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Barry C. Scheck, is Co-Founder of the Innocence Project and a Professor of Law at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York City. In his forty-three years on the Cardozo faculty, he served as the Director of Clinical Education, Co-Director of the Trial Advocacy Programs, and the Jacob Burns Center for the Study of Law and Ethics. He worked for three-years as a staff attorney at The Legal Aid Society in the Bronx before joining the faculty at Cardozo.

Mr. Scheck and Peter Neufeld began the Innocence Project (IP) as a law school clinic in 1992. It is now a large independent non-profit organization affiliated with Cardozo that uses new evidence of innocence including DNA testing to exonerate the wrongly convicted throughout the United States. The IP works with criminal justice stakeholders to pass state and federal legislation to reform the criminal justice system in the areas of law enforcement accountability, including eyewitness identification procedures, interrogation methods, crime laboratory administration, and forensic science research. In its twenty-nine years of existence, 375 individuals have been exonerated in the United States through post-conviction DNA testing. You can read about each of these cases at www.innocenceproject.org. The IP also serves as the headquarters of the Innocence Network that consists of 56 innocence organizations within the United States and 13 abroad.

Mr. Scheck has conducted extensive trial and appellate litigation in significant civil rights and criminal defense cases. He has published extensively in these areas, including a book with Jim Dwyer and Peter Neufeld entitled, *Actual Innocence: When Justice Goes Wrong And How To Make It Right*. He has served in prominent positions in many bar associations, including the Presidency of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) where he currently serves as Trustee of the NACDL Foundation. He served as a Commissioner on New York State's Forensic Science Review Board (1994-2016), a body that regulates all crime and forensic DNA laboratories in the state. He is currently a member of the Legal Resource Committee of the Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) run by the National Institute of Standards and Technology. From 1998 - 2000, he served on the National Institute of Justice's Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence. In 2005 he was a member of the American Judicature Society's National Commission on Forensic Science and Public Policy.

In 1971 he received his undergraduate degree from Yale University and in 1974 his law degree from the University of California at Berkeley.

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