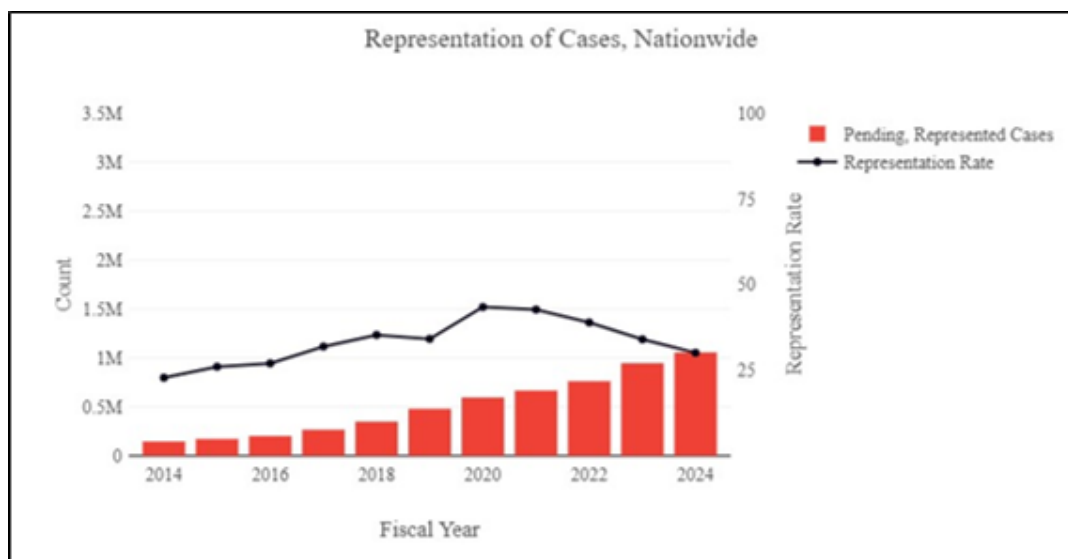
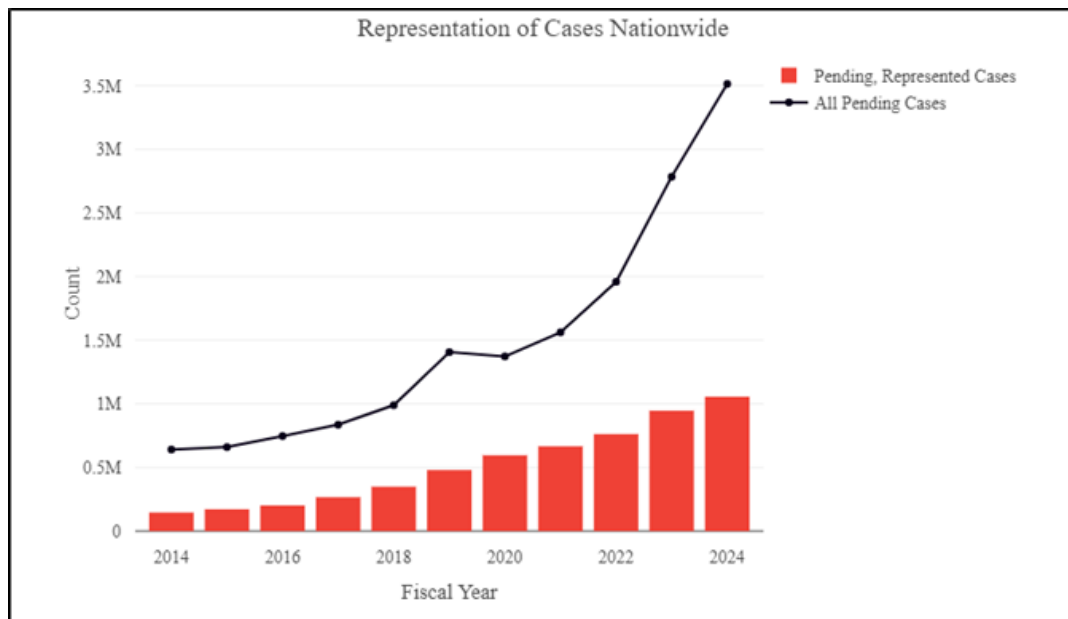


Brief Data on Legal Representation and Legal Services Capacity

The number of people with representation has increased significantly in the past ten years. There are more than seven times more cases with representation in immigration court today than in 2014 when this movement started: In 2014 there were 145,892 cases with representation, today there are 1,056,153 with representation.

At the same time, the growth in the number of cases in immigration court has far exceeded the growth in representation, causing a drop in the *rate* of representation even while the *number* of people with representation in immigration court is at an all-time high.



There are roughly 3,300 deportation defense practitioners currently in the field, out of approximately 9,500 immigration attorneys and accredited representatives. With over 2.5 million cases in immigration court where people are without representation, the number of immigration attorneys and accredited representatives is insufficient to meet the need for representation in the field.

	Generally	Removal Defense
Nonprofit Immigration Attorneys*	3,277	1,639**
AILA Attorneys***	3,803	1,367
Accredited Reps	2,462	350 (Fully Accredited)

*From CLINIC and IAN data

**With an estimate that half of listed attorneys practice in the field of removal defense.

*** As of Fall 2023