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Midwest Innocence Project's Tricia Bushnell Named Local Counsel in Steven Avery's "Making A Murderer" Case

Kansas City lawyer with Wisconsin ties to assist Chicago-based law firm in wrongful conviction case at center of popular Netflix series

Kansas City, Mo. (Jan. 11, 2016) – The [Midwest Innocence Project](http://www.themip.org) (MIP), a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to the investigation, litigation and exoneration of wrongfully convicted men and women, is pleased to confirm that MIP Legal Director Tricia Bushnell will be assisting as local Wisconsin counsel for Steven Avery, whose case is currently the basis for a popular Netflix documentary series titled *Making A Murderer*.

The law firm of Kathleen T. Zellner and Associates, P.C. in Chicago will be assuming the full and complete representation of Avery in all of his pending criminal matters. Bushnell will not be conducting any interviews about the Avery case at this time, as she and Zellner are continuing to examine every aspect of Avery's case and all of his legal options.

Bushnell was formerly an assistant clinical professor with the Wisconsin Innocence Project (WIP) and is a licensed Wisconsin attorney. While with the WIP, she represented Joseph Frey, who was convicted in 1991 of raping a University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh student. Frey's conviction was vacated and he was freed in 2013 after new DNA testing identified the real perpetrator.

Recently, Bushnell and the MIP, in partnership with the Paul E. Wilson Project for Innocence at the University of Kansas School of Law, helped free Floyd Bledsoe from a Kansas prison on Dec. 8, 2015 after he spent 16 years behind bars for a murder he did not commit.

About the Midwest Innocence Project

The Midwest Innocence Project (MIP) is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to the investigation, litigation and exoneration of wrongfully convicted men and women in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Iowa, and Nebraska. The Midwest Innocence Project was founded at the University of Missouri – Kansas City (UMKC) School of Law in 2000 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation and operates today as an independent organization in partnership with the University of Missouri (Kansas City) and (Columbia) Schools of Law, the University of Kansas and local legal communities. The MIP is a licensed organization of the Innocence Project founded at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University in 1992 and works with 68 similar organizations around the world in coordinating legal work and education efforts. For more information, please visit www.themip.org.

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