



## DIRECT LEGAL SUPPORT



Direct legal support provided:

to over **35** individuals

a **34%** ↑ from previous years

## LEGAL RESOURCES



**2K+** individuals  
educated on their legal  
rights through freely available  
online resources

## EDUCATION AND EVENTS



**12** publications and  
events throughout the year  
helping scientists safely  
engage in democracy, climate  
litigation, and activism

\* Numbers current as of 15 September 2022

\*Term "individual" is sometimes used to reflect that a small portion of our clients consists of students and those in science-adjacent roles such as science communicators

Thank you to all our supporters for your continued generosity and commitment to defending climate science and scientists. Because of you, so far in 2022 we have:

- ✓ **Defended a record-breaking number of scientists** against invasive open records requests and lawsuits, politically motivated harassment, and matters ranging from defamation concerns to improving employment protections for researchers
- ✓ **Partnered with the Brennan Center, Jacobs Institute of Women's Health, Center for Progressive Reform, Union of Concerned Scientists, and others** to respond to the Supreme Court's obliteration of federal emissions protections in favor of the fossil fueled status quo
- ✓ **Educated over 2,000 scientists and individuals** about First Amendment rights, scientific advocacy, and ways to minimize legal risks through our freely available online resources

And there's more to come in the rest of 2022. Right now, your donations are hard at work:

- ✓ **Arming scientists to engage in the midterm elections** and afterwards through our newly-launched [Political Action Toolkit](#)
- ✓ **Giving free legal advice to the increasing number of scientists** who want to participate in climate advocacy and climate litigation through personal consultations, events and webinars—if you, or someone you know needs assistance, [please contact us](#)
- ✓ **Offering free legal education programs at scientific conferences and elsewhere**, covering issues such as ways scientists can get involved in government rulemaking and how to protect against invasive open records requests



## Featured story: A Victory in the Climate Misinformation Wars

Earlier this year, John\*, a scientist and professor, came to CSLDF after his institution had refused to help him. He was part of a volunteer group debunking climate misinformation on social media. Thanks to John's expertise, the group had a climate conspiracy theorist flagged as "false information" on online platforms, which led to a reduced audience. This conspiracy theorist wasn't happy and went after John personally, clearly trying to silence him—suing for defamation and loss of earnings from his ill-gotten income from spreading falsehoods online. Working with CSLDF attorneys, John was victorious and the case was dismissed. We will continue to support John and all other scientists in this vital work.

\*Name changed to protect privacy