



## **Missouri Lawyers Media: Lathrop Gage Issues Pro Bono Challenge to Firms to Support Midwest Innocence Project**

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Bill Beck didn't set out to do pro bono work. When he got involved in negotiating a settlement agreement for Dennis Maher, a Massachusetts man freed after 19 years of wrongful imprisonment, he and his firm, Lathrop Gage, fully intended to charge for their services.

Then another participating firm, Goodwin Procter in Boston, donated its share of the confidential settlement to the New England Innocence Project and wrote off its time as pro bono work. It struck a chord with Beck, who convinced his firm to donate their \$15,000 in fees to a similar group based in Kansas City - the Midwest Innocence Project. [Read more ...](#)