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## Vorys Pro Bono Client Will Get New Trial

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A Vorys pro bono client, an inmate who has maintained his innocence for decades while on death row, will get a new trial. The decision was made by a judge in Greene County, Ohio. The judge's decision was highlighted in a *Xenia Gazette* story titled "Myers' conviction, sentence vacated, granted new trial," which featured quotes from Vorys Partner Elizabeth T. Smith.

## The story states:

*"Myers legal team was pleased with the outcome.*

*'In two thorough opinions, the Court agreed that this new DNA evidence warrants a new trial,' said Elizabeth Smith, pro bono counsel for Myers said in an email statement. 'After carefully considering the voluminous evidence presented at the lengthy evidentiary hearing, the Court found that 'the new evidence clearly supports the Defendant's trial defense that another male committed the offense and that the Defendant was not present.' Mr. Myers never confessed, and the case against him was wholly circumstantial. Additionally, given scientific advancements over the past three decades, the Court correctly concluded that Mr. Myers was materially prejudiced by what we now know to be unreliable junk science used to convict him.'*

To read the entire story on the *Xenia Gazette* website, [click here](#).