

Peter Neufeld

Biography

Peter Neufeld co-founded and co-directs The Innocence Project at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. The Project currently represents hundreds of inmates seeking post-conviction release through DNA testing. In its ten years of existence, The Innocence Project has been responsible in whole or in part for exonerating most of the one-hundred and seventy five men to be cleared through post-conviction DNA testing. In the last two years, the Project has assumed a leadership role in the emerging civil rights movement to identify and address the systemic causes of wrongful conviction.

Peter has litigated and lectured extensively in both the "hard" and behavioral forensic sciences. His articles on these subjects appear in legal and scientific journals. His trials frequently redefine and expand the parameters of permissible defenses involving forensic psychiatry and laboratory science. Most of his work is pro bono and of public interest. His cases often result in enhancing public awareness of systemic problems, improving criminal justice, and legislative reform.

A 1972 graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Peter Neufeld received his law degree in 1975 from New York University School of Law.