

## *Legal Aid*

**Innocence Project of Texas** is a nonprofit human service organization that provides legal and investigation assistance to low-income Texas citizens who were convicted of crimes they did not commit.

<https://innocencetexas.org/history-mission>

**University of Texas Law Actual Innocence Clinic:** Students screen and investigate claims by inmates that they are actually innocent of the offenses for which they are incarcerated. While investigating cases, students typically interview witnesses, research cases, review trial transcripts, and visit inmates in prison. The weekly clinic class addresses topics relevant to actual innocence law and procedure.

<https://law.utexas.edu/clinics/actual-innocence/>

**The Thurgood Marshall School of Law Innocence Project (TMSLIP)** began operating under the auspices of the Earl Carl Institute for Legal & Social Policy, Inc. The Project promotes student development through a clinical experiential model, where its students, under the guidance of a full time supervising attorney, review and pursue actual innocence claims. Like most statistics associated with our criminal justice system the problem of wrongful conviction impacts the African American community more than any other.

[http://www.tsulaw.edu/centers/ECI/TMSL\\_Innocence\\_Project.html](http://www.tsulaw.edu/centers/ECI/TMSL_Innocence_Project.html)

## *Reform & Advocacy*

**The Texas Criminal Justice Coalition (TCJC)** advances solutions and builds coalitions to end mass incarceration and foster safer Texas communities. In our vision, all Texans live in safe, thriving communities where incarceration is rare and every person has the opportunity to succeed.

<https://www.texascjc.org/mission-vision-values>

**Texas Civil Rights Project** Over the last 25 years, TCRP has established itself as a leader in litigating to achieve criminal justice reform in Texas. With an incarcerated population of approximately 150,000, Texas locks up more people than any other state. TCRP will spearhead criminal justice reform in Texas via a program focused on dismantling the underlying causes and effects of mass incarceration through strategic litigation targeted at reforming identifiable institutional practices and conditions that perpetuate mass incarceration at both the front and back end of the criminal justice system.

<https://texascivilrightsproject.org/our-work/criminal-justice-reform/>