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## Referral Resources for People who are Incarcerated in Minnesota

Volunteer Lawyers Network does not provide legal services or legal representation to individuals who are incarcerated in jails, prisons, or other correctional facilities. Here are some resources that people who are incarcerated in Minnesota may find helpful.

### Legal Assistance to Minnesota Prisoners (LAMP)

LAMP is a program run by the Mitchel Hamline Law School. LAMP provides assistance with many types of civil legal issues, such as lawsuits to stop inmate mistreatment and divorce. LAMP does not help individuals convicted of crimes to appeal their criminal convictions.

Contact Information:

Legal Assistance to Minnesota Prisoners (LAMP) Clinic  
Legal Practice Center  
875 Summit Avenue, Room 259  
ST. Paul, MN 55105  
Telephone: 1-888-962-5529 or 651-695-7672  
Fax: 651-290-6407

### The Great North Innocence Project (GNIP)

GNIP litigates cases where newly discovered evidence is identifiable and can provide clear and convincing proof of actual innocence for wrongly convicted individuals.

Contact Information:

The Great North Innocence Project  
229 19th Avenue South, Suite 285 Minneapolis, MN 55455  
Telephone: 612.624.4779

Note: Wrongfully convicted individuals, not their family or friends, should contact the Innocence Project by mail. The Innocence Project does not respond to requests for legal help via phone

**Conviction Review Unit (CRU) at the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General**

The CRU accepts applications from incarcerated people who are claiming that they were wrongfully convicted of crime they did not commit.

Contact Information: The CRU's application will be available at all Minnesota Department of Corrections facilities, and applicants may request the Application through the Transitions Resource Center or the Facility Library.

**American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Minnesota**

The ACLU helps protect civil liberties and civil rights and assists with prisoner rights. According to its website, if you need the ACLU's help, you must file a written complaint. Submit a short letter (no more than 1-page) briefly outlining your complaint to the address listed below. Do not send original documents pertaining to your case or excessive copies of documents as the ACLU cannot guarantee their return due to its limited resources.

Contact Information:

ACLU of Minnesota  
Attn: Legal Department  
P.O. Box 14720  
Minneapolis, MN 55414

**Minnesota Lawyer Referral and Information Services (MNLIRIS)**

You may contact MNLIRIS for assistance finding a private attorney to hire for a fee. This is not a free service.

Contact Information:

Telephone: 612-752-6699  
Email: [mnlrir@mnbars.org](mailto:mnlrir@mnbars.org)