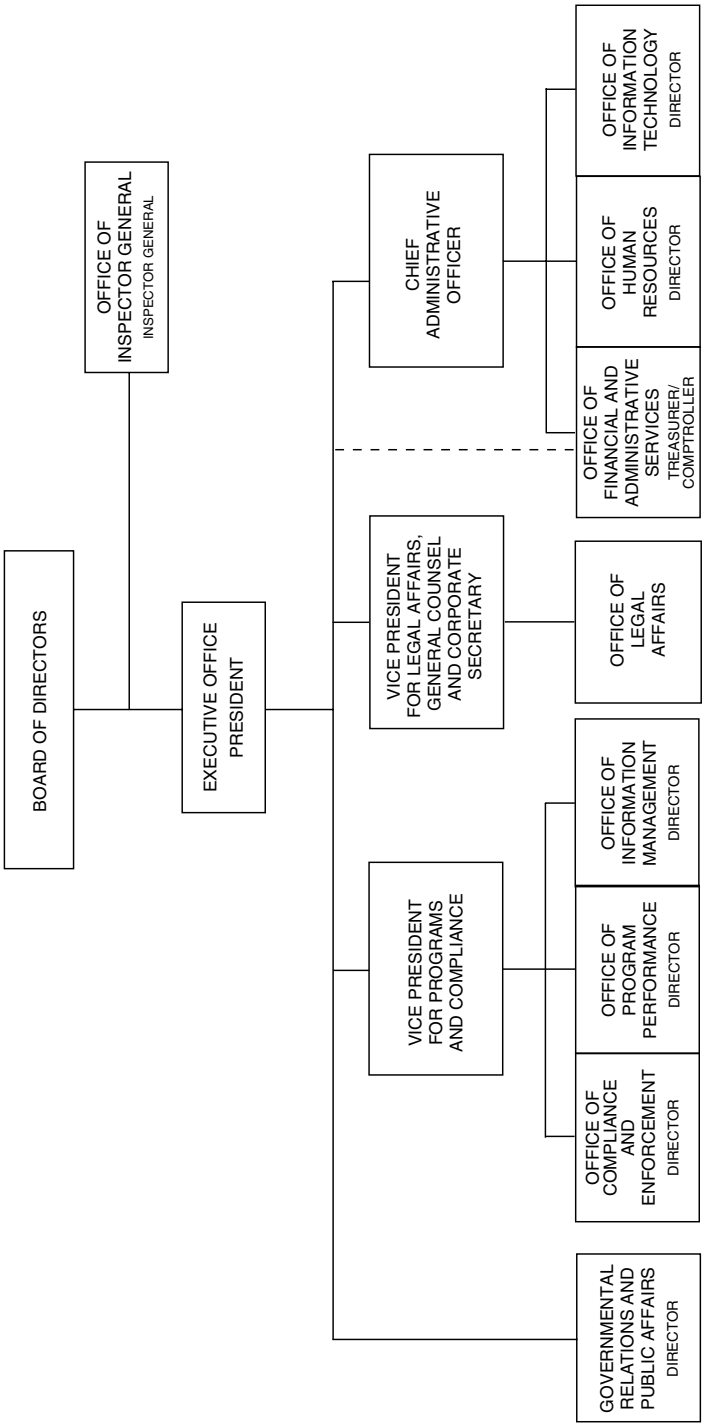

2005, LSC funded 138 programs. Together they serve every county and congressional district in the nation, as well as the U.S. territories. Special service areas also address the needs of Native Americans and migrant farmworkers.

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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