

IMMIGRANT  
LAW CENTER  
— *of* MINNESOTA —

2023

A N N U A L  
R E P O R T



## Dear Friends and Allies,

Changing laws affecting immigrants can seem like an impossible goal, but in 2023 we celebrated victories that have been years in the making. The biggest victory: Driver's Licenses for All is finally the law again in Minnesota!

Our advocacy work is always in collaboration with partners, friends, and allies like you. Minnesota's many immigrant communities led the way, and we were proud to be one of the organizational allies and partners who was there from the start of this movement, along with leaders in labor, agriculture, business, faith communities, law enforcement, and the legislative and executive branches. People across Minnesota contacted their legislators, wrote letters to the editor, and talked to their friends and neighbors about the importance of restoring driver's licenses to all Minnesotans.

Driver's License for All was the biggest win in 2023, but it wasn't the only one. We also worked to support other important Minnesota legislation, including:



- Permanently establishing the Office of New Americans to ensure economic growth for the state and economic prosperity for all Minnesotans;
- Extending MinnesotaCare coverage to all Minnesotans regardless of their immigration status;
- Making individuals with Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN) eligible for the homestead exemption, the working families tax credit, and the child tax credit; and
- Reducing the maximum sentence for a gross misdemeanor from 365 days to 364 days to ensure that a Minnesota gross misdemeanor conviction cannot be treated as an aggravated felony by the federal government.





As we celebrate these victories, we recognize the many challenges that remain, especially on the federal level. None of this is easy. None of the wins come quickly. Together, we will continue the long and important work of advocating for justice in laws and policies affecting immigrants.

As we celebrate these 2023 victories, may they strengthen our courage and determination to continue the work at local, state, and federal levels to ensure that immigrants and refugees across Minnesota and our nation are recognized as full members of our community.

In solidarity,

Veena Iyer  
Executive Director



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## Our Impact

In 2023, ILCM provided legal services in 3,033 unique cases impacting over 9,000 individuals.



### *Clients came from 102 countries*

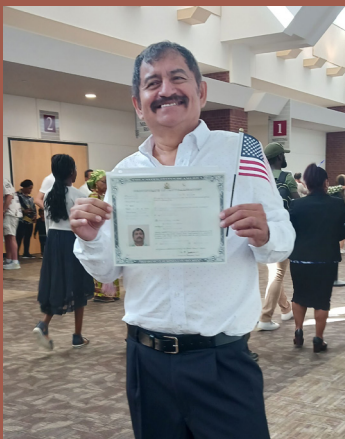
- 37% from Mexico
- 20% from countries in Asia
- 18% from countries in Central and South America
- 16% from countries in Africa
- The remainder of clients immigrated from countries in Europe, Oceania, and North America.



### *Case type by percentage*

- Citizenship – 27%
- DACA – 24%
- Deportation Defense – 2%
- Family Reunification – 2%
- Green Card – 11%
- Humanitarian – 18%  
*VAWA, Affirmative Asylum, Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition, T Visas, U Visas, etc.*
- Miscellaneous – 12%  
*Travel Documents, Administrative Appeals, Employment Authorizations, etc.*
- Temporary Status – 4%

## Maynor's Story



Maynor is from Guatemala and was a permanent resident for just under 17 years before becoming a United States citizen on September 21, 2023. He had originally received his lawful permanent resident status under the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act and found his way to ILCM through a partnership between ILCM and the Latino Economic Development Center. Today, Maynor owns his own house painting company and he and his family live in southern Minnesota. Four of his five children are also U.S. citizens.

## Advocacy and Education

IILCM is grateful to the community, community partners, and everyone who wrote an email, called a legislator, or showed up at the Capitol. Together, we advocated for immigrants and refugees at the Minnesota legislature, and the legislature responded.

**95**  
presentations  
and events

**18**  
testimonies

**8**  
action  
alerts

**58**  
media interviews  
and interactions

**16**  
sign-on  
letters

**6**  
bills passed

**6**  
federal  
comments



IILCM was honored by Unidos MN with their *Leaders in the Arena 2023 Award* for our collaborative work on Driver's Licenses for All.



# Budget Breakdown

18%

## General:

- Assisting immigrants and refugees to obtain temporary status, green cards, and citizenship

16%

## Community Defense:

- Work in deportation defense and with public defenders

10%

## New Beginnings Project:

- Assisting immigrant survivors of domestic violence or serious crimes and their children

20%

## Rural Immigration Project:

- Work in our Austin, Moorhead, Worthington, and Fargo offices

4%

## Pro Bono

5%

## Education & Advocacy

14%

## Core Mission Support: *Fundraising*

13%

## Core Mission Support: *Administration*

## 2023 Financials

Fiscal Years Ended December 31

**2023**                      **2022**

### Assets

Cash	\$924,170	\$2,639,050
Prepays	12,326	29,767
Receivables	474,083	402,311
Right-of-Use Asset-Operating	105,135	84,508
Furniture and Equipment, Net	74,116	81,972
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$2,900,805</b>	<b>\$3,237,608</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities	\$219,373	\$283,920
Long-term Notes Payable	187,306	265,172
Lease Liability, Net of Current Portion	20,043	21,173
Net Assets: • Unrestricted	2,231,796	2,311,006
• Temporarily Restricted	242,287	356,337
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	<i>\$2,474,083</i>	<i>\$2,667,343</i>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$2,900,805</b>	<b>\$3,237,608</b>

### Support and Revenue

Support: • Contributions	\$1,476,524	\$1,669,143
• In-kind Donations	889,417	620,394
• Government Grants & Contracts	1,473,758	893,019
<i>Total Support</i>	<i>\$3,839,699</i>	<i>\$3,182,556</i>
Revenue: • Other Contracts		6,000
• Earned Income		64
• Events (less Direct Costs)	93,951	4,532
• Loan Forgiveness	37,500	
• Miscellaneous	22,302	6,815
<i>Total Revenue</i>	<i>\$153,753</i>	<i>\$17,411</i>
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,993,452</b>	<b>\$3,199,967</b>

### Expense

Program Services: • Legal Assistance	\$3,143,225	\$2,541,555
• Community Education	164,303	109,865
<i>Total Program Services</i>	<i>\$3,307,528</i>	<i>\$2,651,420</i>
Support Services: • Management & General	458,690	325,532
• Fundraising	420,494	316,815
<i>Total Support Services</i>	<i>\$879,184</i>	<i>\$642,347</i>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$4,186,712</b>	<b>\$3,293,767</b>

<b>CHANGES IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$193,260</b>	<b>\$93,800</b>
Net Assets – Beginning of Year	2,667,343	2,761,143
<b>NET ASSETS – END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$2,474,083</b>	<b>\$2,667,343</b>



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Thank you to our 846 individual donors and 133 institutional donors!  
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hours of time.



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The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota enhances opportunities for immigrants and refugees through legal representation for low-income individuals, and through education and advocacy with diverse communities.



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Please call our intake line during intake hours to schedule an appointment to speak to a legal staff member.

1-800-223-1368

Our intake hours can be found on our website. We do not take walk-in appointments. Contact ILCM as soon as you become aware of a legal issue. There may be a waiting list for services.

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