

KEEPING INNOCENT PEOPLE FROM  
BEING CONVICTED.

INNOCENCE  
PROJECT  
OF  
MINNESOTA

FREEING PEOPLE FOR CRIMES THEY  
DID NOT COMMIT.

# CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION THE ETHICS AND CAUSES OF WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS



## ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

Steven Kaplan is a senior of counsel attorney at Fredrikson & Byron where he concentrates his practice on tax litigation, business and commercial litigation, and white collar criminal and regulatory agency defense. Steve is a longtime CLE writer and lecturer and board member of IPMN. He was a member of the legal team that successfully secured the release and exoneration of Damon Thibodeaux, a death row inmate who served 15 years in Louisiana's infamous Angola prison after being wrongfully convicted of murder in 1997.

## ABOUT THE COURSE

This course explores the ethical obligations that prosecutors and criminal defense lawyers have to prevent the wrongful conviction of the actually innocent. It examines the professional obligations that prosecutors and defense counsel have under prevailing ABA standards, Rules of Professional Conduct, and Supreme Court decisions applicable to serious criminal case prosecutions. The course also outlines the known causes of wrongful convictions, why they occur either purposely or inadvertently, and what can be done to prevent them.

### INSTRUCTOR

Steve Kaplan, IPMN Board Member,  
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### TIME

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

### CREDIT

1.5 credits

### LOCATION

On-site

### COST

Free

## WHAT OUR COURSE PARTICIPANTS ARE SAYING

"Steve Kaplan's personal accounts about representing persons wrongfully convicted, along with his keen observations about the problems facing our criminal justice system, are exceptionally thought-provoking and insightful. His presentation left an indelible impression upon all who attended. I highly recommend this program for anyone in the legal profession. You will leave much more informed about the challenges facing our criminal justice system and will never view it the same way again."

- *Jim Altman, Xcel Energy - Vice President and Deputy General Counsel*

## ABOUT THE INNOCENCE PROJECT OF MINNESOTA

The Innocence Project of Minnesota (IPMN) works to keep innocent people from being convicted, and to free people imprisoned for crimes they did not commit. We represent clients with claims of actual innocence and pursue exoneration. We also educate attorneys and criminal justice professionals on best practices, and work to reform criminal justice policies and procedures.

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