

The Innocence Project, founded at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University in 1992, was created to assist prisoners who could be proven innocent through DNA testing. Since its inception in 1992, 196 people nationwide have been exonerated by post-conviction DNA evidence. The IP was either the attorney of record or assisted in the majority of cases.

Each post-conviction DNA exoneration creates a “learning experience,” another building block in the continuing extension of meaningful and lasting reform. In this regard, the IP already has forged a national program of sweeping and sustained initiatives to implement legislation addressing the causes of wrongful convictions and policy at the local, state, and national levels. The IP works with the police, prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, and victim’s rights and civil liberties groups to revitalize the nation’s criminal justice system.

The Innocence Project’s unique combination of science, law and social justice has created a cohesive and powerful program for individual freedom and policy reform. The pioneering use of DNA has done more than free 196 people – 14 of whom were at one time on death row. Their cases have also provided irrefutable proof that wrongful convictions are not isolated or rare events, but arise from systemic defects that can be precisely identified and addressed.

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