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INTERNATIONAL  
COERCIVE  
CONTROL  
CONFERENCE

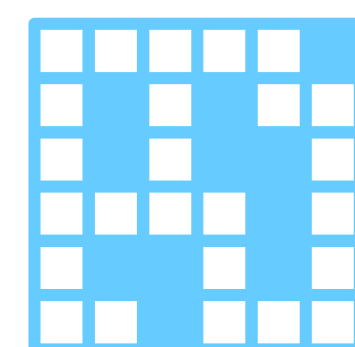
# Making Invisible Patterns Visible

AI-POWERED ANALYSIS OF COERCIVE CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS



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# Making Invisible Patterns Visible

- **The Pattern Problem** — why CC is invisible to current tools
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**For years, battered women have been insisting that “violence wasn't the worst part” of their abuse.**

— EVAN STARK, COERCIVE CONTROL (2007)

**Coercive control affects 1 in 4 women.**

**And it is, by design, invisible  
in any individual interaction.**

**Courts evaluate incidents.**

**Coercive control is  
a course of conduct.**

**One message looks reasonable.**

**Four hundred messages reveal control.**

# Luminate Solutions

## Our Mission

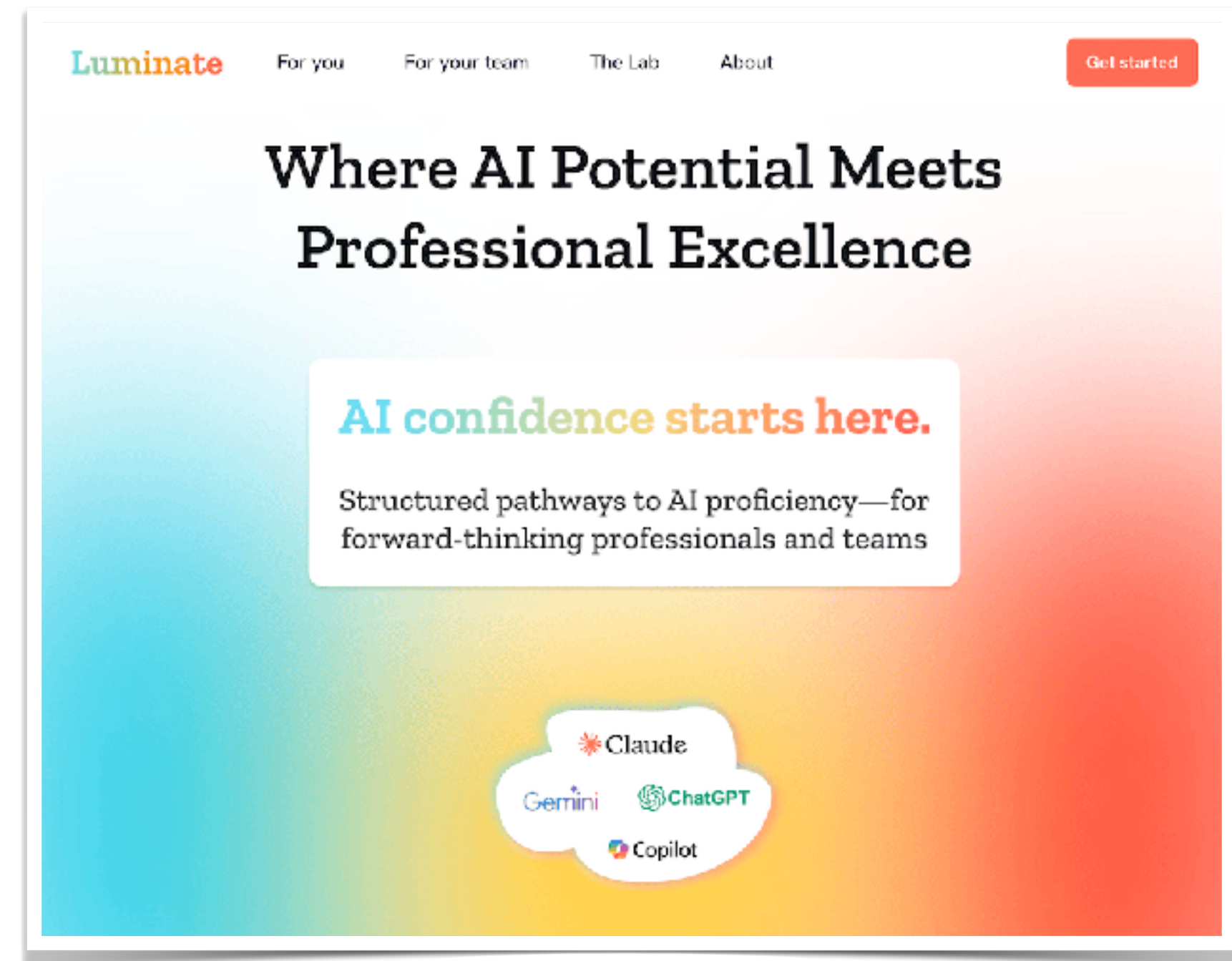
To help you harness AI as your personal superpower, transforming curiosity into career-defining mastery

## Our Program

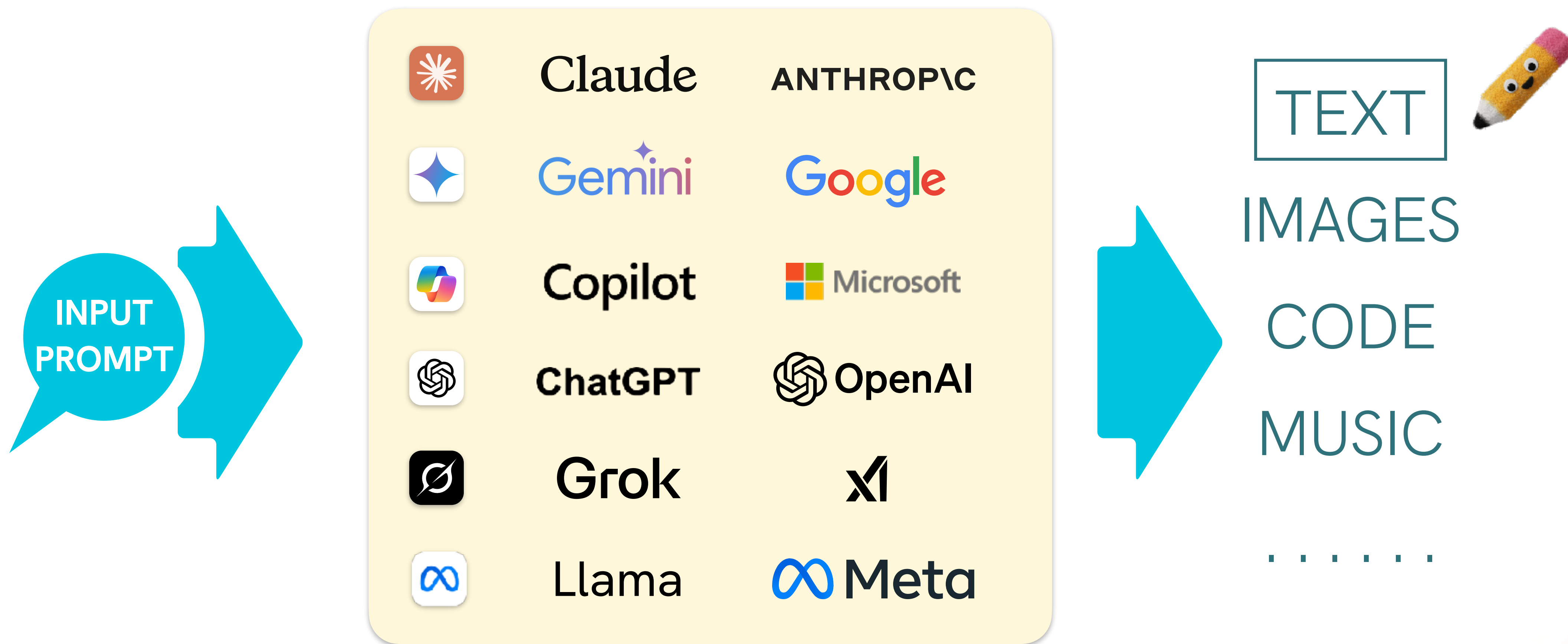
Designed to give you the structure, skills, and confidence to integrate AI strategically into your work



Gen AI proficiency is like learning a new language



# Let's start with the basics



A **PATTERN-RECOGNITION ENGINE** TRAINED ON MASSIVE TEXT

YOU GIVE IT TEXT + A FRAMEWORK → IT FINDS PATTERNS



Power tool; not oracle.

A human expert  
validates everything  
important.

# Why AI belongs in this room

## **Processes large volumes at once**

Hundreds of messages in seconds — no human can hold that much in their head

## **Applies analytical frameworks that you provide**

Stark's definition, Fontes's taxonomy, Katz's patterns — all at once

## **Produces structured written output**

Tables, timelines, legal summaries—ready for court

# Write better prompts

**G**

**Goal:** What do you want?

"Identify coercive control patterns across this message corpus" ▪ "Map evidence to Colorado statutory elements" ▪ "Quantify the power asymmetry between these two co-parents"

**R**

**Recipient:** Who is this for?

"For a family court custody evaluation" ▪ "For an attorney preparing a protective order motion" ▪ "For my own case preparation and pattern documentation"

**A**

**Angle:** What perspective or approach?

"Focus on course of conduct, not isolated incidents" ▪ "Use this 10 Tactics taxonomy to classify each pattern" ▪ "Apply Katz's post-separation patterns to identify messages that look benign but function as control"

**C**

**Context:** What background, sources, or data?

"273 text messages in CSV format spanning January–August 2025" ▪ "OurFamilyWizard message export plus voicemail transcripts" ▪ This statute, framework, or taxonomy

**E**

**Expectations:** What format?

"Organize findings by tactic category, citing specific messages by date" ▪ "Comparison table showing asymmetry for each communication dimension" ▪ "Evidence mapped to each statutory element"

# The right prompt is the framework

Analyze this corpus of co-parent text messages for patterns of coercive control as defined by Evan Stark. This analysis is for a family court custody evaluation. Focus specifically on course-of-conduct patterns rather than isolated incidents, using Fontes's 10 Tactics taxonomy to classify each pattern found. I'm giving you text messages spanning January through August 2025 between two co-parents regarding their 9-year-old daughter. Apply Stark's coercive control framework, Fontes's taxonomy, and Katz's three post-separation patterns. Organize findings by tactic category, citing specific messages by date and quote. For each pattern, explain why it constitutes coercive control rather than normal co-parenting disagreement.



**Goal:** What do you want?

Pattern detection, evidence mapping, asymmetry analysis, legal summaries

**Recipient:** Who is this for?

Family court judge, custody evaluator, attorney, yourself

**Angle:** What perspective or approach?

Course of conduct, taxonomy, statutory elements

**Context:** What background, sources, or data?

Texts, co-parenting app exports, transcripts, frameworks

**Expectations:** What format?

Organized by tactic category, cite messages by date, comparison tables, evidence mapped to statute

# How you talk to AI determines what you get

## Framework Loading

Teach the AI relevant definitions, taxonomies, patterns, and statutes before giving it any data

## Pattern Framing

Tell the AI to look for a course of conduct, not isolated incidents

## Dual-Narrative Lens

Compare registers: who sets terms, who accommodates, who references authority

## Iterative Refinement

Start broad (pattern detection), narrow to specific (asymmetry), end with legal mapping

# Framework loading

Prompt: “Analyze these communications for patterns of coercive control. Use these frameworks to guide your analysis.”

The AI performs dramatically better when you give it the framework before the data. Without it, you get generic conflict analysis.

## Communications



## Frameworks



- *Fontes's 10 Tactics of identifiable behavior*
- *Stark's Coercive Control Framework*
- *Katz's Post-Separation Patterns*
- *Articles, transcripts, legal standards*
- *etc, etc ...*

# Pattern framing

Prompt: “Analyze for a course of conduct, not isolated incidents.”

## Communication

“I'm taking her to the pediatrician tomorrow at 9. You don't need to attend but I wanted to inform you.”

“There's nothing to discuss. The lessons are booked. You'll make it work. That's what coparents do.”

“Lily didn't want to leave my house this morning. She said she has more fun here. I'm not saying anything by it, just thought you should know.”

## No pattern framing

Proactively communicating about a medical appointment and informing the co-parent; reflects responsible parenting.

Firm tone, but reflects a difference in parenting style.

Relaying child's preference. Disclaimer suggests good faith.

## With pattern framing

4th unilateral medical decision excluding co-parent. Part of a pattern of medical gatekeeping across 11 instances

9th decision imposed on co-parent's time without consultation. Fait accompli pattern — Fontes "rules and restrictions."

6th message using child's statements to undermine co-parent. Escalates to prescribing behavior. Fontes "gaslighting and mind games."

COMPARE THE REGISTERS OF BOTH PARTIES

# Dual-narrative lens

Prompt: “Compare the communication styles, registers, and power dynamics of both parties. Who sets terms? Who accommodates?”

## David's Language

“I've decided”

“Going forward”

“You'll need to”

“I'm documenting everything”

“I've already contacted my attorney”

Initiates 82% of conversations

Sets terms unilaterally

## Sarah's Language

“Can we discuss”

“Would it be possible”

“I'm happy to adjust”

“Whatever works best for Lily”

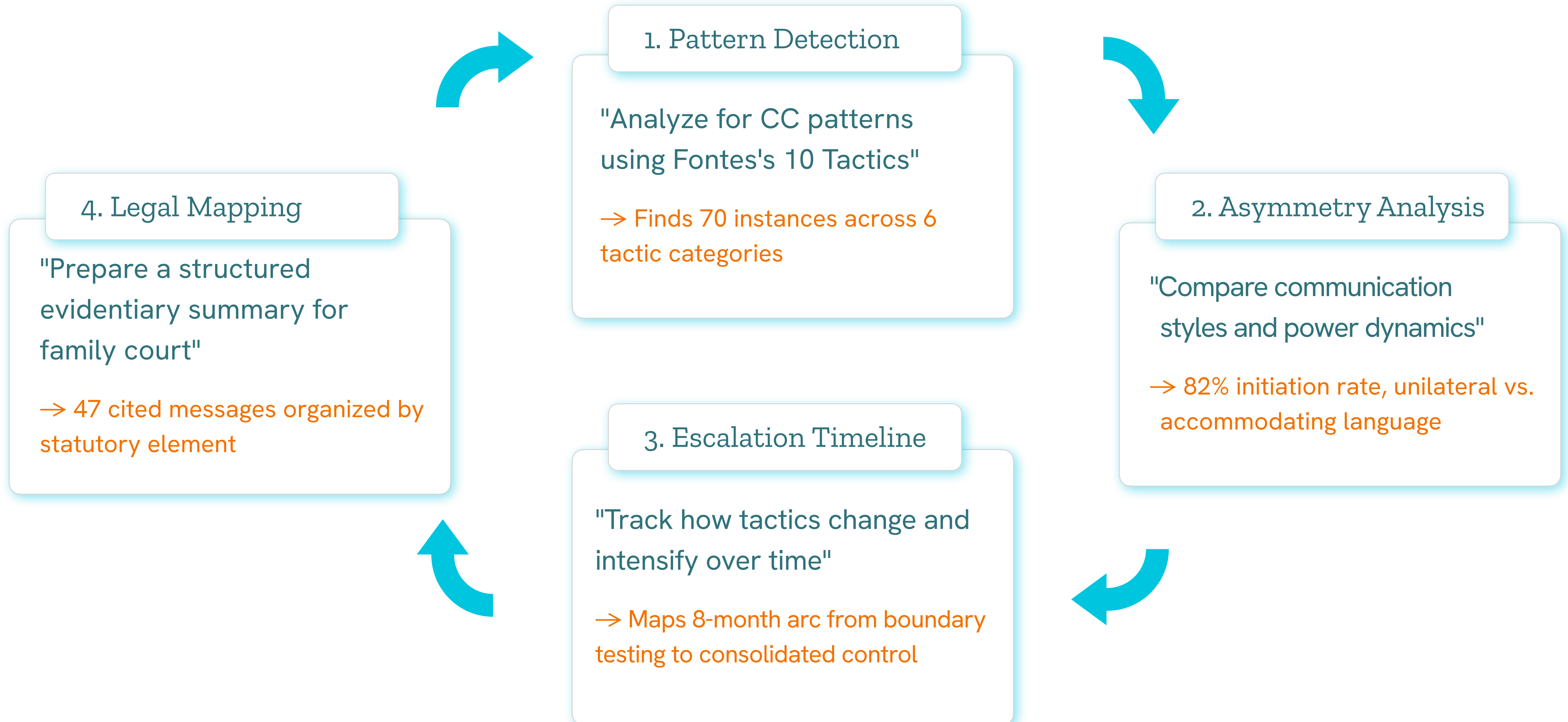
“I'll figure it out”

Initiates 18% of conversations

Accommodates, asks permission

BROAD → SPECIFIC → LEGAL MAPPING

# Iterative refinement



# Building the Corpus

# Getting messages off a phone

## **iPhone texts, voicemails, email**

*Typically iPhone extractions work from a local backup*

iMazing, iBackup Viewer, Decipher (~\$40)

Apple Mail or Thunderbird (free)

Google Takeout (free)

Voice transcription (LLM or a Whisper engine)

Various open source projects

## **Android texts, voicemails, email**

Droid Transfer (~\$40)

SMS Backup, Print & Restore (free)

Google Takeout, Thunderbird (free)

Voice transcription (LLM or a Whisper engine)

Various open source projects

Monitored platforms such as Civil Communicator are already structured and authenticated.

**Date. Time. Sender. Message.**

**That's all the AI needs.**

# Live Demo

*Just a prototype!*

# Beyond the Demo

# The Other Side Has AI Too

## Digital Safety

If your client runs this analysis on a compromised device, the abuser sees everything — every pattern identified, every legal strategy.

Use a clean machine. Not the family laptop. Not a phone the abuser has ever accessed. For tech safety planning or if you suspect active spyware:

- [techsafety.org](https://techsafety.org)
- FTC (<https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/stalkerware-what-know>)
- Clario mobile (<https://clario.co/>)
- Or contact a forensic IT specialist

## Your Adversary

Abusers can use AI to craft messages that sound even more reasonable, prepare counter-arguments to your analysis, and generate their own documentation.

Your advantage: the pattern is real. Crafted messages still fit the pattern when analyzed across time.

# What You Can Do Today

## Gather

Get messages off a phone —  
Decipher TextMessage,  
iMazing, Google Takeout

## Analyze

Load a framework, attach  
messages, run four rounds —  
pattern detection, asymmetry,  
escalation, legal mapping

## Produce

Structured evidence organized  
by statutory element, with  
message citations — ready for  
court

# Resources and Templates

**CC Pattern Analysis Tool**  
Coercive Control Communication Analysis — Conference Demo

**Luminate**

Corpus Framework Patterns Narrative **Timeline** Legal **Export** Help

Full Analysis Show Prompt

### Escalation Timeline

**What this analysis does**

The Escalation Timeline tracks how tactics **change and intensify over time**. Coercive control is not static — it typically escalates when the controlling party faces resistance or perceives loss of control.

Each dot represents a classified message, color-coded by Fontes tactic. Click any dot to see the message in context. Use the tactic filters to isolate specific patterns, and toggle phase labels to see the AI's assessment of escalation stages.

Isolation Degradation Gaslighting Rules Withholding Economic Legal Show AI

Intensity: Critical, Severe, High, Moderate, Low

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug 2025

**Timeline Event Detail**

Rules 2025-03-12

**Demands daily activity reports**

Intensity: 3.5/5

**David Mercer (7:45 PM):** I need a detailed account of what Lily does during your time. What time does she wake up? What does she eat? Who does she see? What are her moods like? I need to understand what's happening at your house

View in Corpus

Prompt templates  
Simulated case content  
Simulated analysis

- Bonus-Quantify-It.docx
- Bonus-Reasonable-Controller.docx
- demo-corpus.csv
- Factor-Mapping.docx
- Practitioner-Prompts.docx
- README.docx
- Resources.docx
- Round-1-Pattern-Detection.docx
- Round-2-Asymmetry-Analysis.docx
- Round-3-Escalation-Timeline.docx
- Round-4-Legal-Mapping.docx
- Timeline-View.docx

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**The pattern has always been there.**

**Now we have tools to make it visible.**

# Thank you!



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## Questions?

COACHING TEAMS TO DEVELOP LASTING AI SKILLS

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