

The Northern California Innocence Project team made significant progress in 2014 on our mission to promote a fair, effective and compassionate criminal justice system and protect the rights of the innocent. Here are some highlights:

Governor Brown Signs Two NCIP-Sponsored Bills Into Law

In 2014, Governor Brown signed two NCIP-sponsored bills that protect the innocent into law. **SB 980, authored by Senator Ted Lieu, improves the process for wrongfully convicted prisoners to obtain DNA testing.** It gives prisoners greater access to the physical and biological evidence preserved in their cases and clarifies California's DNA testing procedures.

NCIP also sponsored SB 1058, authored by Senator Mark Leno, which will help exonerate innocent men and women who have been wrongfully convicted based on outdated expert testimony. It will help assure that people wrongfully convicted based on such testimony can have their conviction overturned when the expert later admits he or she was wrong, or when new science proves the testimony wrong.



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NCIP Trains Law Enforcement Partners on Best Practices

NCIP has established itself as a leading expert on eyewitness identification, one of the leading causes of wrongful convictions. **On May 21, 2014, NCIP hosted a highly successful Eyewitness Identification Best Practices Symposium,** in partnership with the International Institute of Criminal Justice Leadership at the University of San Francisco (USF) and sponsored by the Skadden Fellowship Foundation. **Nearly 200 people attended the symposium, two-thirds of whom were prosecutors or law enforcement.** The symposium led some jurisdictions to immediately make changes to their existing procedures, and 97% of participants reported that they were likely or very likely to attend future NCIP symposia.

From left: NCIP Assistant Legal Director Maitreya Badami facilitates a discussion with police chiefs Greg Suhr, Scott Seaman and Silvia Moir about how best practices have helped secure more reliable identifications.



Exoneree Updates

Governor Brown approved compensation to NCIP exonerees Franky Carrillo Jr. and Johnny Williams for their decades of wrongful imprisonment. Carrillo Jr. and Williams will each receive \$100 per day of wrongful imprisonment.

NCIP exonerees continued their effective advocacy work in 2014. George Souliotes and Obie Anthony lobbied the California legislature in support of bills aimed at addressing wrongful convictions.

The NCIP team celebrates the successful compensation claims for Franky Carrillo and Johnny Williams.



Clinical Program Graduates First Class of Yearlong Students

More than 700 Santa Clara Law students have graduated from NCIP since 2001. These students master key lawyering skills while also developing a clear sense of their ethical obligations as future lawyers. **The first class of yearlong clinic students successfully concluded in May.** Students and NCIP attorneys were extremely pleased with the deeper educational experience for the students and enhanced support received by our clients.



NCIP Furthers Sustainability and Effectiveness

NCIP completed a comprehensive strategic planning process and published the resulting five-year Strategic Plan in January 2014. The Strategic Plan outlines key findings from stakeholder interviews, sets out NCIP's new mission and vision, and provides goals, strategies and objectives for NCIP during the 2014 to 2019 timeframe. NCIP also developed and implemented an in-depth Operations Plan, established a reserve fund and completed an organizational restructuring to further long-term sustainability and effectiveness.

NCIP's five-year Strategic Plan can be found at www.ncip.scu.edu

Your Continued Support is Crucial

We have made tremendous progress together, and we need your support to continue to grow this vital work. **Please make your year-end gift to NCIP today, via the enclosed envelope or online at www.ncip.scu.edu.** Stand with us as we pursue justice for the innocent and make critical policy reforms to prevent future wrongful convictions!
