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You won't believe who's coming to this year's Defenders Event!

The Exoneree Band AND an Incredible Special Guest

Mark your calendar for the 13th Annual Defenders of the Innocent Event, featuring an incredible special guest – one of the most high-profile exonerees in the world – who will share her story while performing with The Exoneree Band.

**Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 5:00 pm
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield, IL**

You really don't want to miss this!
Save the date now ... online registration opens next month.

Welcome to New Staff Attorneys

Stephanie Kamel joined IIP in October 2019 and is based at our home office at the University of Illinois Springfield. She attended Santa Clara University School of Law in California and practiced civil litigation in Silicon Valley before relocating to Illinois, where she expanded her expertise to criminal appellate work.

In 2019, Stephanie received a Master of Laws from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law in International Human Rights where she worked in the Center for International Human Rights on cases involving crimes against humanity and human trafficking.

Maria de Arteaga joined IIP in November 2019 and is based at our Chicago office. Maria came to IIP with over three years of experience representing the wrongfully convicted as a staff attorney at the Wisconsin Innocence Project. Just before arriving at IIP, Maria won the freedom for her client, LaShone Jackson, who served over 25 years in prison for a murder he did not commit.

Maria supervised second- and third-year law students as part of the Wisconsin Innocence Project's clinic at the University of Wisconsin Law School. She received her law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School, where she graduated with honors.

Your support matters.

*It takes hundreds of thousands of dollars to free one innocent person from wrongful imprisonment.
IIP provides all legal representation and services at no cost to clients.*