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WRONGFULLY CONVICTED IN WYOMING: THE ROAD TO EXONERATION



**Andrew Johnson,
Wyoming State Exoneree**

(Photo: Rocky Mountain Innocence Center)

Andrew Johnson served 24 years in prison for a sexual assault and aggravated burglary he did not commit. In September of 1989, a jury convicted Mr. Johnson after the victim testified that Mr. Johnson was her perpetrator. Mr. Johnson maintained his innocence throughout his trial and appeal. In 2008, the Rocky Mountain Innocence Center (RMIC), which had been working on Johnson's case for several years and discovered evidence of an alternative suspect, worked with prosecutors in Wyoming to help to draft the law allowing Wyoming prisoners to petition for DNA testing to prove their innocence. In 2012, in cooperation with Long Reimer Winegar Beppler LLP, RMIC filed a petition for DNA testing in Mr. Johnson's case and the motion was granted—the first in state history. In 2013, DNA tests excluded Mr. Johnson. Further tests of the biological evidence identified the DNA profile of the alternative suspect. In March 2013, a motion for a new trial was filed, and it was granted in April 2013. On July 19, 2013, the Laramie County District Attorney's office dismissed the case and Mr. Johnson was granted an order of actual innocence. Andrew Johnson is the first and only person exonerated in Wyoming based on DNA to date.

**Monday, September 17, 2018
12:00 - 1:00 PM | College of Law 178**

Lunch Provided

Join Professor McLane and special guests the Rocky Mountain Innocence Center for a special conversation with Wyoming state's first DNA exoneree, Andrew Johnson, who will share his story of wrongful conviction to actual innocence. This is a special session only for law students and faculty, offering a unique opportunity for attendees to learn about wrongful convictions through a real-life story of innocence.



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