



Direct Appeals Team with exonerated client Mr. Calhoun



Fighting injustice through access, advocacy, compassion, and education

Direct Appeals

22 exonerations of innocent individuals in recent years. 193 years of sentence reductions in 2023. 23 attorneys, 2 investigators, 1 social worker, 4 paralegals. 25% of pending appeals. Starting process of expansion to youth appeals.

\$8.7 million in prison costs reduced in 2023

Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System

110 private attorneys assigned to appeals. Hourly compensation increased with state funding to Michigan Indigent Defense Commission rates of \$118-\$142 per hour. 75% of pending appeals.

Criminal Defense Resource Center

Quality training for trial and appellate defense attorneys. Online access to pleadings, expert witness testimony, appellate case law summaries, training videos, and more. Over 1,800 statewide subscribers and over 90 CLE hours offered in 2023.

Juvenile Lifer Unit & Project Reentry

Represent 193 juvenile lifers. 170 received new sentences of a term of years. More than 170 additional clients expected as law expands to include older youth. 9 attorneys, 6 mitigation specialists, 2 reentry coordinators, 1 paralegal.



85+ of Michigan's juvenile lifers are home and receiving assistance from Project Reentry.



Juvenile Lifer Unit and Project Reentry Team with impacted community

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