



What the Pennsylvania Innocence Project Does

- The Pennsylvania Innocence Project conducts post-conviction investigation and litigation in cases where people have been convicted of crimes they did not commit and in which they were not involved.
 - For example, cases where the inmate claims consent not rape, or acted in self-defense do not meet our definition of innocence.
- Our cases are not limited to DNA cases only.
- ***We do not represent inmates unless we accept the case for litigation. Until then, we only review materials and do not provide advice or assistance.***

How the Project Works

- Volunteer lawyers, law students, journalists and others work as teams to investigate claims of factual innocence.
- If the documentation supports a plausible claim of innocence, an investigative team takes over to work the case for litigation.
- If the investigation yields evidence of innocence, we ***may*** take a case on for representation.

What the Pa. Innocence Project Doesn't Do

- The Pennsylvania Innocence Project does not investigate matters where the inmate is out of prison, or where there are fewer than 7 years left to serve on a sentence.
- We also cannot take cases where the inmate pled guilty, or was convicted of narcotics violations.

How to Apply to the Pa. Innocence Project

To have your case considered by the Pennsylvania Innocence Project, write us a letter briefly explaining the crime(s) for which you were convicted, your sentence, why you say that you are innocent, whether you have completed your direct appeal, and what new evidence may exist to prove your innocence. Please do not send any documents until asked to do so, and do not copy the questionnaire for others to use—it only slows down our evaluation.

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