

Staff Attorney – Innocence Project  
WMU-Cooley Law School  
Lansing, MI

Western Michigan University Cooley Law School seeks a full-time Staff Attorney for the Innocence Project at its Lansing campus. The Innocence Project Clinic provides hands-on learning opportunities to law and undergraduate students and free legal representation to Michigan prisoners whose innocence may be proven through post-conviction DNA testing. The Staff Attorney identifies and develops cases in which DNA testing may prove factual innocence and will present those cases to the Wayne County Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU). The attorney will work closely with CIU staff on case investigation and testing. The attorney will report directly to the WMU-Cooley Innocence Project director. This is a full-time, three-year grant-funded position.

Successful candidates will possess all or many of the following qualifications and/or skills: A Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree and be licensed to practice law in Michigan. Candidates must be in good standing with the state bar. A minimum of two years of experience as a practicing attorney with an emphasis on criminal law practice (trial, appellate, post-conviction), Innocence Project experience preferred. Knowledge of DNA science preferred. The applicant's record should demonstrate solid lawyering skills and strong organizational, communication and interpersonal skills.

Please send a cover letter and resume via e-mail to [hr@cooley.edu](mailto:hr@cooley.edu). Please include "IP Staff Attorney" in the subject line. Ms. Viktoria Metcalfe, Human Resources Generalist, Western Michigan University Cooley Law School, 300 S. Capitol Ave, Lansing MI, 48933. First consideration will be given to those who apply before November 30, 2022. We are an equal employment opportunity employer. For further information about WMU-Cooley Law School, please visit [www.cooley.edu](http://www.cooley.edu).