

Post-Conviction Litigation Help

The organizations listed below¹ provide free legal help to innocent people in prison. To find help, look at the “National Organizations” section and the section for the state where the conviction happened.

Most listed organizations only take “actual innocence” cases. Actual innocence means you did not commit the crime. If you committed the crime but want to fight your sentence for other reasons (like a clearly unfair trial or sentence), your case does not count as actual innocence.

Please read the rules for each organization carefully. Generally, you must have finished all direct appeals before applying. To ask for help, email or call the organization for an intake questionnaire or mail a letter explaining your case to the address provided. Most state-specific organizations will only accept federal cases if you were convicted in that state.

National Organizations



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.

Centurion

Centurion, Inc., 1000 Herrontown Road, The Clock Building, Floor 2, Princeton, NJ 08540
ATTN: Case Development Manager

PHONE: 609-921-0334

Accepts actual innocence cases involving rape and murder where applicants have a minimum of fifteen years left until parole eligibility.

Exoneration Project*

The Exoneration Project, 311 North Aberdeen Street, 3rd Floor, Suite E, Chicago, IL 60607

EMAIL: intake@exonerationproject.org

Accepts actual innocence cases.

Innocence Project*

Innocence Project, 40 Worth Street, 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, OH, and Puerto Rico.³



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freedom for
the innocent
in prison



The
Exoneration
Project



¹ Inclusion on this list in no way signals a recommendation by the Innocence Project or Innocence Network.

² The asterisk means that the organization is a member of the Innocence Network. The Innocence Network is an affiliation of organizations dedicated to providing pro bono litigation and investigative services to people seeking to prove innocence of crimes for which they have been convicted, post-release support, 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.**

³ People from these five states and Puerto Rico may seek assistance from the listed local organizations.

State-Specific Organizations

ALABAMA



Equal Justice Initiative

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

ATTN: Intake Department

EMAIL: intake@ejl.org

Accepts wrongful convictions, unfair sentencing, death penalty, appeals, and prison condition litigation in AL.

ALASKA



Alaska Innocence Project*

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

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

ARIZONA



Arizona Justice Project*

Arizona Justice Project, 4001 North 3rd Street, Suite 401, Phoenix, AZ 85012

EMAIL: info@azjusticeproject.org

Accepts actual innocence and manifest injustice (for example, a clearly unfair trial or sentence) cases in AZ where applicants have a minimum of five years left on their sentence.

University of Arizona Innocence Project*



University of Arizona Innocence Project, 1145 North Mountain Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85719

PHONE: 520-626-5232

Accepts actual innocence cases in AZ.

ARKANSAS



Midwest Innocence Project*

Midwest Innocence Project, 300 East 39th Street, Suite 2, Kansas City, MO 64111

EMAIL: intake@themip.org

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

CALIFORNIA



California Western Innocence and Justice Clinic

California Western Innocence and Justice Clinic, 225 Cedar Street, San Diego, CA 92101

EMAIL: cwinnocenceandjustice@cwsj.edu

Accepts actual innocence cases for individuals with new evidence in select Southern CA counties.



Los Angeles Innocence Project*

Los Angeles Innocence Project, 1800 Paseo Rancho Castilla, Los Angeles, CA 90032

Accepts actual innocence cases in CA.



Loyola Project for the Innocent*

Loyola Project for the Innocent, 919 Albany Street, Los Angeles, CA 91101
PHONE: 213-736-8141

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
PHONE: 408-554-4790

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



The Innocence Center*

The Innocence Center, 6549 Mission Gorge Road, Suite 379, San Diego, CA 92120

Accepts actual innocence cases in Southern CA. Intake application can be accessed using the ARCAID system in prison tablets, laptops, and library computers.

COLORADO



Korey Wise Innocence Project*

Korey Wise Innocence Project, University of Colorado Law School, Wolf Law Building, 401 UCB, Boulder, CO 80309
EMAIL: koreywiseinnocence@colorado.edu

Accepts actual innocence cases in CO where applicants have a minimum of 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 with new evidence in CT where applicants have a minimum of five years left to serve on a minimum ten-year sentence.



New England Innocence Project*

Intake Team, New England Innocence Project, 1035 Cambridge Street, Suite 28A, Cambridge, MA 02141
EMAIL: intake@newenglandinnocence.org
PHONE: 617-945-0762

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

DELAWARE



Innocence Project Delaware*

Innocence Project Delaware, 4601 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803
INTAKE WEBSITE: www.innocencede.org/submit-a-case

Accepts actual innocence cases in DE.

FLORIDA



Innocence Project of Florida*

Innocence Project of Florida, Inc., 124 Marriott Drive, Suite 104, Tallahassee, FL 32301
PHONE: 850-561-6767

Accepts actual innocence cases in FL.



University of Miami School of Law Innocence Clinic*

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

EMAIL: miamiinnocence@law.miami.edu

PHONE: 305-284-8115

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

GEORGIA



Georgia Innocence Project*

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

PHONE: 404-373-4433

Accepts cases of actual innocence in GA; accepts only cases where innocence can be proven with DNA testing, or by challenging other false or misleading scientific evidence.

HAWAII



Hawai'i Innocence Project*

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

ATTN: Jennifer Brown

EMAIL: innocenceprojecthawaii@gmail.com

Accepts actual innocence cases in HI.

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

EMAIL: iip@uis.edu

PHONE: 217-206-6569

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

Pro Bono Litigation Clinic at the University of Illinois Chicago School of Law

Pro Bono Litigation Clinic, University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, 300 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604

EMAIL: law-probono@uic.edu

PHONE: 312-427-2737 ext. 29477

Accepts a range of criminal and post-conviction matters in IL, including wrongful convictions, alongside a wide variety of civil cases, when the university is in session.



INDIANA

Incarcerated Individuals Legal Assistance Project

Incarcerated Individuals Legal Assistance Project, 211 South Indiana Avenue, Room 005, Bloomington, Indiana 47405

EMAIL: ilap@iu.edu

Accepts post-conviction cases from incarcerated individuals in IN.





Exoneration Justice Clinic



Indiana Innocence Project*

Indiana Innocence Project, 133 West Market Street, Room 282, Indianapolis, IN 46204
PHONE: 317-203-9608

Accepts actual innocence cases in IN.

Notre Dame Exoneration Justice Clinic*

Notre Dame Exoneration Justice Clinic, 806 Howard Street, Suite 111, South Bend, IN 46617
EMAIL: ndejc@nd.edu
PHONE: 574-631-0677

Accepts actual innocence cases in IN.

IOWA



Iowa State Public Defender - Wrongful Conviction Unit*

Wrongful Conviction Unit, 6200 Park Ave, Suite 100, Des Moines, IA 50321
ATTN: Intake
EMAIL: exonerate@spd.state.ia.us

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



Midwest Innocence Project

Midwest Innocence Project*

Midwest Innocence Project, 300 East 39th Street, Suite 2, Kansas City, MO 64111
EMAIL: intake@themip.org

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

KANSAS



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EMAIL: intake@themip.org

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Miracle of Innocence

Miracle of Innocence, Inc., 13725 Metcalf Avenue, Suite 285, Overland Park, KS 66223
EMAIL: intake@miracleofinnocence.org

Investigates actual innocence cases in KS and MO at the state habeas corpus level where applicants have a minimum of twenty-five years left until parole eligibility.



Paul E. Wilson Project for Innocence & Post-Conviction Remedies at the University of Kansas School of Law

Paul E. Wilson Project for Innocence & Post-Conviction Remedies, Green Hall, 1535 West 15th Street, Lawrence, KS 66045

Accepts a broad range of post-conviction matters, including actual innocence cases, in KS.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Innocence Project*

Kentucky Innocence Project, 5 Mill Creek Park, Frankfort, KY 40601
EMAIL: info@kentuckyinnocenceproject.org

Accepts actual innocence cases with new evidence in KY where applicants have a minimum sentence of ten years with three years until their next parole hearing. As a division within the KY Department of Public Advocacy, for other post-conviction matters, petitioners can file pro se and request counsel from the Department's Post-Conviction Branch.



LOUISIANA



Innocence & Justice Louisiana*

Innocence & Justice Louisiana, 4051 Ulloa Street, New Orleans, LA 70119
ATTN: Case Manager

Accepts actual innocence and manifest injustice (for example, a clearly unfair trial or sentence) cases in LA.

MAINE



New England Innocence Project*

Intake Team, New England Innocence Project, 1035 Cambridge Street, Suite 28A,
Cambridge, MA 02141
EMAIL: intake@newenglandinnocence.org
PHONE: 617-945-0762

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

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.

MOPD Innocence Project Clinic at Maryland Carey Law*

MOPD Innocence Project Clinic at Maryland Carey Law, 500 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

To apply for representation, request a questionnaire and mail it to the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project's address.



University of Baltimore Innocence Project Clinic*

University of Baltimore Innocence Project Clinic, 1420 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

To apply for representation, request a questionnaire and mail it to the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project's address.



MASSACHUSETTS



Boston College Innocence Program*

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

Accepts actual innocence cases in MA.

Committee for Public Counsel Services Innocence Program*

CPCS Innocence Program, 75 Federal Street, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02110
PHONE: 617-209-5666

Accepts actual innocence cases in MA.



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Cambridge, MA 02141
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PHONE: 617-945-0762

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MICHIGAN



Cooley Law School Innocence Project*

Cooley Law School Innocence Project, 300 South Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933

Accepts actual innocence cases in MI; accepts only cases where innocence can be proven with DNA testing, or by challenging other false or misleading scientific evidence.



Michigan Innocence Clinic*

Michigan Innocence Clinic, University of Michigan Law School, 625 South State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109

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

MINNESOTA



Great North Innocence Project*

Great North Innocence Project, 229 19th Avenue South, Suite 285, Minneapolis, MN 55455
PHONE: 612-624-4779

Accepts actual innocence cases in MN, ND, and SD.

MISSISSIPPI



George C. Cochran Innocence Project*

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

Accepts actual innocence cases in MS.

MISSOURI



Midwest Innocence Project*

Midwest Innocence Project, 300 East 39th Street, Suite 2, Kansas City, MO 64111
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MONTANA



Montana Innocence Project*

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

EMAIL: intake@themip.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in MT.

NEBRASKA



Midwest Innocence Project*

Midwest Innocence Project, 300 East 39th Street, Suite 2, Kansas City, MO 64111
EMAIL: intake@themip.org

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



Nebraska Innocence Clinic

Nebraska Innocence Clinic, P.O. Box 830902, Lincoln, NE 68583

EMAIL: innocenceclinic@unl.edu

PHONE: 402-472-5618

For representation, request a questionnaire and submit it to the Midwest Innocence Project's mailing address.

NEVADA

Rocky Mountain Innocence Center*



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

EMAIL: contact@rminnocence.org

PHONE: 801-355-1888

Accepts actual innocence cases with new evidence in NV, UT, and WY.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

New England Innocence Project*



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

EMAIL: intake@newenglandinnocence.org

PHONE: 617-945-0762

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

NEW JERSEY



New Jersey Innocence Project*

New Jersey Innocence Project, Rutgers University Law School, 217 North 5th Street, Camden, NJ 08102

Accepts actual innocence cases in NJ.

NEW MEXICO

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

NEW YORK

Exoneration Initiative*



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

EMAIL: info@exi.org

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

Legal Aid Society Wrongful Conviction Unit*



Wrongful Conviction Unit, c/o The Legal Aid Society, 199 Water Street, New York, NY 10038

EMAIL: wcu@legal-aid.org

Accepts actual innocence cases in New York City.

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.

NORTH CAROLINA



Duke Law Center for Criminal Justice and Professional Responsibility*

Center for Criminal Justice and Professional Responsibility, c/o Duke Law Innocence Project, 210 Science Drive, Box 90362, Durham, NC 27708
EMAIL: ccjpr@law.duke.edu

Accepts actual innocence cases in NC.



North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence*

North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence, P.O. Box 52446, Shannon Plaza Station, Durham, NC 27717
EMAIL: admin@nccai.org
PHONE: 919-489-3268

Accepts actual innocence cases in NC and SC.



North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission

Administrative Office of the Courts, NC Innocence Inquiry Commission, P.O. Box 2448, Raleigh, NC 27602
EMAIL: nciic@nccourts.org
INTAKE WEBSITE: www.innocencecommission-nc.gov/start-a-claim
PHONE: 919-890-1580

Accepts actual innocence cases with new evidence in NC. As a state-funded agency, any new incriminating evidence discovered during investigation will be turned over to the prosecution.



North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services

North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services, Inc., P.O. Box 25397, Raleigh, NC 27611

Accepts challenges to convictions from incarcerated individuals in NC, such as wrongful convictions and correcting errors affecting projected release dates.



Wake Forest University School of Law 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 Avenue South, Suite 285, Minneapolis, MN 55455
PHONE: 612-624-4779

Accepts actual innocence cases in MN, ND, and SD.

OHIO



CSU|Law Terry Gilbert Wrongful Conviction Clinic*

Wrongful Conviction Clinic, Cleveland State University College of Law, 2121 Euclid Avenue, Columbus, OH 44115

Accepts actual innocence, suppressed evidence (Brady violations), or ineffective assistance of counsel cases in OH.



Office of the Ohio Public Defender - Wrongful Conviction Project*

Wrongful Conviction Project, Office of the Ohio Public Defender, 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
PHONE: 513-556-0752

Accepts actual innocence cases in OH.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Innocence Project*



Oklahoma Innocence Project at OCU Law, 800 North Harvey Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73102
EMAIL: innocence@okcu.edu
PHONE: 405-208-6161

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, P.O. Box 5248, Portland, OR 97208
EMAIL: info@oregoninnocence.info
PHONE: 503-944-2270

Accepts actual innocence cases in OR.

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania Innocence Project*



Pennsylvania Innocence Project, 1515 Market Street, Suite 300, Philadelphia, PA 19102
EMAIL: info@painnocence.org
PHONE: 215-204-4255

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

PUERTO RICO

PRoyecto Inocencia de Puerto Rico*



PRoyecto Inocencia, Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico Law School, P.O. Box 70351, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936
EMAIL: proyectoinocencia@juris.inter.edu
PHONE: 787-751-1912, ext. 2021

Accepts actual innocence cases in Puerto Rico.

RHODE ISLAND

New England Innocence Project*



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SOUTH CAROLINA



North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence*

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

EMAIL: admin@nccai.org

PHONE: 919-489-3268

Accepts actual innocence cases in NC and SC.

SOUTH DAKOTA



Great North Innocence Project*

Great North Innocence Project, 229 19th Avenue South, Suite 285, Minneapolis, MN 55455

PHONE: 612-624-4779

Accepts actual innocence cases in MN, ND, and SD.

TENNESSEE



Tennessee Innocence Project*

Tennessee Innocence Project, 700 Craighead Street, Suite 300, Nashville, TN 37212

PHONE: 615-581-7230

Accepts actual innocence cases in TN.

TEXAS



Actual Innocence Clinic at the University of Texas School of Law*

Actual Innocence Clinic, The University of Texas School of Law, 727 East Dean Keeton Street, Austin, TX 78705

PHONE: 512-471-1317

Accepts actual innocence cases in TX.



Innocence Project of Texas*

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

Accepts actual innocence cases in TX.

UTAH



Rocky Mountain Innocence Center*

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

EMAIL: contact@rminnocence.org

PHONE: 801-355-1888

Accepts actual innocence cases with new evidence in NV, UT, and WY.

VERMONT



New England Innocence Project*

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

EMAIL: intake@newenglandinnocence.org

PHONE: 617-945-0762

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

VIRGINIA



Innocence Project at the University of Virginia School of Law*

The Innocence Project at UVA School of Law, 580 Massie Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903
PHONE: 434-924-3732

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
PHONE: 206-636-9479

Accepts actual innocence cases in WA.

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
EMAIL: wvinnocence@gmail.com
PHONE: 304-293-7249

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

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*

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PHONE: 801-355-1888

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