



History and Overview of the IG Function

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Learning Objectives

- Know the historical context of the IG function
- Understand significant similarities and differences among federal, state, and local OIGs

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What is an IG?

- ▶ What do you do?
- ▶ What does your office do?
- ▶ How is it distinct from other oversight agencies?

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IG Origins – Military History

- ▶ 1668 French Infantry & Cavalry
- ▶ Widespread application in Europe
- ▶ 1777 Continental Congress
 - Concern with militia training and readiness and use of resources
 - Accountability
 - Dual reporting

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Federal IGs – State

- ▶ 1959 Inspector General and Comptroller
 - Appointed by Secretary of State
 - Required to report to Congress
 - Access to other agencies' documents
- ▶ 1961 Inspector General, Foreign Assistance
 - Presidential appointee – Senate confirmation
 - Charge included efficiency and economy

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Federal IGs – Agriculture

- ▶ 1962 Congressman Fountain investigation of Billy Sol Estes
- ▶ 1962 Agriculture Inspector General
 - Created and appointed by Agriculture Secretary
 - Reported to Secretary only
- ▶ 1974 Eliminated by Secretary

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Federal IGs – HEW

- ▶ Investigations in Senate and House
- ▶ Congressman Fountain's subcommittee
- ▶ 1976 HEW Inspector General Act

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Federal IGs – 1978 IG Act

- ▶ **Mandate:**
 - Promote economy, efficiency, effectiveness
 - Prevent and detect fraud and abuse
- ▶ **Dual Reporting – Agency Head & Congress**
- ▶ **Establishment IGs (29)**
 - Appointed by President with advice and consent of Senate
 - Removal by President; reasons given to House and Senate
- ▶ **President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) established 1981**

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Federal IGs – 1978 IG Act 1988 Amendments

- ▶ Designated Federal Entity IGs (31)
 - Appointed by agency head
 - Removal by agency head; reasons given to House and Senate
- ▶ Powers and Duties Substantially Same
- ▶ Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency (ECIE) established 1992

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Inspector General Reform Act of 2008

- ▶ Established the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) unifying the PCIE and the ECIE
- ▶ Codified Integrity Committee established by Executive Order in 1996 to review allegations of wrongdoing by specified IG staff
- ▶ Required 30 day prior notice of proposed removal of an IG
- ▶ Provided for independent counsel for OIGs

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Other Federal IGs

- ▶ Federal Entity IGs
 - Optional under 1978 Act
 - Agency heads report annually to Congress on status and activities
 - Not subject to most provisions
- ▶ Others
 - Central Intelligence Agency – similar to IG Act
 - House of Representatives

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State and Local IGs –1970s

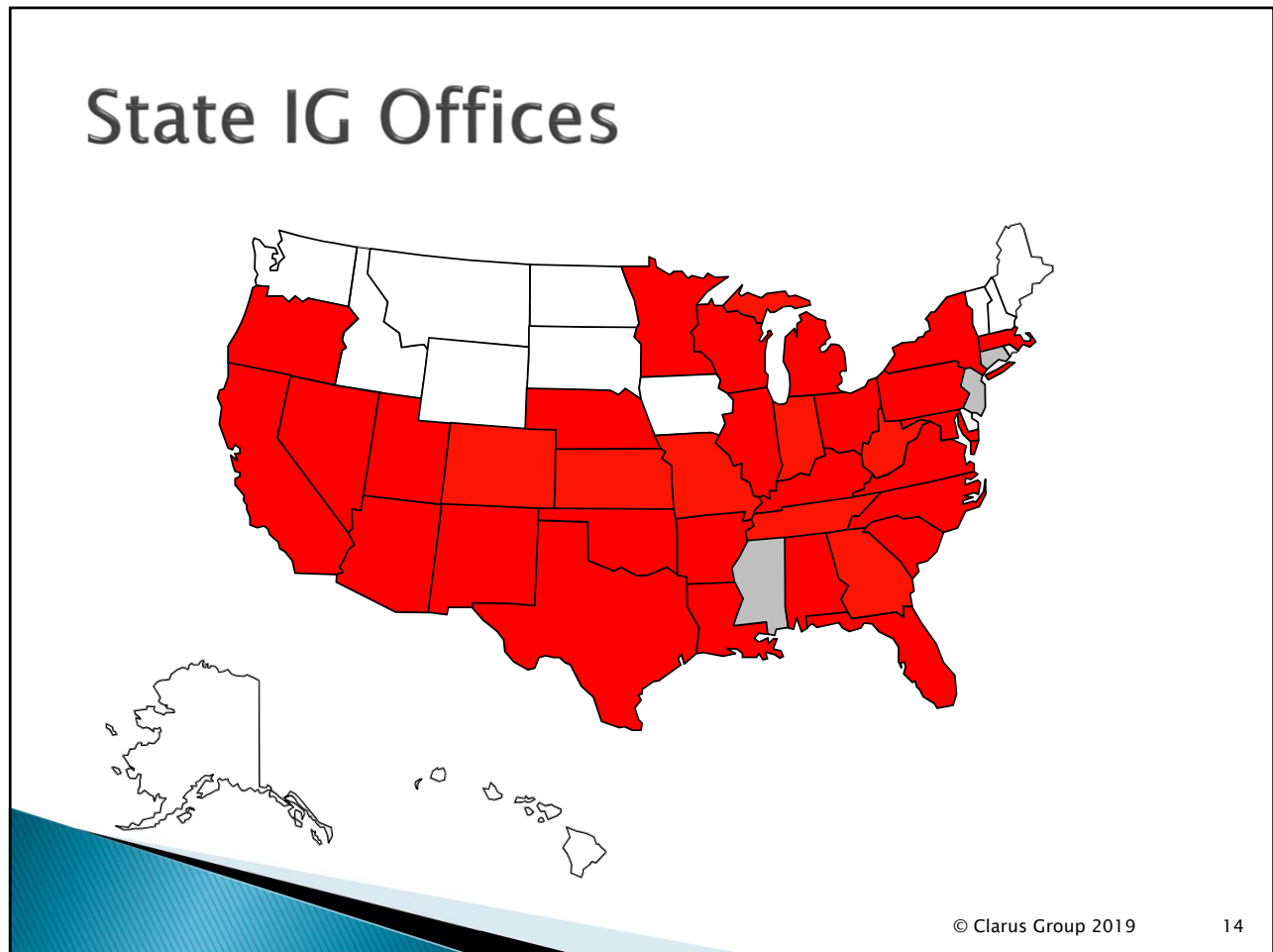
- ▶ 1970s – New York City
- ▶ 1972 – Michigan Social Services
- ▶ 1973 – TX Human Services
- ▶ 1977 – KY Human Services
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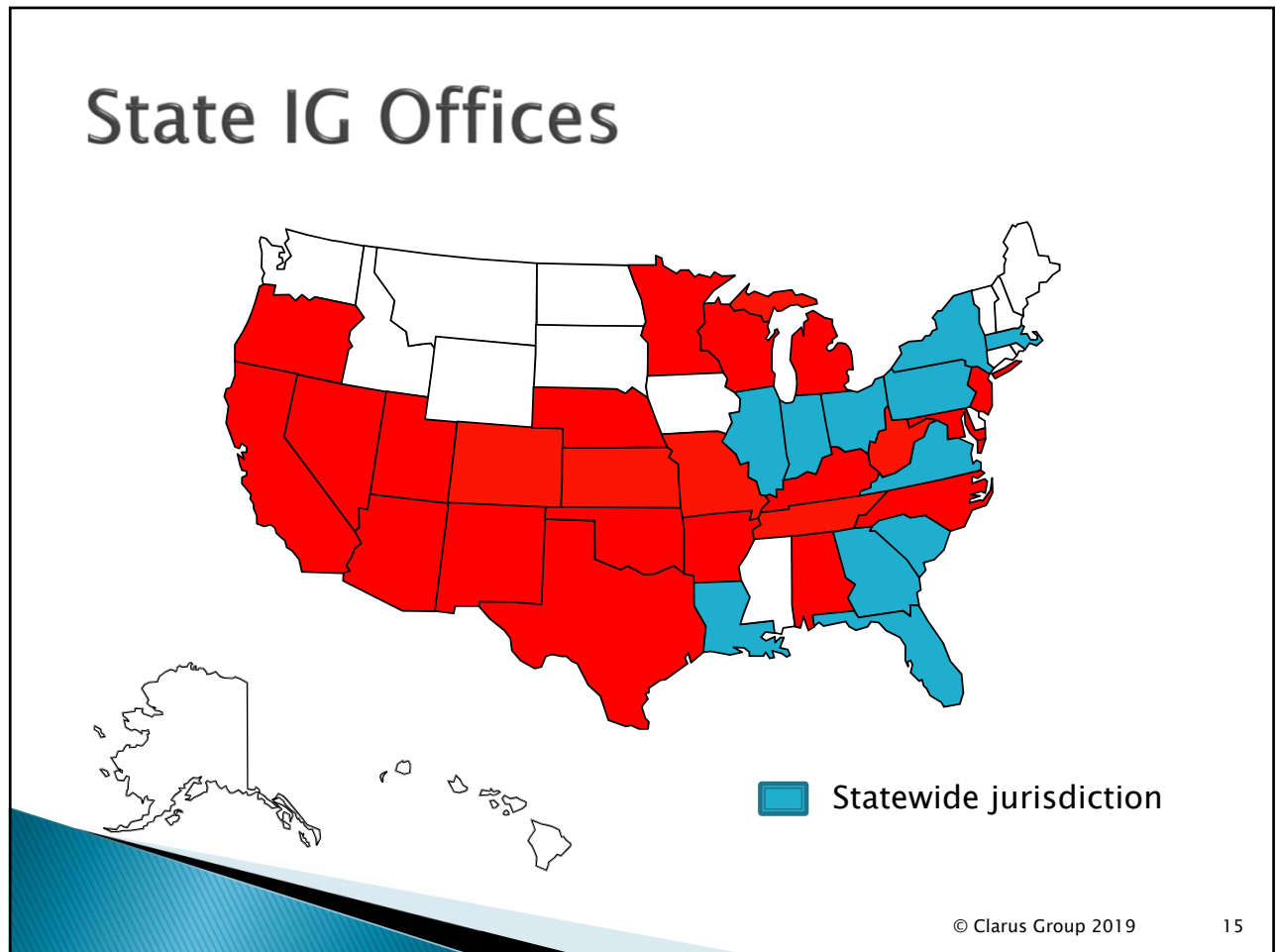
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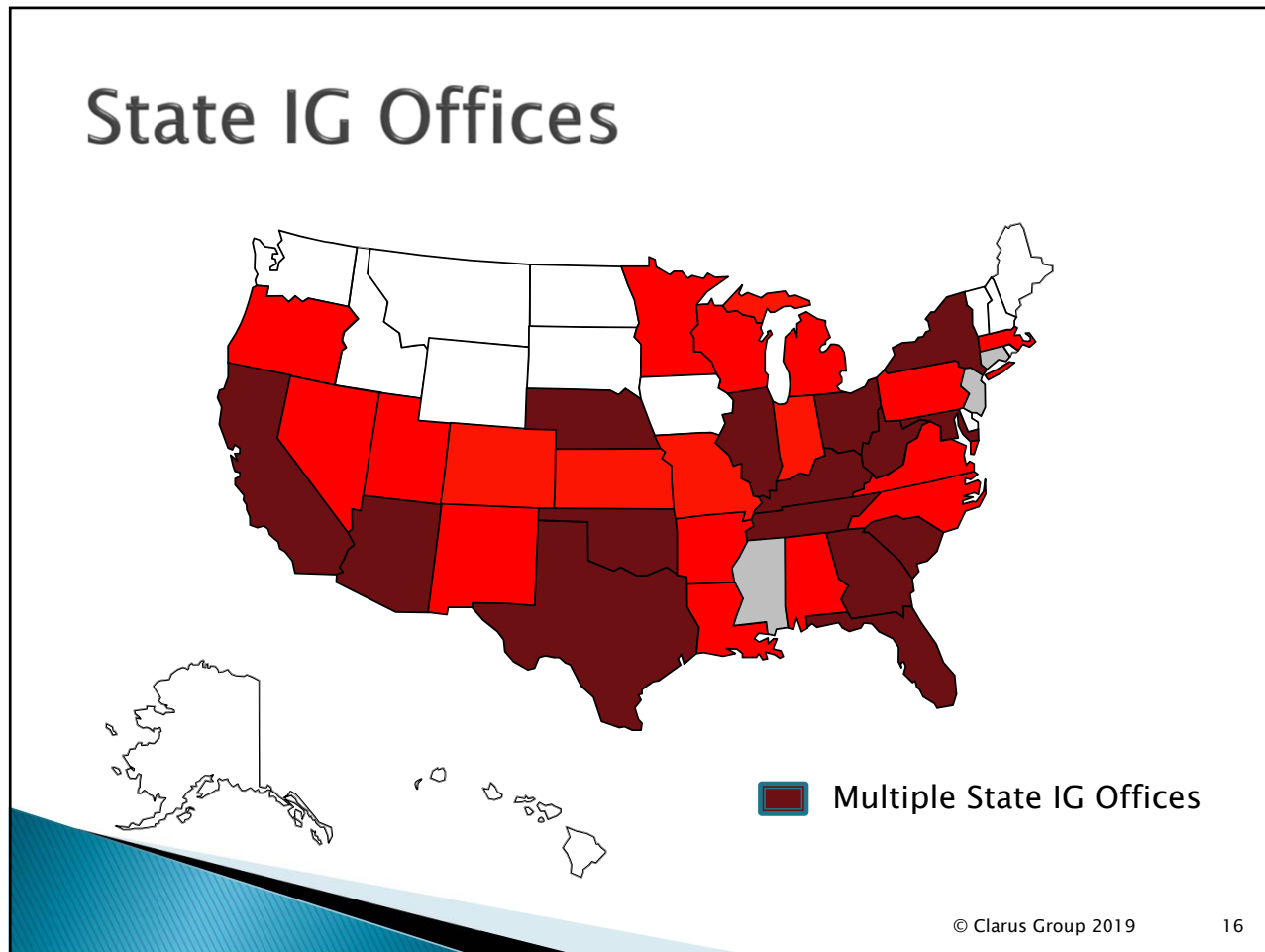




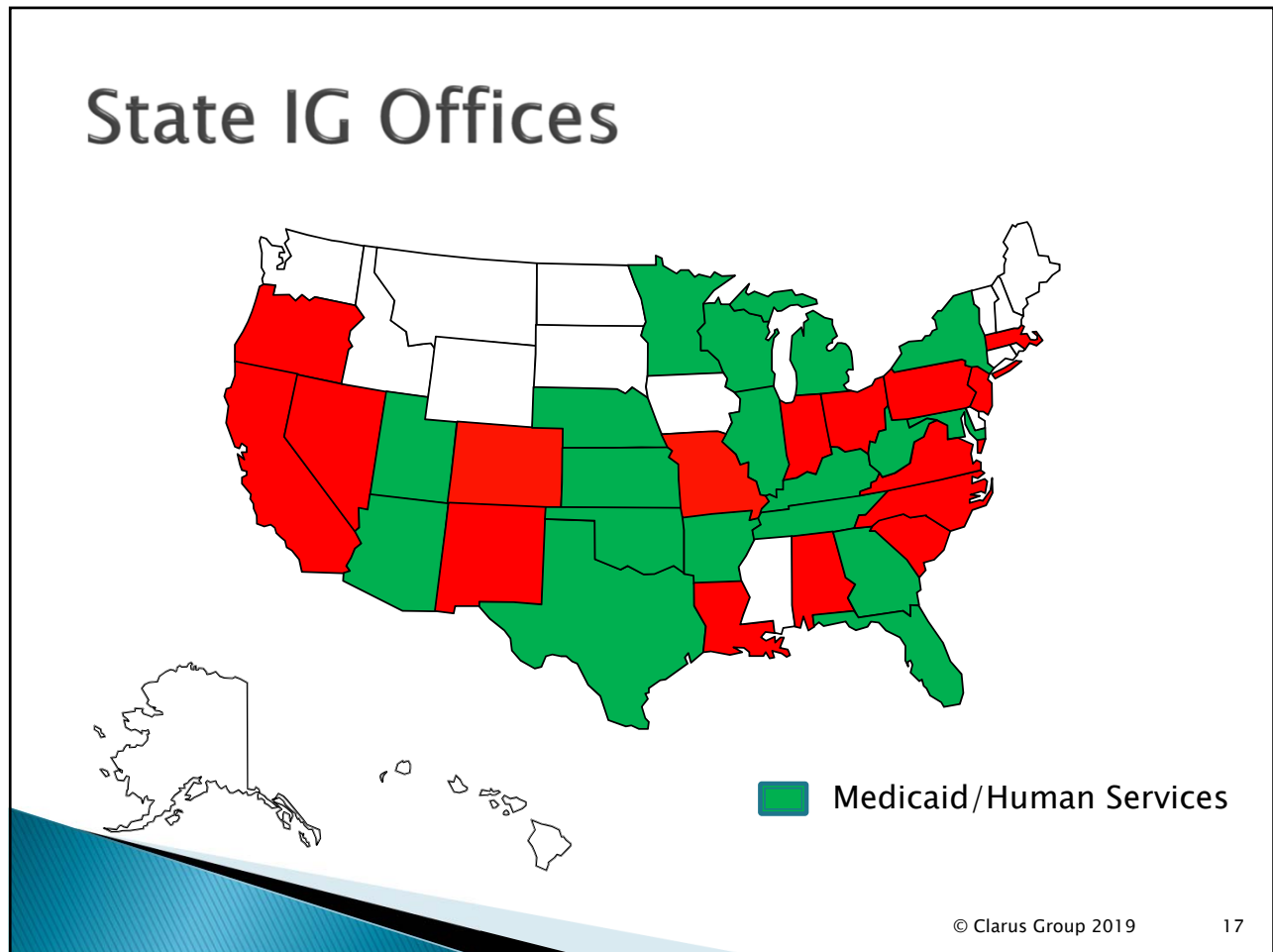
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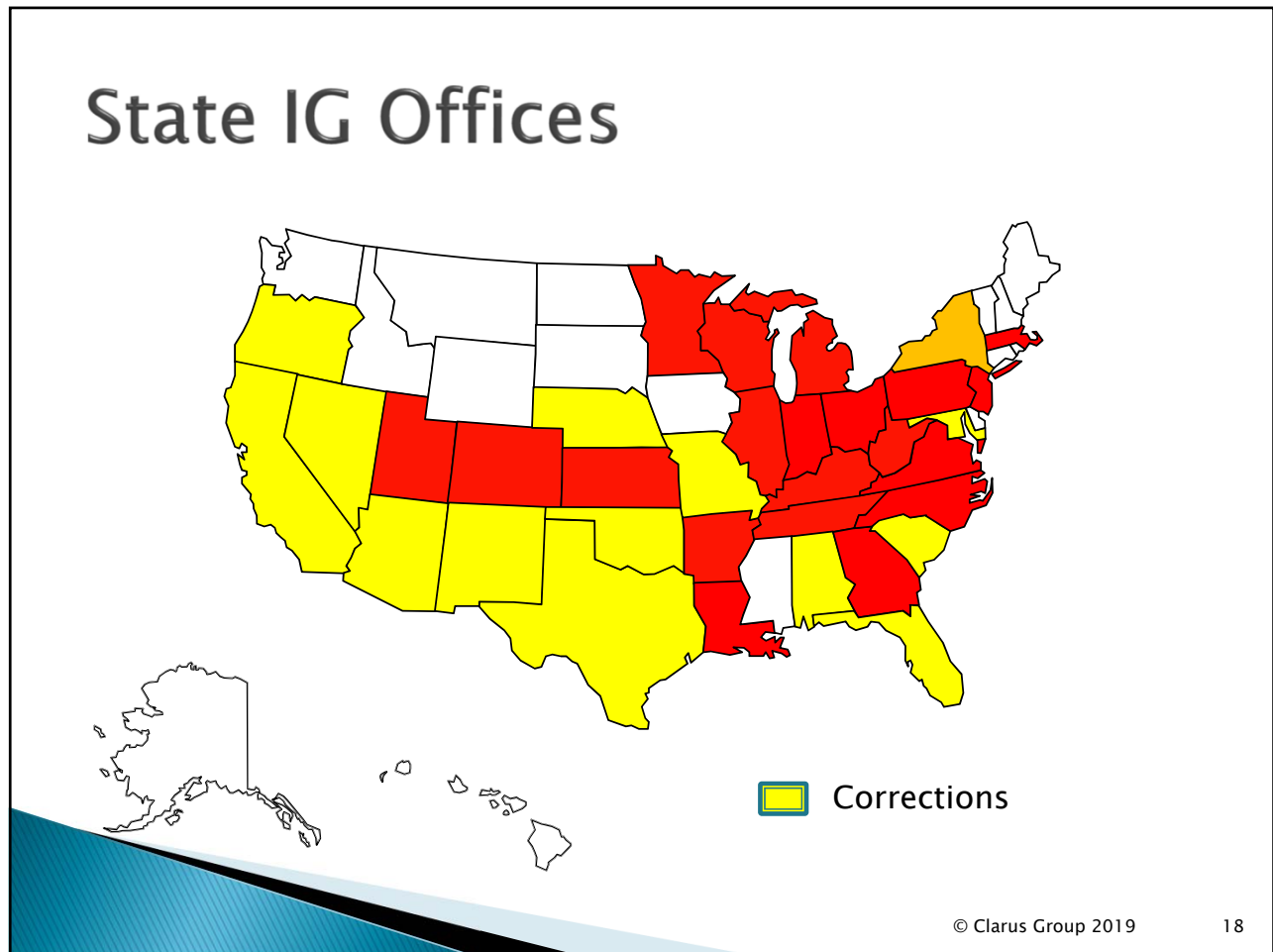






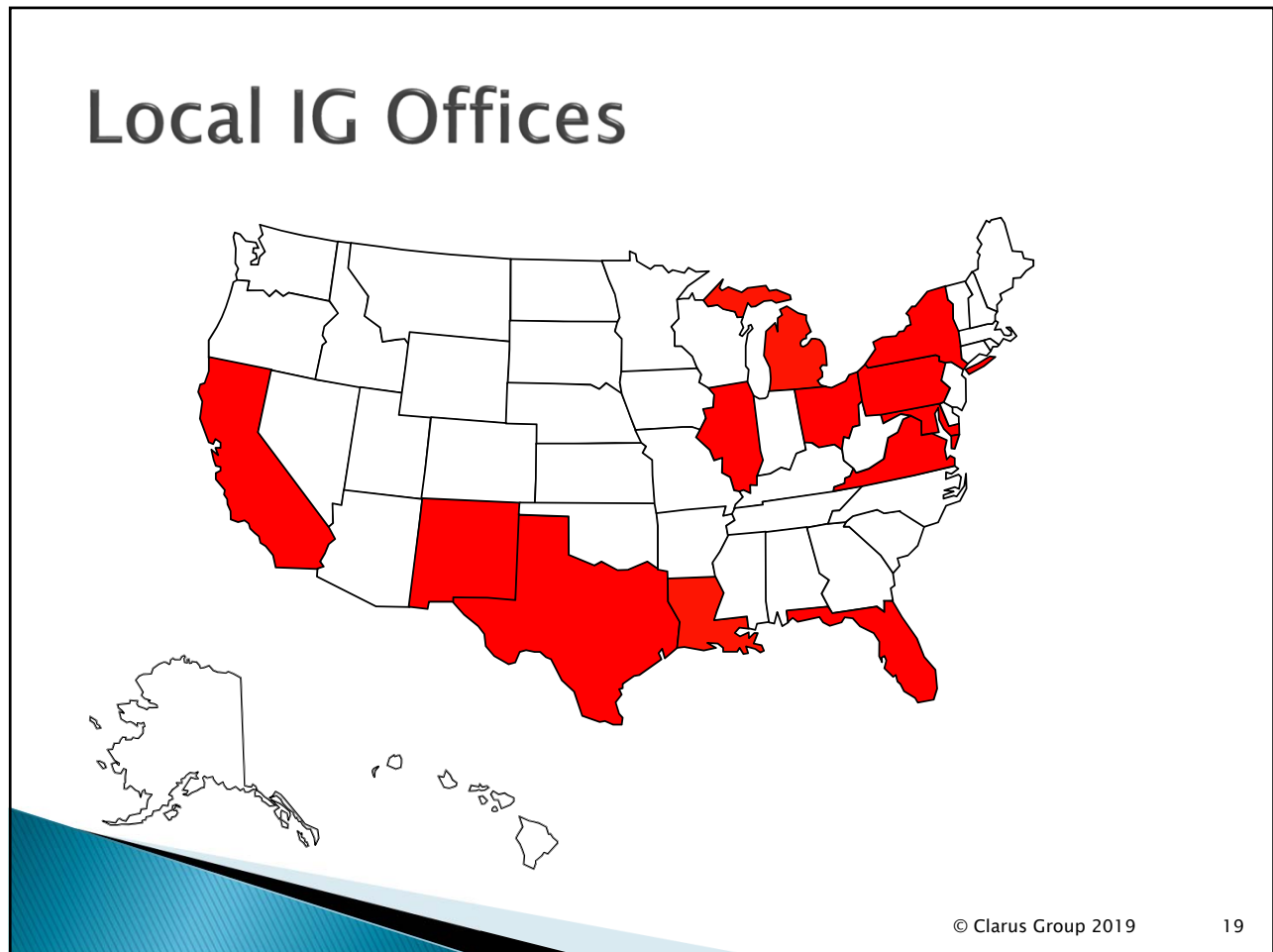
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