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LEGAL REPRESENTATION

- Advocated for Katie Garding and Aaron Oliphant in front of the Board of Pardons and Parole
- Filed Petition for Executive Clemency and Writ of Habeas Corpus on behalf of Katie Garding
- Supported Katie Garding in her transition to pre-release
- Engaged in forensic testing methods including probabilistic DNA and obtained expert analysis
ADVOCACY

• Led the effort to pass House Bill 92 – Montana’s first monetary exoneree compensation law – and pledged to continue advocating for enhancements to the law in the 2023 legislative session
• Testified against House Bill 244, which would have effectively lifted the moratorium on the death penalty in Montana by revising laws relating to lethal injection
• Hosted a panel covering issues facing returning citizens and exoneree compensation and secured signatures in support of Congresswoman Maxine Water’s Justice for Exonerees Act
• Participated in the Montana Public Safety Coalition, Death Penalty Abolition Coalition, and the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Education

- Supervised law students who engaged in case review and investigations, weekly roundtables, memorandum drafting, and other practical legal skills
- Hosted a CLE about forensic DNA testing methods and mishaps
- Reestablished the journalism and social work internship programs
- Began discussions with social work organizations After Innocence and Open Table through the efforts of our social work internship program
- Presented virtual panel discussions on topics including mass incarceration, the death penalty, racism in the criminal legal system, prisoner rights during the pandemic, and continuing the fight for justice and accountability

In 2021, MTIP hosted students from the following disciplines: journalism, social work, and law
By the Numbers

Applications for Legal Assistance 104
Active Investigations 46
Cases in Active Litigation 5
Volunteer & Pro Bono Hours 2,300+
Educational Events 8
Communication Features 26

 Gifts & Grants

Individual $86,711
Foundation $166,850
Government $81,835
Corporate $27,837
In-Kind $65,000
Total $428,233
Community building was a top priority for the Montana Innocence Project in 2021. Following a pandemic year that presented heightened challenges to collaboration, MTIP aimed to identify shared values and establish relationships with other leaders and organizations in the criminal justice reform space. We know the value of partnership in making meaningful change and reaching the most people under our mission. Our goal was to cultivate relationships with those in our community that we can educate, organize, and advocate alongside. While this is an ongoing commitment, MTIP was successful in setting the stage for exciting collaboration opportunities to come. We look forward to deepening these relationships in 2022 in an effort to remediate causes of injustice in Montana’s criminal legal system on the largest scale possible.

Participate in our growing community by following us on social media and visiting our website: mtinnocenceproject.org.