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Job Announcement

Forensic Science Fellow

Pa IP Mission: The Pennsylvania Innocence Project is non-profit law firm dedicated to exonerating those who have been convicted of crimes they did not commit and preventing innocent people from being convicted.

Position Overview: The Forensic Science Fellow is a new 2-year non-renewing position with the Project. The Fellow will be responsible for following developing issues in forensic sciences, coordinating Project efforts to locate and submit physical evidence for modern scientific testing, identifying cases where applied forensic science may have been unreliable, and developing protocols for the Project to quickly identify, screen, and litigate cases involving forensic science.

Qualifications:

1. Juris Doctor degree; preference given to barred attorneys and/or attorneys completing clerkships.
2. Must be willing to travel throughout Pennsylvania.
3. Background in forensics, and/or science preferred.

Applications: Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to the Pennsylvania Innocence Project. Electronic mail is preferred – innocenceprojectpa@temple.edu. U.S. mail address is The Pennsylvania Innocence Project, 1515 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Specific Responsibilities:

1. **Coordinate Requests for Physical Evidence and Testing:** Coordinate efforts to locate and submit physical evidence for modern scientific testing; follow through with requests to Commonwealth or federal agencies for evidence in existence; arrange for evaluation of evidence to determine whether additional testing is appropriate and what type of testing should be done; establish protocols for all Pennsylvania agencies and jurisdictions dealing with evidence retention; create an inventory of evidence storage places/policies around the state.
2. **Case Review and Development:** Review cases pending with the Pennsylvania Innocence Project to identify those containing an element of forensic science; evaluate the science presented at trial to determine whether the area and/or testimony meet modern scientific standards; work with area experts to determine resources needed to evaluate trial evidence or re-test existing physical evidence.
3. **Education:** Assist Legal Director and Executive Director in creating and presenting educational programs for judiciary, attorneys, law enforcement, legislators, and other stakeholders on the issues related to forensic science testimony and use in criminal cases and on post-conviction matters.