



Presentation for Hope Church

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# Introductions & Housekeeping



Good Morning



Thank you – in person and online; recording available



Questions and comments

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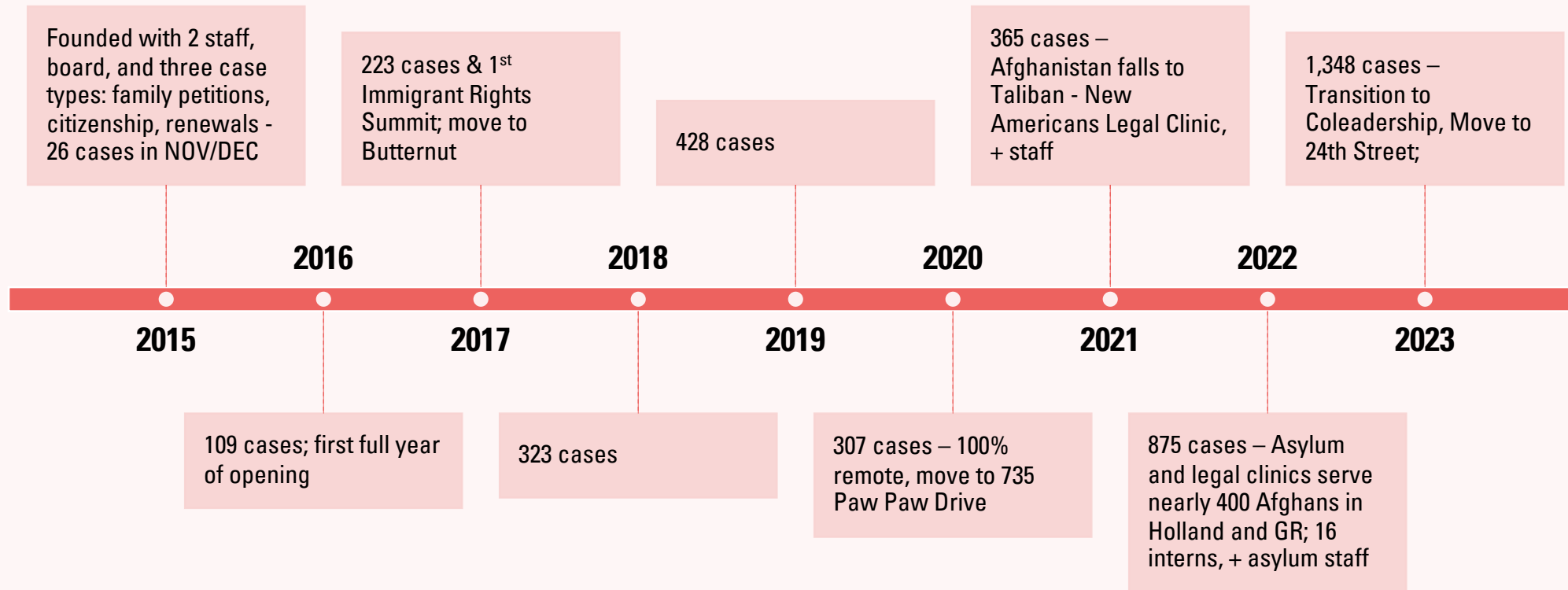


# Overview

- Bringing stability to West Michigan families and communities through immigration legal services, education, and advocacy.

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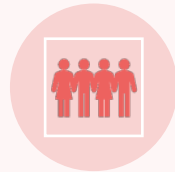
# History



# Programs



Immigration  
Legal Services



Community  
Education



Advocacy

# (Intro to) Immigration 101

13.6% of U.S. population are immigrants; highest since 1890

- 1.1M+ in 2023 (est.)

Ottawa County: 5.4% of population, 1% of total county population increase

- 1 in 4 have limited English proficiency
- 1 in 9 are recent arrivals (5 years or less)
- 81% between 16 and 64 vs 63% non-immigrant
- 1 in 10 K12 students are 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> generation immigrants
- 15.9% are undocumented

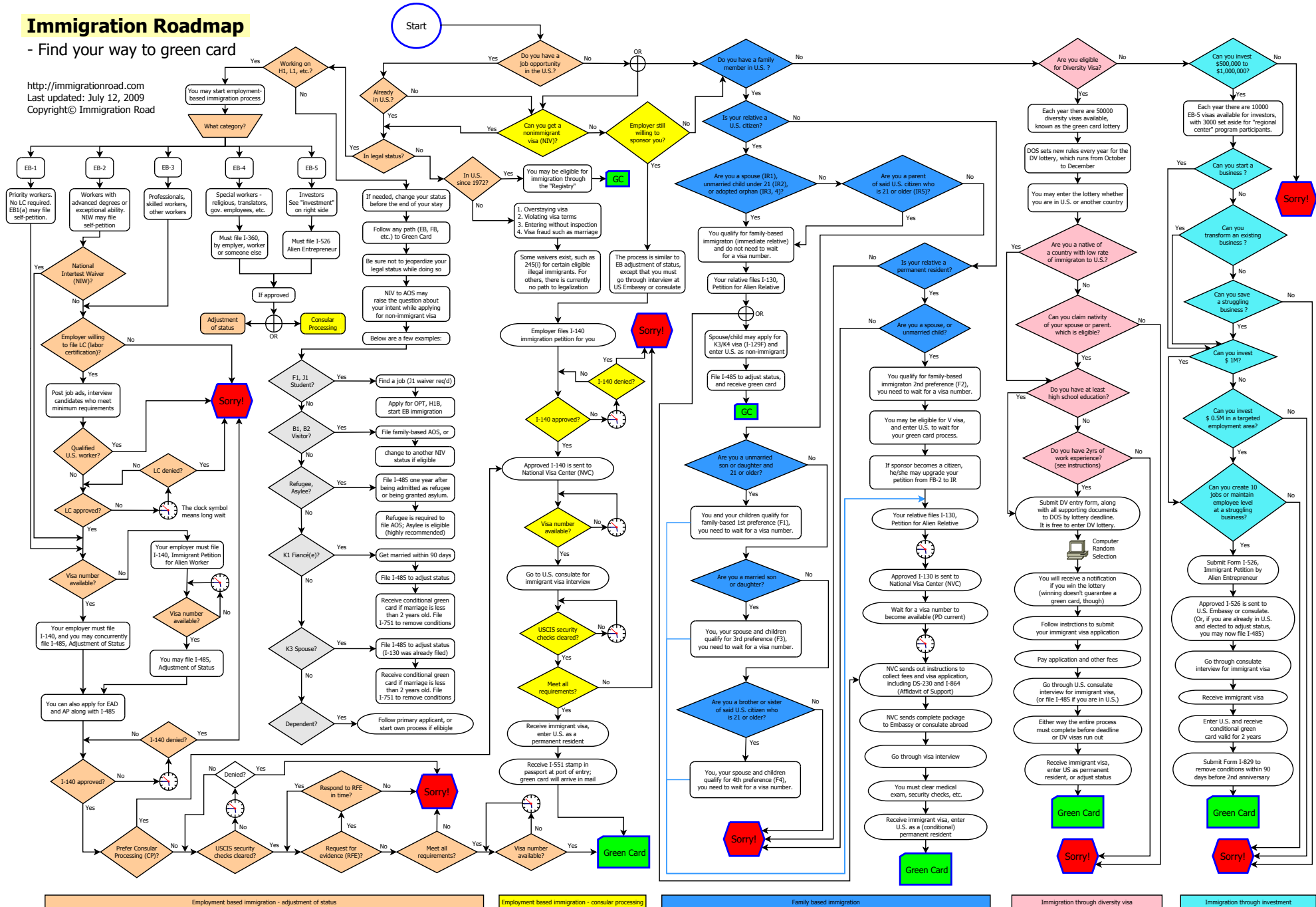
Challenges Immigrants Face

- Language & stability
- Thriving & belonging
- Immigration laws & policies

# Immigration Roadmap

- Find your way to green card

http://immigrationroad.com  
Last updated: July 12, 2009  
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Disclaimer: This immigration roadmap is for general guidance only and shall NOT be construed as legal advice; U.S. immigration laws and regulations are ever changing, so always confirm with USCIS and/or consult a qualified professional with regard to your case; No warranty is made regarding the accuracy of any information; Not all possible ways to GC are covered by this flowchart, and appeals/motion to reopen are not included; You may start multiple processes if you are eligible.

# Immigration Legal Services

General  
Consultations

Renewal  
Clinic

Waivers &  
FOIA

Adjustment  
of Status

Family  
Petition

Humanitarian



# LIA's Legal Service Program:

- Sliding fee scale based on household income (200% to 400% of FPL)
- Clients know ahead of time total cost vs. traditional retainer/pay per hour model
- Attorneys, DOJ Accredited Legal Representatives, Legal Assistants
- Bilingual in English/Spanish, interpretation for many other languages
- Care and service that is trauma informed, provided within framework of social work standards

# For our community

Ending

Ending family separation, one family at a time

Restoring

Restoring rights and justice, one case at a time

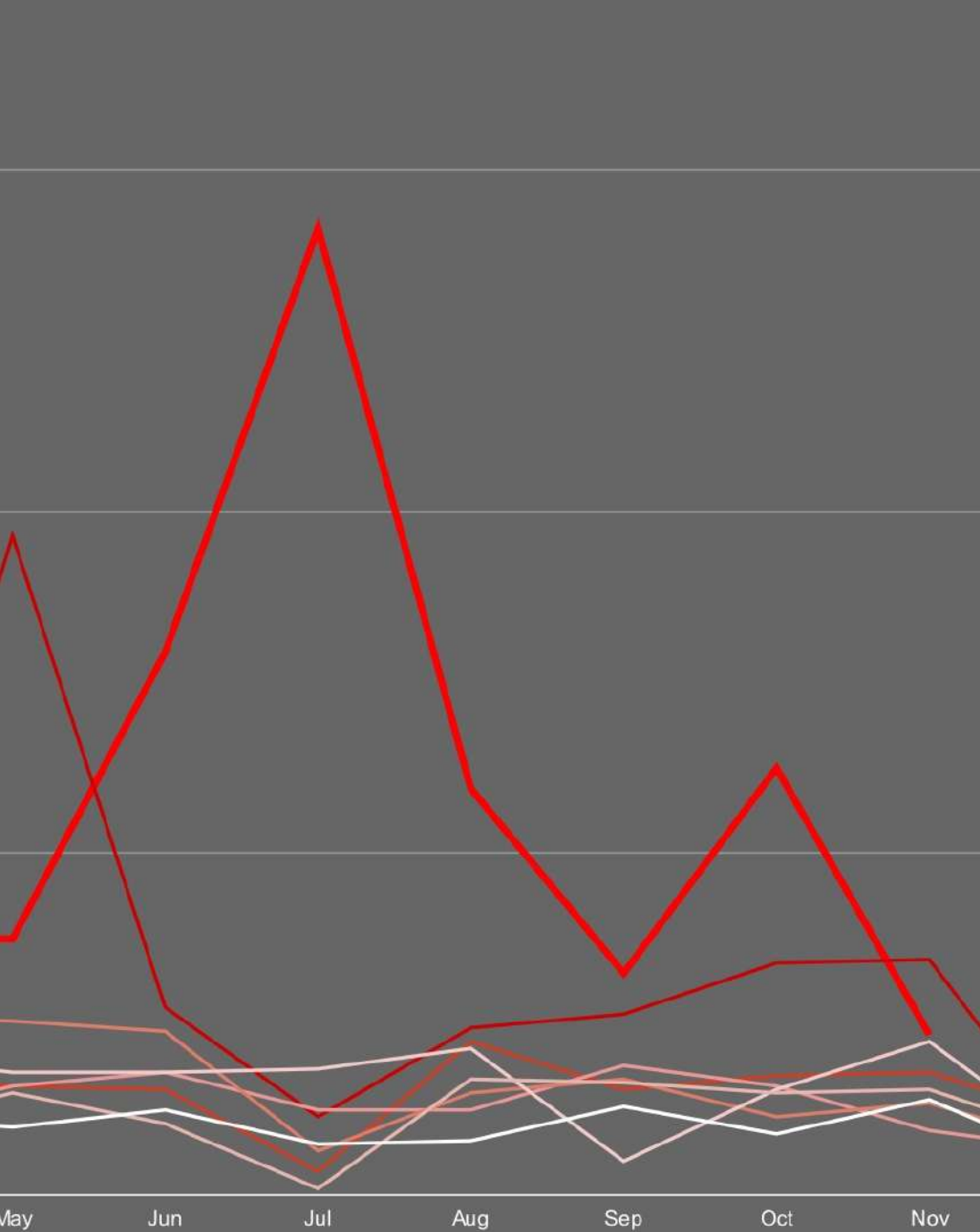
Achieving

Achieving stability and building trust in each other

# Challenges



- Sharing the Weight
- 2-3-4-5-7-10-12 = 2024
- Global = Local



# Changes

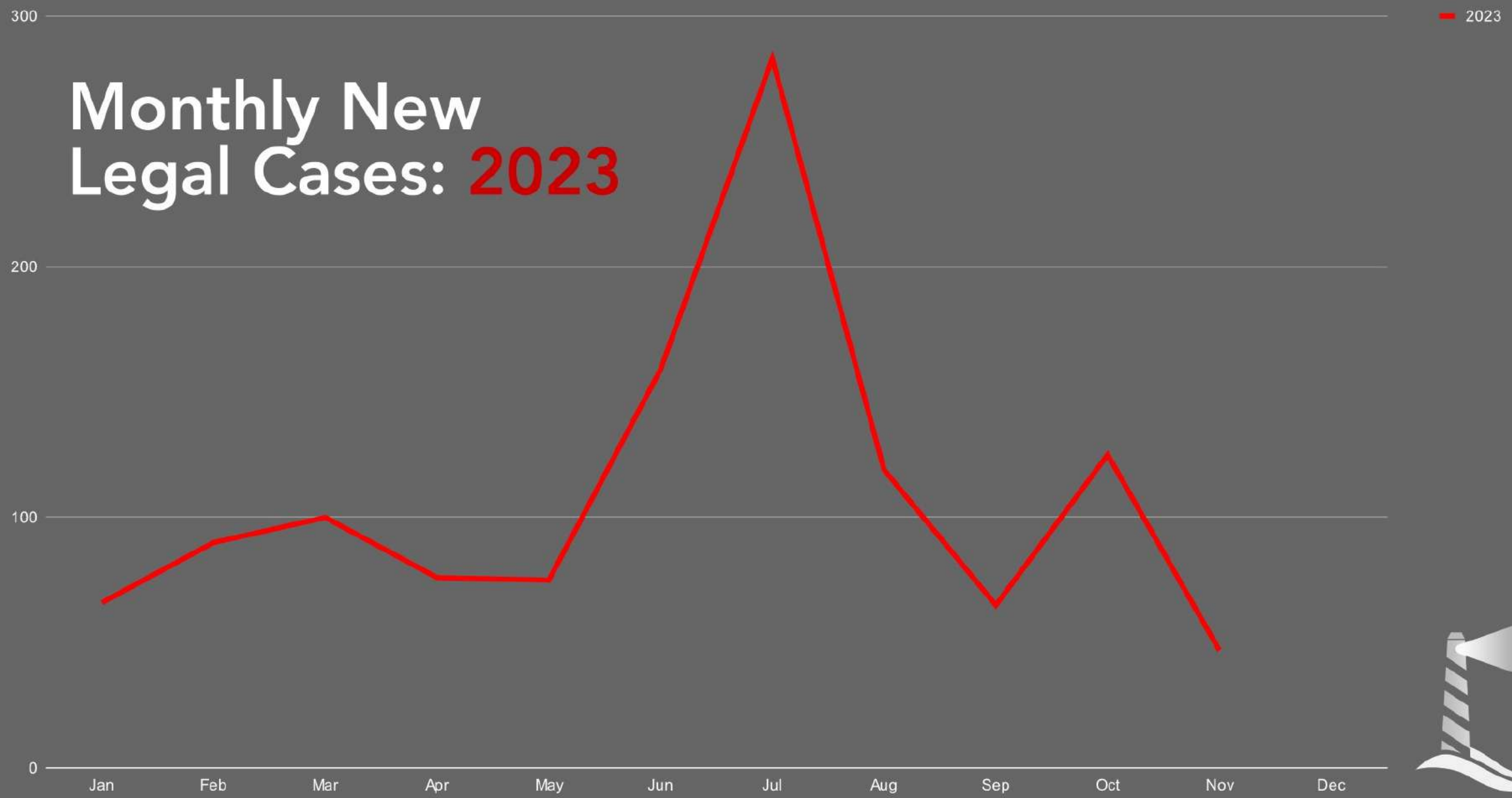
CHANGES

- Focus
- Balance
- People

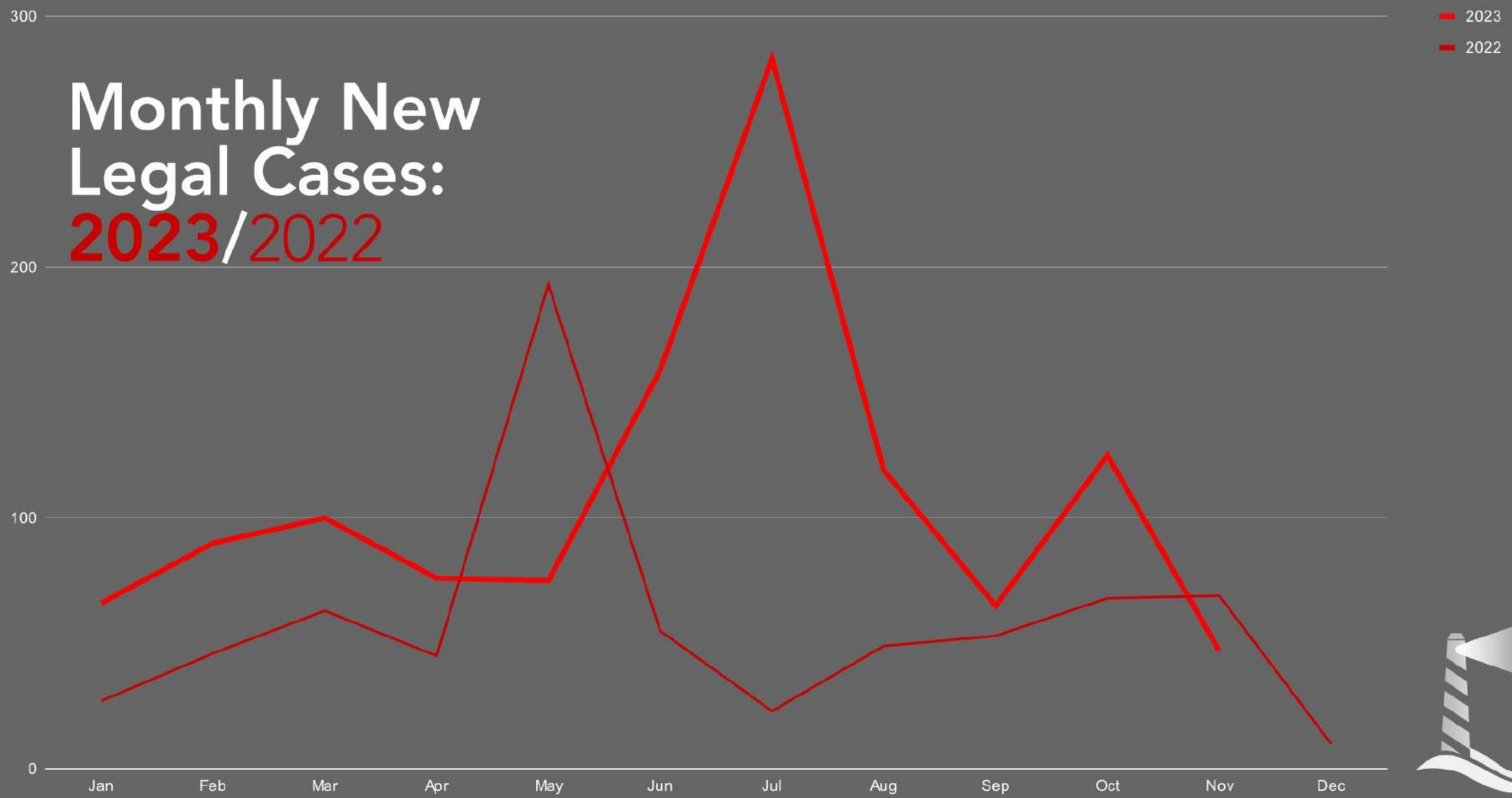
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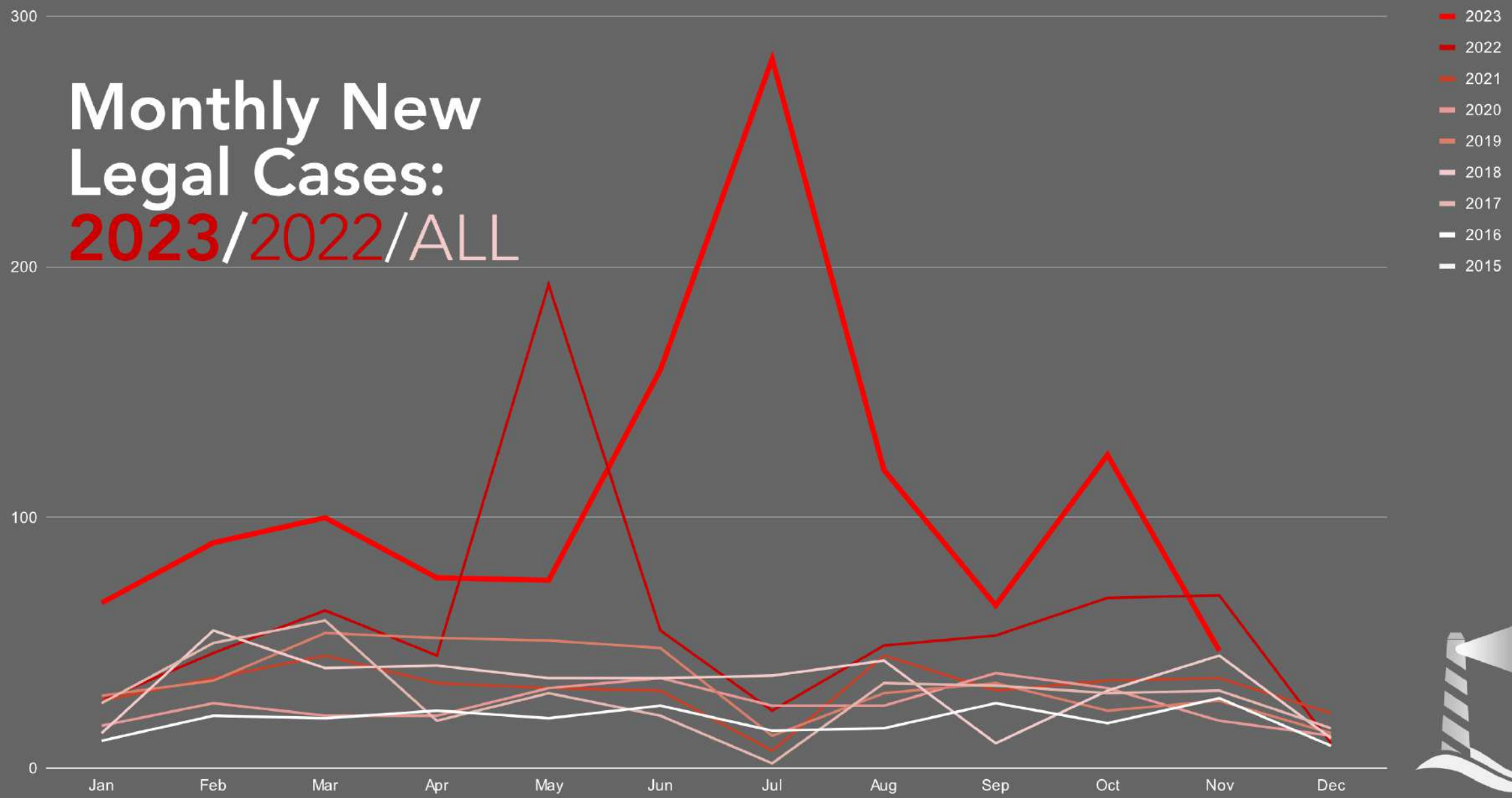
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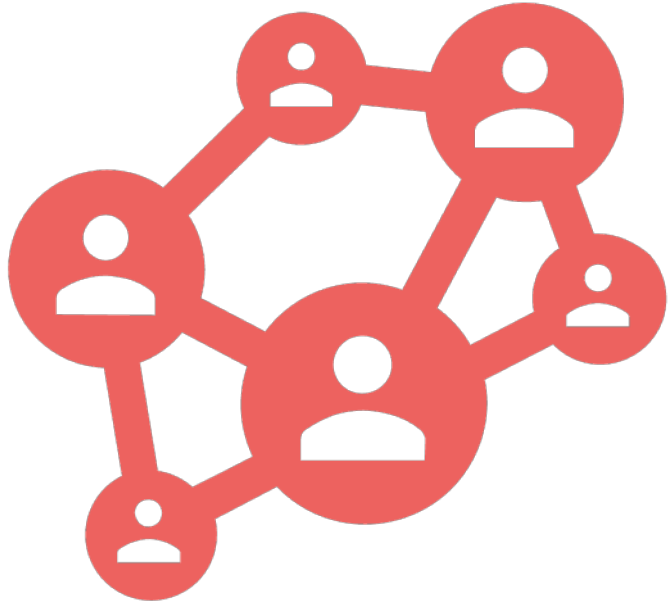


# Ottawa County, Michigan

- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
- The Election Cycle
- Shaping the Future



# Join, Support, and...



- LIA meets need for affordable (but not free) legal services that define the lives of immigrants through the generosity and investments of our community members
- Advocacy for Drive SAFE, DACA, immigration reform
- Take great pride in our community's ability to support an organization like LIA – we're the canary and the match



# Birthdays!

- \$1 in donations = \$7.34 in immigration legal services
- Invite friends and family to make a small donation to LIA in honor of your birthday this year
- Advocate, support, and educate all at the same time

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# Future

Migration &  
Demographics

Welcoming  
Economy

Nonprofits,  
philanthropy,  
and work





Thank you!



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