

The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world, and the racial disparities of who is incarcerated are profound (39% of the US prison population is African-American but only 12.9% of the US population is). The South has the highest incarceration rate in the US and in Georgia, 61.6% of the prison population is African-American (while making up only 31.5% of the state's population). Georgia Justice Project shows a different way of treating those in the system – one that is based on a more holistic attorney-client relationship and is invested in long-term client success.

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Doug is a popular and effective speaker, giving talks that range from a CLE based on the movie "Groundhog Day" to powerful presentations about restorative justice and spirituality in the practice of law. Some of his speaking engagements include: the Restorative Justice Conference, Ministry of Justice Israel; the Focolare Lawyers Conference in Rome, Italy; Meiji University, Tokyo; the Southeastern Council of Foundations Annual Meeting, the Christian Legal Society's Annual Meeting; Mercer University School of Law – Law Day Speaker; the Stein Center for Ethics at Fordham University Law School in New York; and the Georgia Public Defenders Standards Council.

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The Georgia Justice Project (GJP) envisions a world where a criminal history does not stand in the way of a stable life. With 26 years of experience, GJP has developed a comprehensive suite of services, coupling holistic legal defense and social services with advocacy support to address the barriers to economic stability faced by the criminally accused. GJP's cost-effective approach helps lift Georgia's criminally accused out of poverty. GJP's work was featured in the 2012 edition of ***Forces for Good: The Six Practices of High-Impact Nonprofits*** by Leslie Crutchfield and Heather Macleod Grant. GJP is funded exclusively through private donations. Visit www.GJP.org for more.