



SA: Assessing Posthumous Pardons in Jim Crow Adjacent States

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Project Title

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Scope of Work

Assist with preliminary research and memoranda tracking the statutes and their application primarily in former Jim Crow adjacent states.

Timing

Due September 1, 2023

Jurisdiction

All 50 states

Contact Information

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Description

The matter was referred by the LFAA Criminal Legal Working Group / Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP.


The Criminal Legal working group co-chairs have been in discussion with Professor Margaret Burnham regarding potential collaboration on Civil Rights Restorative Justice Project (CRRJ) initiatives, which undoubtedly involve deconstructing the systemic shortcomings of the criminal legal system. In particular, our working group is hoping to forge the groundwork for an initiative to grant posthumous pardons to Black

people who were wrongly convicted and executed as a result of their race. Our theory is that many, if not most, of these convictions will exist in Jim Crow states. However, we will not limit our search to those states exclusively.

In an effort to assess potential strategies for pursuing these pardons across the country, we are creating a 50-state survey of the pardon statutes in each state. We are hoping that summer associates will be able to assist with preliminary research and memoranda tracking the statutes and their application primarily in former Jim Crow adjacent states.

Subtasks (0)

Reminders(1)

 1 day(s) before