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Accepted Joseph Jefferson-Dust as our newest client, successfully negotiated his release from Yellowstone County Jail and the dismissal of his revocation proceedings, and garnered the prosecutor’s support to vacate his conviction.

Filed appellate opening and reply briefs before the Montana Supreme Court on behalf of client Aaron Oliphant.

 Advocated for executive clemency before the Board of Pardons and Parole on behalf of client Katie Garding.

Through extensive collaboration with volunteers, the Medical Justice Alliance, and family and friends, secured parole for client Bernard Pease Jr. (subject to the completion of an extended pre-release stay) after 39 years of wrongful incarceration.
Advocacy

- Engaged with the Law and Justice Interim Committee around exoneree compensation and criminal legal data and systems transparency
- Monitored the work of the Criminal Justice Oversight Committee
- Restructured the Montana Coalition for Public Safety
- Appeared on panels about criminalizing poverty and 2023 criminal legal reform legislative priorities
- Hosted Indigenous Justice Rally
- Authored an op-ed in the Montana Lawyer about intersection of racial justice and innocence work
- Facilitated an op-ed authored by client Joseph Jefferson-Dust about the disparate treatment of Indigenous Peoples in the criminal legal system
Began working with Open Table, an organization that facilitates weekly meetings for a year between someone who has life goals and a group of 5-7 volunteers who rely on their social capital to help bring the life goals to fruition

- Started first table with freed client Dave Wilkes who has made meaningful headway on his goals less than halfway through his Table

- Organized holiday card drive that resulted in sending over 80 holiday cards with handwritten notes of support from community members to incarcerated clients

- Assisted freed clients in overcoming barriers as formerly incarcerated people to access housing and other basic needs

- After securing parole for client Bernard Pease, identified resources from technology literacy courses to mental and physical health needs for him to engage with during his re-entry journey
Communications & Community

• Launched podcast “Unpacking Injustice,” which tells the real stories behind wrongful and unjust convictions, premiering with a 4-episode series on freed client Dave Wilkes’ story
• Collaborated with live storytelling organization Tell Us Something, resulting in client Katie Garding telling her story in front of hundreds of people and receiving a standing ovation
• Launched Montana Innocence Project online merchandise store, offering stickers and apparel with proceeds going towards our work
• Organized 10 community events, including book clubs, an informational panel on SCOTUS decisions, a local pint night, and a community discussion about our cases
• Told 40 educational stories about wrongful and unjust conviction issues
Hosted five clinical law students who processed introductory applications for representation, conducted witness and applicant interviews, drafted internal legal memoranda, researched complex legal issues, drafted sections of appellate briefs, and prepared with counsel to represent clients before the Board of Pardons and Parole.

Hosted 14 legal interns who reviewed introductory application materials, developed an individualized case assessment with accompanying legal memoranda and correspondence, conducted interviews, acquired documents, and drafted correspondence with applicants and other individuals.

Hosted a social work student who crafted recruitment materials for Open Table volunteer outreach, organized events for Wrongful Conviction Day, organized holiday card drive, and developed a survey regarding secondary trauma in the workplace.

Hosted a journalism intern who overcame access barriers to photograph clients in prisons across MT and wrote human interest pieces (This internship was funded by the Spencer Veysey Memorial Fundraiser).

Worked with Alberton High School students to research and write a 2023 Advocacy Guide.

Facilitated market research survey with University of Montana business and social work students to understand barriers to accessing information about legal assistance at the Montana Women’s Prison.
See what we’ve been up to in 2023 so far, and follow our work on social media @BigSkyInnocence