

FIGHTING FOR CLIMATE SCIENCE IN 2025 – THE NUMBERS

This year has seen the most wholesale attacks on climate science we have ever experienced, from forces both inside and outside the government

DEFENSE



Direct legal support provided to
50 individuals/groups* in
54 legal matters, a
nearly **50% increase from 2024**

EDUCATION



Nearly **400** individuals/groups*
personally trained on their legal rights
through **10** in-person events/webinars,
a **30% increase from 2024**

ACCOUNTABILITY



Documenting an astonishing **117**
government attacks on science
since January 2025 in the
[Silencing Science Tracker](#)

Numbers current as of September 30, 2025

** Term "individual" is used to reflect that a small portion of our clients consists of students and those in science-adjacent roles such as science communicators
Term "group" is used to reflect that, in some instances, we assist an entire research group or other collective association of scientists and other individuals*

Thank you to all our donors for fighting back against the torrent of anti-climate and anti-science actions. Your support has:

- ✓ **Defended federal workers who have been illegally laid off, censored, and reassigned due to their roles in climate work**, by providing direct legal guidance and free representation
- ✓ **Assisted multiple researchers facing defamation threats** by helping them assert their First Amendment rights, as well as advising them on how to avoid potential defamation claims, especially regarding climate accountability research and other now-politically contentious topics
- ✓ **Educated more researchers and scientific groups than ever on their legal rights and protections**, through an increased portfolio of events and outreach
- ✓ **Held the administration accountable by highlighting their frequent anti-science actions in our Silencing Science Tracker**, a tool that has been accessed more than 1000 times this year and is used by journalists, advocacy groups, and members of the public

The fight is just beginning – and we're in this for the long-haul. Your support is also being put to work:

- ✓ **Researching legal strategies to bring proactive action on behalf of our impacted community of climate scientists**, through legal actions against agencies attacking science
- ✓ **Further increasing our outreach and education efforts to arm as many scientists as possible with legal knowledge** – if you know, or are a part of, a group who would like a personalized training session, please contact us at info@csldf.org
- ✓ **Enhancing the Silencing Science Tracker to make it an even better tool for those wanting to hold the administration accountable**, through technical improvements and better usability
- ✓ **Working with partners and our pro-bono network to build coalitions which are stronger together to stand up against anti-science forces**, and bringing our expertise to bear for as many climate scientists and researchers as possible



**Name changed to protect privacy*

Featured story: Fighting for a researcher facing retaliation from fossil fuel groups

Dana* is a professor whose significant research and tenacity led to a legal victory for the climate by holding fossil fuel companies accountable. Unfortunately, this put Dana right in the crosshairs of anti-climate actors and she found herself subject to aggressive retaliation. The form of this harassment? An intrusive open records lawsuit to access her personal work and private correspondence, all in an attempt to discredit and scare her – *and, vitally, stop her from being able to pursue her research by embroiling her in a legal quagmire.* Alongside co-counsel, CSLDF has been able to protect Dana from the full onslaught of these attacks, and together we are standing up against the goliath of fossil fuel funded interests to ensure that Dana will be able to continue her critical work.