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WORKING WITH CONVICTION INTEGRITY UNITS

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CONVICTION INTEGRITY UNITS

- **What is a CIU?**
- **How does a CIU operate?**
- **Does every county need a CIU?**

CONVICTION INTEGRITY UNITS

Kinds of Cases CIU's Handle

- Actual Innocence
- New Science
- Official Misconduct
- False Evidence



The screenshot shows the Innocence Project website. At the top left, it says "INNOCENCE PROJECT 25" with a small portrait of a man. To the right, there are navigation links: "25th Anniversary", "About", "The Cases", "Latest", "Get Involved", "Contact", and a "Donate" button. Below the navigation, there are two statistics: "354 Number of DNA Exonerations" and "152 Number of Alternative Perpetrators Identified". A quote from Martin Luther King, Jr. reads: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Below this is a large blue banner with a statue of Lady Justice and the text: "Help us free those who have been wrongfully convicted, and reform our criminal justice system." with a "Get Involved" button. Underneath the banner, it says "THE CAUSES:" followed by a paragraph: "As the pace of DNA exonerations has grown across the country in recent years, wrongful convictions have revealed disturbing fissures and trends in our criminal justice system."

DEFINITION OF EXONERATION FROM THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EXONERATIONS

A person has been exonerated if he or she was convicted of a crime and later was either (1) declared to be factually innocent by a government official or agency with the authority to make that declaration; or (2) relieved of all the consequences of the criminal conviction by a government official or body with the authority to take that action.

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[Ineffective Assistance of Counsel and Working with CIUs](#)

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