

# Lara Zarowsky

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW, Seattle, Washington 2010 to present

**TEACHING. Lecturer:** Part Time Lecturer (teaching full time), September 2016 – present; Full Time Lecturer, September 2013 – June 2016; Part-Time Lecturer, September 2011 – June 2013; Professional Staff, August 2010 – September 2011.

**Courses:** Legislative Advocacy Clinic (full-year, Fall 2011 to present); Legislation and Public Policy Seminar (Fall 2015, Fall 2016); Negotiation (Spring 2014, Spring 2015).

INNOCENCE PROJECT NORTHWEST, Seattle, Washington 2010 to present

**SERVICE. Policy Director:** December 2012 - present; Policy Attorney, 2010 – 2012.

INTEGRITY OF JUSTICE PROJECT, Seattle, Washington 2010

Policy Attorney: January 2010 – August 2010.

WASHINGTON STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Olympia, Washington 2007 – 2010

Counsel: Public Safety Committee, 2008 – 2010; Research Analyst, Judiciary Committee, 2007 – 2008.

SEATTLE MUNICIPAL COURT, Seattle, Washington 2001 – 2004

Court Clerk: Mental Health Court, 2003-2004; Arraignment Calendar, 2001 – 2003.

## EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW, Seattle, Washington J.D., 2007

**Founder and President**, Forum on Law and Policy (2006 – 2007); **Member**, Innocence Project Northwest Clinic (2006 – 2007); **Quarter-finalist**, Judson Falknor Appellate Advocacy Competition (2007); **Fellow**, Olympia Fellows Program, Office of Program Research (2005 – 2006); **Quarter-Finalist**, 1L Appellate Advocacy Competition (2005)

EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE, Olympia, Washington B.A., 2001

Focus: Social Science, Political Economy, and Philosophy

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### SUCCESSFUL STATE LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGNS

*Substitute House Bill 1069 (2015)* – Concerning preservation of DNA work product. Codified at **RCW 5.70**. Effective July 24, 2015.

The law requires law enforcement and other government entities to preserve, for the duration of any sentence imposed, biological material collected during the underlying criminal investigation. Specifically, biological material must be preserved if it was prepared for scientific analysis by being placed on a swab, slide, etc., whether or not it was submitted to a laboratory for testing.

*Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1341 (2013)* – Creating a claim for compensation for wrongful conviction and imprisonment. Codified at **RCW 4.100**. Effective July 28, 2013.

The law establishes a civil cause of action to pursue compensation for those actually innocent of a crime of which they were convicted and incarcerated. Provides successful claimants \$50,000 for each year of wrongful incarceration, an additional \$50,000 for each year served on death row, \$25,000 for each year on community custody or registered as a sex offender, tuition at state colleges, universities and community colleges for exonerees and their qualifying children, and voluntary access to any re-entry services offered through the Department of Corrections.

### SUCCESSFUL NON-LEGISLATIVE POLICY CAMPAIGNS

*Eyewitness Identification Reform*. Founding member of the Washington State Eyewitness Policy Committee, a coalition including prosecution, defense, law enforcement, the innocence community and the scientific community, formed to study and establish minimum standards for law enforcement when conducting eyewitness identification procedures in the field. The resulting policy document and field materials provide science-based best practices for the collection of eyewitness evidence that, when properly employed, reduce the likelihood that an innocent person will be identified.

**Policy Adopted** by the General Membership of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, May 2015 – Follow the “Eyewitness Identification” link under the heading “Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines” <http://www.waspc.org/model-policies>

**Policy Adopted** by the General Membership of the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, April 2015  
<http://70.89.120.146/wapa/materials/2015%20Eyewitness%20ID%20Policy.pdf>

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### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

*Honorable Mention*, 2015 Clinical Legal Education Association's "Excellence in a Public Interest Case or Project Award" for the Innocence Project Northwest Legislative Advocacy Clinic's success in passing a bill to compensate the wrongly convicted.

### COALITION AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

National Wrongful Conviction Compensation Working Group: December 2015 to Present

House Public Safety Committee DNA Working Group: June 2014 to January 2015

Washington State Eyewitness Policy Committee (WSEPC): November 2010 to Present

### LAW PRESENTATIONS & SPEECHES

*Improving the Reliability of Incentivized Informants*, LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE WORK SESSION, Washington State Senate (Olympia, WA, November 2016)

*Igniting Change: Lessons from the Innocence Movement*, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON DAWG DAZE EVENT, TEDxUofW (Seattle, WA, September 2016)

*Legal Clinics and Innocence Policy Campaigns*, INNOCENCE POLICY NETWORK NATIONAL CONFERENCE, Innocence Network (Excelsior Springs, MO, June 2016)

*State Advocate's Perspective on Incentivized Informant Legislation*, INNOCENCE POLICY NETWORK NATIONAL CONFERENCE, Innocence Network (Excelsior Springs, MO, June 2016)

CLE Presenter: *Eyewitness Identification Essentials*, IN-HOUSE TRAINING, Snohomish County Public Defender Association (Everett, WA, June 2016)

TEDx Talk: *Igniting Change: Lessons from the Innocence Movement*, TEDxUofW 2016, University of Washington (Seattle, WA, May 2016) Link:

<http://tedxtalks.ted.com/video/Igniting-Change-Lessons-from-th>

CLE Presenter: *Eyewitness Identification Essentials*, CREATING HARMONY CONFERENCE, King County Department of Public Defense (Seattle, WA, February 2016)

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*Policy Solutions to the Problem of Incentivized Informants*, LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE WORK SESSION, Washington State Senate (Walla Walla, WA, October 2015)

CLE Presenter: *Post-Conviction Policy Movements*, POST-CONVICTION PRACTICE, Greater Lacey Bar Association (Lacey, WA, June 2015)

*Presenting the WSEPC's Recommended Model Policy on Eyewitness Identification Procedures*, WASPC 2015 SPRING CONFERENCE, Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (Spokane, WA, May 2015)

*Preventing Mistaken Eyewitness Identifications*, WASPC 2014 FALL CONFERENCE, Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (Chelan, WA, November 2014)

CLE Presenter: *Negotiations: Theory & Practice*, NEGOTIATING JUSTICE, University of Washington School of Law (Seattle, WA, June 2014)

*Freeing the Innocent in Washington State*, Fidalgo Democrats (Anacortes, WA, June 2014)

Panelist: *Building a National Movement for Exoneree Compensation*, 2014 INNOCENCE POLICY NETWORK CONFERENCE, Innocence Network (New Orleans, LA, June 2014)

CLE Chair, Presenter, Panelist: *Eyewitness Evidence and Wrongful Convictions in Washington State*, EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION: SCIENCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PRACTICE, University of Washington School of Law (Seattle, WA, November 2013)

CLE Presenter: *The Snitch Problem: Challenges in Informant Testimony*, 2013 DEFENDER CONFERENCE, Washington Defender Association (Winthrop, WA, April 2013)

*The Role of Informants in Cases of Wrongful Conviction*, LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE WORK SESSION, Washington State Senate (Olympia, WA, January 2013)

*Wrongful Convictions and Compensation Efforts in Washington State*, JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WORK SESSION, Washington State House of Representatives (Olympia, WA, October 2011)

Presenter, Panelist: *Policy Solutions to Prevent Wrongful Convictions*, WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS IN WASHINGTON STATE, University of Washington – Tacoma, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences (Tacoma, WA, January 2011)

CLE Co-Chair and Presenter: *Compensating the Wrongly Convicted in the United States*, JUSTICE FOR WASHINGTON'S WRONGLY CONVICTED?, University of Washington School of Law (Seattle, WA, October 2010)

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### SELECTED MEDIA

Associated Press (National), *Washington Bill Targets Credibility of Informants' Testimony*, January 26, 2016

Associated Press (National), *Washington Man Cleared of Mom's Death by DNA Will Be Freed*, December 2, 2015

Oregon Public Broadcasting (Portland, OR), Think Out Loud, *New Evidence in 15-Year-Old Longview Murder Case*, December 1, 2015

Associated Press (National), *Gov. Inslee Signs Law on Preservation of Post-Conviction DNA*, May 11, 2015

KUOW (Seattle, WA), The Record with Marcie Sillman, *Why Eye Witnesses Often Pick the Wrong Person*, May 8, 2015

The Inlander (Spokane, WA), *Calling Out Snitches*, March 18, 2015

KUOW (Seattle, WA), The Record with Ross Reynolds, *Proposal Would Require Post-Conviction DNA to be Saved*, March 17, 2015

Union Bulletin (Walla Walla, WA), *Editorial: DNA Evidence Should Be Preserved After Conviction*, March 17, 2015

Associated Press (National), *Bill Would Require Post-Conviction Preservation of DNA*, March 16, 2015

KPLU (Tacoma-Seattle), Sound Effect, *How Do You Rebuild a Life After Nearly a Decade Behind Bars – Then Exoneration?*, February 21, 2015

KPLU (Tacoma – Seattle), *DNA Evidence Would Have to be Preserved Under Proposed Law*, January 27, 2015

KING 5 News (Seattle), Meg Coyle, *Wrongfully Convicted Cases Could Prompt State Law Change*, November 10, 2014

Associated Press (National), *Wrongfully Imprisoned Man Awarded Nearly \$500,000*, September 26, 2014

KHQ Q6 (Seattle), *Bills Seek Moratorium on Destroying Evidence*, January 27, 2014

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Seattle Times (Seattle), *Editorial: Honoring the Pursuit of Justice for a Wrongfully Convicted Man*, January 8, 2014

Seattle Times (Seattle), *Wrongly Convicted King County Man Released After 10 Years in Prison*, December 23, 2013

Associated Press (National), *Wrongly Convicted of Rape, Man Seeks Compensation for Lost 17 Years*, April 5, 2013

CNN (National), CNN Special Investigations, *Time Doesn't Pay, Wrongfully Imprisoned Find*, March 29, 2012

CNN (National), *Innocent Man Spends 17 Years in Prison*, March 25, 2012

ABC News (National), *Washington State Proposes Compensation for Wrongly Convicted*, January 29, 2012

Real Change (Seattle), *Price of Their Lives*, January 28, 2011

Daily Mail (United Kingdom), *Wrongfully Convicted Rapist is Freed After 17 Years...And Hit with a \$110,000 Bill for Backdated Child Maintenance*, January 28, 2011

Associated Press (National), *Bill Would Compensate Exonerated Inmates*, January 17, 2011

### **ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

Association of American Law Schools

Clinical Legal Education Association

Innocence Network

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Washington Defender Association

Washington State Bar Association