INTRODUCTION
WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?

*Helps* community members when legal tools are necessary to protect them from harassment, doxxing, or other unavoidable conduct on and off wiki.

Info at https://wikimediafoundation.org/wiki/Community_Health_Legal_Defense_Program
THE EXISTING PROGRAM

Our *existing* defense of contributors program *assists users* who are *sued* based on content they *write* on Wikipedia or one of the other projects. *Legal fees assistance* helps users who are sued for functionary work.
Community Health Legal Defense expands the existing program to users who need to bring an action to protect themselves from someone or a group that’s trying to cause them harm when other tools aren’t up to the task.
LIMITATIONS

- Time and Foundation funding
- Ability to make a difference
- Difficulty of the process
EXAMPLES

When would you need to use Community Health Legal Defense?

Sketch of an overview of the courtroom that includes the judges bench and the defense table. 24 by Beinecke Library CC BY-SA 2.
TECHNICAL TOOLS CAN’T HELP

A user is threatened by a technically skilled harasser
COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS WON’T WORK

The harasser is doing a dox off-wiki where the community can’t help.
BUT . . .

Legal tools *will* work
We have the time and ability to help
WHEN . . .

The problem is **serious** and the user is **dedicated** to fighting a long legal battle
CONFRONTATIONAL
MULTIPLE STAGES
EVIDENCE
A court decision that isn’t obeyed can mean that a person will have to pay money or face a country’s police force.
THANKS!

Any questions?
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