



WHO WE ARE

Georgia Justice Project strengthens our community by demonstrating a better way to represent and support individuals in the criminal justice system and reduce barriers to reentry. GJP promotes innovative change through direct legal representation, policy advocacy, education and coalition building.

WHAT WE DO

→ We provide zealous criminal defense with on-going social service supports.

- GJP provides pro bono criminal defense for about 75 clients annually.
- Fewer than 5% of GJP's clients receive jail or prison time, compared to 80% nationwide.
- Clients served for about \$2,500 per person. In Georgia, the annual incarceration cost is \$21,039.

→ We work to reduce the collateral consequences of a criminal record.

- GJP attorneys provide assistance with record restriction, pardons, and record corrections for about 500 individuals annually.
- We provide educational sessions about current and new laws throughout the state, reaching over 3,000 legal professionals, court staff, directly affected individuals and other service providers each year.
- GJP leverages approximately \$275,000 worth of donated legal services annually through our *Criminal Records Clinic*.
- GJP participated in the Fulton County Expungement Summits in 2016 and 2017 and the DeKalb County Expungement Summit, December 2016.

→ We advocate for better laws and policies to improve opportunities for second chances.

- GJP advocates for laws to reduce barriers to reentry for the 4.2 million Georgians with a criminal history.
- We provide data and policy recommendations to the Governor's Criminal Justice Reform Council.
- GJP's advocacy has resulted in 17 new laws including: expanded access to record restriction for non-convictions; the removal of questions about criminal history on state employment applications ("ban the box"); and the ability to get certain convictions restricted.
- GJP was successful in Georgia Supreme Court case upholding record restriction law in 2016 (*Mosley v. Lowe*)

Please visit our website at www.GJP.org for more information.

- **AWARDS AND SELECTIONS**
 - a. GJP selected for Leadership Atlanta non-profit project – 2016
 - b. GJP’s Criminal Records Clinic - the State Bar’s *William B. Spann Jr. Award* – 2016
 - c. Michele Young, a GJP volunteer attorney, State Bar’s *H. Sol Clark Award* – 2016
 - d. Doug Ammar, Davidson College – *Game Changer* recognition – 2016
 - e. Marissa Dodson, GJP’s Policy Director and Attorney, National Association of Criminal Justice Lawyers’ *Champion of State Criminal Justice Reform Award* – 2015
 - f. *Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award* - Emory University’s Rollins School of Public Health and the Goizueta Business School. – 2013
 - g. Anti-Defamation League’s *Elbert P. Tuttle Award* - 2011

- **GJP FEATURED ARTICLES, PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA**
 - a. Featured in movie “Released” by US Attorney’s Office – June 2017
 - b. Living Cities Magazine – “Not Ex-Offenders, but People” – May 2017
 - c. Columbus Ledger - “Georgia has Highest Percentage of People Under Correctional Control” - February 2017
 - d. Featured in *Transforming Justice, Lawyers, and the Practice of Law* – May 2017
 - e. New York Times- “After a Crime, The Price of a Second Chance” - December 2016
 - f. Featured in Tikkun Magazine “Spiritual Evolution and the Law” - May 2016
 - g. Featured in *Forces for Good: The Six Practices of High-Impact Nonprofits* – May 2012

- **RECENT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**
 - a. The Center for Civil & Human Rights – May 2017
 - b. Georgia State University, Criminal Justice Conference – April 2017
 - c. The Impact Movement, National Conference – December 2016
 - d. MailChimp Community College – Jan. 2017
 - e. The National Governor’s Association – St. Louis - 2016
 - f. The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials – 2016
 - g. Clayton State University, Re-entry Program – September 2016
 - h. Corporate Counsel Institute – December 2016

- **PARTIAL LIST OF FOUNDATIONS SUPPORTING GJP’S WORK**
 - a. The Annie E. Casey Foundation
 - b. The Atlanta Bar Foundation
 - c. The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta
 - d. The Georgia Bar Foundation
 - e. The Harland Foundation
 - f. The Kresge Foundation
 - g. The Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation
 - h. The Robert Woodruff Foundation
 - i. The Sartain Lanier Family Foundation
 - j. The Tull Charitable Foundation
 - k. The UPS Foundation
 - l. The Williams Family Foundation