



## EARL CARL INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL & SOCIAL POLICY, INC.

### TSU-THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

### INNOCENCE PROJECT

The Earl Carl Institute for Legal & Social Policy, Inc. (ECI) operates the Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law Innocence Project (TMSLIP). The following information explains who ECI is, what we do, and how you can apply to become a part of the TMSLIP team.

#### The Innocence Project Clinic and Course

The law school's innocence project is a part of the Earl Carl Institute's Center for Criminal Justice (CCJ). The Project's dual mission is to first identify inmates who appear to have been wrongfully convicted, provide legal assistance to them and if the evidence supports wrongful conviction, to secure their release. **Second, to provide its law students with a fulfilling and educational experience.** In addition to the mission set forth above, we also work diligently to educate judges, lawmakers, students and the general public on the causes and prevention of wrongful convictions.

The summer semester will be a **4** hour credit course including 2 hours per week in class. Students must work in the clinic a total of **120** hours over the course of the semester. The class size will be limited to 10 – 12 students and the grades are letter grades.

Anthony S. Haughton is the Innocence professor and the supervising attorney for the innocence clinic, supervising students work on innocence cases, as well as conducting investigations of pending cases.

#### How to Become a Part of the TMSLIP

Schedule an interview with TMSLIP staff by calling (713)313-1139 or emailing the Earl Carl Institute at [earlcarlinstitute@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:earlcarlinstitute@tmslaw.tsu.edu). Following interviews with all students who apply you will be notified if you are selected for the innocence project clinic. If you are selected, you must register to take the Innocence Project Clinic and the Innocence Practice course during summer registration.



## What is Earl Carl Institute?

The Earl Carl Institute is a university think tank named after Dr. Earl Carl who was a founding faculty member at what is now known as Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Dr. Carl received his law degree from Yale University. Blind since age 16, his achievements remind us that we are limited only by the barriers we chose not to overcome.

The Earl Carl Institute was established in 1992 to help solve legal and social problems facing the urban community through scholarship and advocacy. The institute is a non-profit (501(c)(3)) affiliate of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University (TSU). TSU was designated by the Texas Legislature as an urban institution. That designation charges the university with solving urban problems.

Other components of the institute include research and writing conducted by student researchers and advocacy services, including representation in legal matters by staff attorneys assisted by clinic student interns.

For additional information about ECI, its structure, and the work the Institute has done in the past, please visit our website at [www.earlcarl.org](http://www.earlcarl.org).



Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Inc.  
 Innocence Project Student Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street No. Street Name City State Zip

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Current Status  1L  2L  3L

Semester \_\_\_\_\_ Course Load(Hours) \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Applying for: \_\_\_\_\_

Currently Employed  Yes  No If yes how long: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street No. Street Name City State Zip

Criminal History  Yes  No If yes explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_



Semester applying for employment or Innocence Project

Spring                       Summer                       Fall

Enrolled in any other clinic

Spring                       Summer                       Fall

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Check List**  
***ECI Staff ONLY***

**Documents attached to application:**

Resume	<input type="checkbox"/>	Received	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Received
Writing Sample	<input type="checkbox"/>	Received	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Received
Letter of Interest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Received	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Received

Information reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Date

Associate Director's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony S. Haughton