STUDENT APPLICATION

NAME: 

EMAIL: 

PHONE: 

DATE OF GRADUATION: ☐ FALL ☐ SPRING YEAR: 

HARD COPIES OF THE COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE FACULTY SUPPORT OFFICES ADDRESSED TO THE INNOCENCE INITIATIVE AND ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH AT 12 NOON

1. Please familiarize yourself with the Memorandum of Understanding attached to this application. If selected to participate in the Stetson Pro Bono Innocence Initiative:
   ☐ I agree to sign and fulfill the requirements listed in the Memorandum of Understanding.

2. Have you had any paralegal, investigative or any other experience that you feel makes you particularly well suited to participate in the Innocence Initiative? If so, please describe:
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3. CLASSES:
   ☐ I have taken Criminal Procedure and/or an advanced criminal law class
   ☐ I have not taken Criminal Procedure and/or an advanced criminal law class

4. ACTIVITIES:
   Please list all of the extracurricular and or co-curricular activities that you are involved in and/or expect to be involved in the 2015-2016 school year. In describing each activity please make sure to indicate whether you have accepted a leadership role in each activity and describe your anticipated responsibilities. For each activity also estimate the amount of time that you expect to spend each week engaged in such activity. The greatest consideration in this Innocence Initiative application process is given to those students who are willing to make work on Pro Bono cases their priority.
5. I am applying to participate in the Innocence Initiative during the following semesters

   Summer 2015 __________
   Fall 2015 __________
   Spring 2016 __________

6. REQUIREMENTS: To participate in the Innocence Initiative a student should have:
   1) A cumulative GPA of 2.75 or better;
   2) Completed 30 credit hours; and
   3) Earned a grade of 2.75 or better in their Criminal Law class and their Legal Research and Writing class.

☐ I have met the requirements stated above
☐ I have not met the requirements above.
   Please explain why you believe that even though you have not met the requirements above you should be considered a viable candidate for a position with the Innocence Initiative:
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7. Please explain in 75 words or less what you would like to learn from participating in the Innocence Initiative. Your response to both question 7 and 8 should be typewritten and attached to this application.

8. ESSAY: For purposes of this essay you should assume that you are a student working on an Innocence Initiative case. The case summary below is the only document you have been given as a caseworker. Please prepare a one to two page typewritten memorandum
to Professor Scully that indicates what issues you think need to be addressed by you as an Innocence Initiative caseworker and also indicate what steps you will take to investigate the case.

**CASE SUMMARY**

In the early morning of June 17, 1981, two sisters, ages 12 and 15, awoke in their Alexandria, Virginia home to get ready for school only to discover an intruder had entered their home through a kitchen window. The intruder raped the two girls at knifepoint and bound their hands and feet. The attacker was in the home for over an hour before leaving.

Although the opportunity to see the attacker’s face was limited, the victims told investigators that their attacker looked like John Doe, a man who had previously lived in the neighborhood and had been a visitor to their home. The girls separately identified Doe in a photographic lineup and the police focused on him as the primary suspect.

In a conversation with Mr. Doe he vehemently denies having committed this crime. He told you and your partner that the lineup was rigged and that he was the only African-American man in the lineup. You are requesting trial transcripts to see how the police explained their lineup procedures.

In the file you see that a rape kit was collected, however in the early 1980s DNA testing was not available.

You contacted his employer, who was on the original witness list, and the employer confirmed Mr. Doe’s alibi that he was at work during the time of the crime. He did not however, have a time card.