

Post-Conviction Litigation Help

The following organizations assist incarcerated people with post-conviction litigation for free. Inclusion on this list in no way signals a recommendation by the Innocence Project or Innocence Network. To find organization(s) that may be able to assist you or a loved one, please look under the section headlined "National Organizations" as well as the section for the state where you were convicted. Please review each organization's case acceptance criteria to see if your case is eligible for assistance. To request assistance from an organization, please send a letter using the mailing address provided, unless the instructions say otherwise.

Most national organizations accept federal cases. Unless also specifically stated otherwise, most of the state-specific organizations accept federal cases only if your conviction occurred in their state.

National Organizations



Centurion Ministries

Centurion, Inc., 1000 Herrontown Road, Princeton, NJ 08540
ATTN: Case Development Manager

Accepts actual innocence cases¹ involving rape and murder where applicants are serving a sentence of 15 years before parole eligibility or are sentenced to death.

Northwestern
PRITZKER SCHOOL OF LAW
BLUHM LEGAL CLINIC
Center on Wrongful
Convictions

Center on Wrongful Convictions^{2*}

Center on Wrongful Convictions, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law,
375 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

Accepts actual innocence cases.



Exoneration Project*

The Exoneration Project, 311 N. Aberdeen St., 3rd Floor, Suite E,
Chicago, IL 60607

Only accepts online applications at http://apply.exonerationproject.org/users/sign_up

Accepts actual innocence cases. Focuses on cases in the Midwest and Rocky Mountain West regions.



Gulf Region Advocacy Center (GRACE)

GRACE, 2307 Union St., Houston, TX 77007

Accepts actual innocence cases and sentencing appeals for people on death row only.

- 1 An actual innocence case is a case where the person did not commit the crime for which they were convicted. If you committed the crime but are seeking help challenging your conviction or sentence for reasons not related to your innocence/guilt, your case does not qualify as an actual innocence case.
- 2 The asterisk means that the organization is a member of the Innocence Network. The Innocence Network is an affiliation of 69 organizations dedicated to providing pro bono legal and investigative services to people seeking to prove innocence of crimes for which they have been convicted, and working to redress the causes of wrongful convictions. However, these are all separate organizations, each with its own intake system. Applying to one does not mean you have applied to all Innocence Network organizations. **If you wish to apply to multiple organizations, please write to each separately.**

INNOCENCE PROJECT

Innocence Project*

Innocence Project, 40 Worth St., Suite 701, New York, NY 10013

ATTN: Intake Department

Accepts actual innocence cases; accepts only cases where innocence can be proven with DNA testing, or by challenging other false or misleading scientific evidence; currently not reviewing cases from AZ, CA, IL, MI, and OH.³

PROCLAIM JUSTICE

Proclaim Justice

Proclaim Justice Case Advocate, 2110 RR 620S #342403, Austin, TX 78734

Accepts actual innocence cases where applicants are serving a sentence of 15 years before parole eligibility, or are sentenced to death.

State-specific Organizations

ALABAMA

Equal Justice Initiative

Equal Justice Initiative, 122 Commerce St, Montgomery, AL 36104

ATTN: Intake Department

EMAIL: intake@ejl.org

Accepts actual innocence cases and sentencing appeals in AL.

Alabama Post-Conviction Relief Project

Alabama Post-Conviction Relief Project, Inc., 817 S. Court St., Montgomery, AL 36104

Accepts actual innocence cases and sentencing appeals for people on AL death row only.

ALASKA

ALASKA INNOCENCE PROJECT

Alaska Innocence Project*

Alaska Innocence Project, P.O. Box 201656, Anchorage, AK 99520

EMAIL: info@alaskainnocence.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in AK where applicants have a minimum of two years left to serve on their sentence.

ARIZONA

AZJUSTICEPROJECT

Arizona Justice Project*

Arizona Justice Project, 111 E. Taylor St., Suite 365, Phoenix, AZ 85004

EMAIL: info@azjusticeproject.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in AZ where applicants have a minimum of three years left on their sentence.

³ People from these five states may seek assistance from their state's local organizations. For your reference, state abbreviations are as follows: Alabama (AL); Alaska (AK); Arizona (AZ); Arkansas (AR); California (CA); Colorado (CO); Connecticut (CT); Delaware (DE); Florida (FL); Georgia (GA); Hawaii (HI); Idaho (ID); Illinois (IL); Indiana (IN); Iowa (IA); Kansas (KS); Kentucky (KY); Louisiana (LA); Maine (ME); Maryland (MD); Massachusetts (MA); Michigan (MI); Minnesota (MN); Mississippi (MS); Missouri (MO); Montana (MT); Nebraska (NE); Nevada (NV); New Hampshire (NH); New Jersey (NJ); New Mexico (NM); New York (NY); North Carolina (NC); North Dakota (ND); Ohio (OH); Oklahoma (OK); Oregon (OR); Pennsylvania (PA); Rhode Island (RI); South Carolina (SC); South Dakota (SD); Tennessee (TN); Texas (TX); Utah (UT); Vermont (VT); Virginia (VA); Washington (WA); Washington, District of Columbia (DC); West Virginia (WV); Wisconsin (WI); Wyoming (WY).



Wrongful Conviction Clinic at University of Arizona

James E. Rogers College of Law*

University of Arizona Innocence Project, James E. Rogers College of Law,
1145 N. Mountain Ave, Tucson, AZ 85719

Accepts actual innocence cases in AZ.

ARKANSAS



Midwest Innocence Project

Midwest Innocence Project*

Midwest Innocence Project, 3619 Broadway Blvd., Suite 2, Kansas City, MO 64111

EMAIL: intake@themip.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in AR, KS, MO, IA and NE where applicants have a minimum of seven years left to serve on their sentence.

CALIFORNIA



California Innocence Project*

California Innocence Project, 225 Cedar Street, San Diego, CA 92101

Accepts actual innocence cases for individuals convicted in Southern CA, and Americans wrongly convicted and incarcerated abroad.



Loyola Law School & Los Angeles Innocence Project*

Loyola Law School & Los Angeles Innocence Project, 919 Albany Street, Los Angeles, CA 91101

Accepts actual innocence cases in Central and Southern CA.



Northern California Innocence Project*

Northern California Innocence Project, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053

Accepts actual innocence cases in Northern and Central CA counties, from Monterey, Kings, Tulare and Inyo County up to the Oregon border.

COLORADO



Korey Wise Innocence Project*

Korey Wise Innocence Project, University of Colorado Law School Clinical Education,
Wolf Law Building: 404, UCB, Boulder, CO 80309-0404

Accepts actual innocence cases in CO where applicants have a minimum one year left to serve on their sentence.

CONNECTICUT



Connecticut Innocence Project/ Post-Conviction Unit*

Connecticut Innocence Project / Post Conviction Unit, 55 Farmington Avenue,
8th Floor, Hartford, CT 06105

Accepts actual innocence cases in CT where applicants have a minimum of five years left to serve on a minimum 10-year sentence.



New England Innocence Project*

New England Innocence Project Intake, 1035 Cambridge Street, Suite 28A,
Cambridge, MA 02141

EMAIL: intake@newenglandinnocence.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in MA, VT, RI, ME, NH and CT.

DELAWARE



Innocence Delaware

4601 Concord Pike , Wilmington, DE 19803

Accepts actual innocence cases in DE.

FLORIDA



Innocence Project of Florida*

Innocence Project of Florida, Inc., 1100 East Park Ave, Tallahassee, FL 32301

Accepts actual innocence cases in FL.



University of Miami Law Innocence Clinic*

University of Miami Law Innocence Project, 1311 Miller Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146

EMAIL: miamiinnocence@law.miami.edu

Accepts actual innocence cases in FL where applicants have a minimum of 10 years left to serve on their sentence.

GEORGIA



Georgia Innocence Project*

Georgia Innocence Project, 50 Hurt Plaza SE, Suite 350, Atlanta, GA 30303

Accepts actual innocence cases in GA that can be proved through modern DNA testing or other newly discovered available evidence, where applicants have a minimum of five years left to serve on their sentence, or must be required to enter themselves in the GA sex offender registry.

Georgia Resource Center

The Georgia Resource Center, 104 Marietta Street NW, Suite 260, Atlanta, GA 30303

Accepts actual innocence cases and sentencing appeals for people on GA death row only.

Georgia Justice Project

Intake Phone Number: (404) 827-0027 ext. 238

**If the individual in need of services is currently incarcerated, a friend or family member may call on their behalf.*

Accepts cases where individuals are seeking restriction (expungement) and sealings or pardons for GA criminal convictions. Does not assist with post-conviction litigation to prove innocence.

HAWAII



Hawai'i Innocence Project*

Hawai'i Innocence Project, William S. Richardson School of Law, 2515 Dole Street, Suite 255, Honolulu, HI 96822

EMAIL: contacthip@hawaiiinnocenceproject.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in HI.

IDAHO



Idaho Innocence Project*

Idaho Innocence Project, % Biology Department, Boise State University, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725-1515

Accepts actual innocence cases in ID where applicants have a minimum of five years left to serve on their sentence.

ILLINOIS



Illinois Innocence Project*

Illinois Innocence Project, Center for State Policy and Leadership, University of Illinois Springfield, One University Plaza, MS PAC 409, Springfield, IL 62703-5407
EMAIL: iip@uis.edu

Accepts actual innocence cases involving felony convictions that occurred in IL and applicants have a minimum of eight years left to serve on their sentence.

INDIANA



Indiana University McKinney Wrongful Conviction Clinic*

Wrongful Conviction Clinic, Indiana University McKinney School of Law, 530 West New York Street, Suite 111, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Accepts actual innocence cases in IN.

IOWA



Midwest Innocence Project

Midwest Innocence Project, 3619 Broadway Blvd., Suite 2, Kansas City, MO 64111
EMAIL: intake@themip.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in AR, KS, MO, IA and NE where applicants have a minimum of seven years left to serve on their sentence.

KANSAS



Midwest Innocence Project

Midwest Innocence Project, 3619 Broadway Blvd., Suite 2, Kansas City, MO 64111
EMAIL: intake@themip.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in AR, KS, MO, IA and NE where applicants have a minimum of seven years left to serve on their sentence.

Miracle of Innocence

Miracle of Innocence, Inc., 13725 Metcalf Ave. #285, Overland Park, KS 66223
EMAIL: research@miracleofinnocence.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in KS and MO.

KENTUCKY



Kentucky Innocence Project*

Kentucky Innocence Project, 5 Mill Creek Park, Frankfort, KY 40601

Accepts actual innocence cases in KY where applicants have a minimum of five years left to serve on a felony conviction in a KY state institution or supervision. Must have new evidence that has been discovered since conviction or that could likely be developed through investigation.

LOUISIANA



Innocence Project New Orleans*

Innocence Project New Orleans, 4051 Ulloa Street, New Orleans, LA 70119

Accepts actual innocence cases in LA and South MS where applicants have a minimum of 10 years left to serve on their sentence.

Capital Appeals Project

The Capital Appeals Project, 1024 Elysian Field Ave., New Orleans, LA 70117

EMAIL: zaint@defendla.org; Phone: (504) 529-59555

Accepts actual innocence cases and sentencing appeals for people on LA death row only.

MAINE



New England Innocence Project*

New England Innocence Project Intake, 1035 Cambridge Street, Suite 28A, Cambridge, MA 02141

EMAIL: intake@newenglandinnocence.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in MA, VT, RI, ME, NH and CT.

MARYLAND



Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project*

Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project, 1413 K Street NW, Suite 1100, Washington, D.C. 20005

EMAIL: info@exonerate.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in D.C., MD and VA.

MASSACHUSETTS



Boston College Innocence Program*

Boston College Innocence Program, 885 Centre Street, Newton, MA 02458

Accepts actual innocence cases in MA.



Committee for Public Counsel Services Innocence Program*

CPCS Innocence Program, 7 Palmer Street, Suite 302, Roxbury, MA 02119

Accepts actual innocence cases in MA.



New England Innocence Project*

New England Innocence Project Intake, 1035 Cambridge Street, Suite 28A, Cambridge, MA 02141

EMAIL: intake@newenglandinnocence.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in MA, VT, RI, ME, NW and CT.

MICHIGAN



Michigan Innocence Clinic*

The Michigan Innocence Clinic, University of Michigan Law School, 625 State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1215

Accepts actual innocence cases in MI; accepts non-DNA cases only.



Michigan State Appellate Defender Office

Michigan State Appellate Defender Office, 645 Griswold Street, Suite 3300, Penobscot Building, Detroit, MI 48226

COVID-19 Mailing Address: Michigan State Appellate Defender Office
200 N Washington Sq., Suite 250, Lansing, MI 48913

Accepts actual innocence cases in MI.



Western Michigan University Cooley Law School Innocence Project*

WMU-Cooley Law School Innocence Project, 300 S. Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933

Accepts actual innocence cases in MI; only accepts cases where innocence can be proven by DNA testing.

MINNESOTA



Great North Innocence Project*

Great North Innocence Project, 229 19th Ave S, Suite 285, Minneapolis, MN 55455

Accepts actual innocence cases in MN, ND and SD.

MISSISSIPPI



George C. Cochran Innocence Project*

The George C. Cochran Innocence Project, P.O. Box 1848, University, MS 38677

Accepts actual innocence cases in North MS counties.



Innocence Project New Orleans*

Innocence Project New Orleans, 4051 Ulloa Street, New Orleans, LA 70119

Accepts actual innocence cases in LA and South MS where applicants have a minimum of 10 years left to serve on their sentence.

MISSOURI



Midwest Innocence Project*

Midwest Innocence Project, 3619 Broadway Blvd., Suite 2, Kansas City, MO 64111

EMAIL: intake@themip.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in AR, KS, IA, MO and NE where applicants have a minimum of seven years left to serve on their sentence.

Miracle of Innocence

Miracle of Innocence, Inc, 13725 Metcalf Ave. #285, Overland Park, KS 66223

EMAIL: research@miracleofinnocence.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in KS and MO.

MONTANA



Montana Innocence Project*

Montana Innocence Project, P.O. Box 7607, Missoula, MT 59807

Accepts actual innocence cases in MT.

NEBRASKA



Midwest Innocence Project*

Midwest Innocence Project, 3619 Broadway Blvd., Suite 2, Kansas City, MO 64111

EMAIL: intake@themip.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in AR, KS, MO, IA and NE where applicants have a minimum of seven years left to serve on their sentence.

NEVADA



Rocky Mountain Innocence Center*

Rocky Mountain Innocence Center, 358 South 700 East, B235, Salt Lake City, UT 84102

Accepts actual innocence cases in NV, WY and UT.

NEW HAMPSHIRE



New England Innocence Project*

New England Innocence Project Intake, 1035 Cambridge Street, Suite 28A, Cambridge, MA 02141

EMAIL: intake@newenglandinnocence.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in MA, VT, RI, ME, NH and CT.

NEW JERSEY

No NJ-specific organizations. Please refer to the above list of national organizations.

NEW MEXICO

No NM-specific organizations. Please refer to the above list of national organizations.

NEW YORK



Exoneration Initiative*

The Exoneration Initiative, 233 Broadway, Suite 2370, New York, NY 10279

Accepts actual innocence cases in NY; accepts non-DNA cases only.



New York Law School Post-Conviction Innocence Clinic*

New York Law School Post-Conviction Innocence Clinic, New York Law School, 185 West Broadway, New York, NY 10013

Accepts actual innocence cases in NY; accepts non-DNA cases only.

NORTH CAROLINA



Duke Law Center for Criminal Justice and Professional Responsibility*

Duke Law School, 210 Science Drive, Box 90360, Durham, NC 27708

Accepts actual innocence cases in NC where applicants have a minimum of three years left to serve on their sentence.



North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence*

North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence, P.O. Box 52446, Shannon Plaza Station, Durham, NC 27717-2446

Accepts actual innocence cases in NC and SC.



Wake Forest University Law School Innocence and Justice Clinic*

Wake Forest University Law School Innocence and Justice Clinic, P.O. Box 7206, Winston-Salem, NC 27109

Accepts actual innocence cases in NC.

NORTH DAKOTA



Great North Innocence Project*

Great North Innocence Project, 229 19th Ave S, Suite 285, Minneapolis, MN 55455

Accepts actual innocence cases in MN, ND and SD.

OHIO



Office of the Ohio Public Defender - Wrongful Conviction Project*

Office of the Ohio Public Defender, Wrongful Conviction Project
250 East Broad Street, Suite 1400, Columbus, OH 43215

Accepts actual innocence cases in OH; accepts non-DNA cases only.



Ohio Innocence Project*

Ohio Innocence Project, P.O. Box 210040, Cincinnati, OH 45221

Accepts actual innocence cases in OH.

OKLAHOMA



Oklahoma Innocence Project*

Oklahoma Innocence Project, 800 North Harvey Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 7310

Accepts actual innocence cases in OK where applicants have a minimum of eight years left to serve on their sentence; does not accept capital cases.

OREGON



Oregon Innocence Project*

Oregon Innocence Project at the Oregon Justice Resource Center, P.O. Box 5248, Portland, OR 97208

Accepts actual innocence cases in OR.

PENNSYLVANIA



Pennsylvania Innocence Project*

Pennsylvania Innocence Project, 1515 Market Street, Suite 300, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Accepts actual innocence cases in Pennsylvania where applicants have a minimum of seven years left to serve on their sentence.

Atlantic Center for Capital Representation

Atlantic Center for Capital Representation, 1315 Walnut Street, Suite 905, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Accepts actual innocence cases and sentencing appeals for people on PA death row, or those who were sentenced as a juvenile to life in prison in PA.

PUERTO RICO



Justicia Reinvidicada – Puerto Rico Innocence Project

Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico Law School, P.O. Box 70351, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936-8351

Accepts actual innocence cases in Puerto Rico.

RHODE ISLAND



New England Innocence Project*

New England Innocence Project Intake, 1035 Cambridge Street, Suite 28A, Cambridge, MA 02141

EMAIL: intake@newenglandinnocence.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in MA, VT, RI, ME, NH and CT.

SOUTH CAROLINA



North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence*

North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence, P.O. Box 52446, Shannon Plaza Station, Durham, NC 27717-2446

Accepts actual innocence cases in NC and SC.

SOUTH DAKOTA



Great North Innocence Project*

Great North Innocence Project, 229 19th Ave S, Suite 285, Minneapolis, MN 55455

Accepts actual innocence cases in MN, ND and SD.

TENNESSEE



Tennessee Innocence Project*

Tennessee Innocence Project, 2126 21st Ave S, Nashville, TN 37212

Accepts actual innocence cases in TN.

TEXAS



Innocence Project of Texas*

Innocence Project of Texas, 300 Burnett Street, Suite 160, Fort Worth, TX 76102

EMAIL: info@innocencetexas.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in TX.



Thurgood Marshall School of Law Innocence Project*

Thurgood Marshall School of Law Innocence Project, Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Inc., 3100 Cleburne Street, Houston, TX 77004

Accepts actual innocence cases in TX.

Texas Defender Service (can contact either office):

HOUSTON OFFICE: Texas Defender Service, 1927 Blodgett Street, Houston, TX 77004

AUSTIN OFFICE: 14 Texas Defender Service, 1023 Springdale Road, Suite 14E, Austin, TX 78721

Accepts actual innocence cases and sentencing appeals for people on TX death row.

Texas Innocence Network at the University of Houston Law Center

Texas Innocence Network, 100 Law Center, Houston, TX 77204-6060

Accepts actual innocence cases in TX; accepts anyone on death row for state and federal habeas appeals.

UTAH



Rocky Mountain Innocence Center*

Rocky Mountain Innocence Center, 358 South 700 East, B235, Salt Lake City, UT 84102

Accepts actual innocence cases in NV, WY and UT.

VERMONT



New England Innocence Project*

New England Innocence Project Intake, 1035 Cambridge Street, Suite 28A, Cambridge, MA 02141

EMAIL: intake@newenglandinnocence.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in MA, VT, RI, ME, NH and CT.

VIRGINIA



Innocence Project at the University of Virginia School of Law*

The Innocence Project at UVA School of Law, 580 Massie Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22903

Accepts actual innocence cases in VA.



Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project*

Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project, 1413 K Street NW, Suite 1100, Washington, D.C. 20005

EMAIL: info@exonerate.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in D.C., MD and VA.

WASHINGTON



Washington Innocence Project*

Washington Innocence Project, P.O. Box 85869, Seattle, WA 98145

Accepts actual innocence cases in WA; for federal convictions, the incident must have occurred in WA.

Seattle Clemency Project

Seattle Clemency Project, 1126 34th Ave, #208, Seattle, WA 98122

Accepted cases in WA for sentencing appeals, clemency petitions and representation before juvenile parole boards.

WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project, 1413 K Street NW, Suite 1100, Washington, D.C. 20005

EMAIL: info@exonerate.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in D.C., MD and VA.

WEST VIRGINIA



West Virginia Innocence Project*

West Virginia Innocence Project, West Virginia University, P.O. Box 6130, Morgantown, WV 26506

Accepts actual innocence cases in WV.

WISCONSIN



Wisconsin Innocence Project

Wisconsin Innocence Project, Frank J. Remington Center, University of Wisconsin Law School, 975 Bascom Mall, Madison, WI 53706-1399

Accepts actual innocence cases in WI where applicants have a minimum of seven years left to serve on their sentence.

WYOMING



Rocky Mountain Innocence Center*

Rocky Mountain Innocence Center, 358 South 700 East, B235, Salt Lake City, UT 84102

Accepts actual innocence cases in NV, WY and UT.