

John Patterson Named Chair-Elect of the Innocence Project of Florida

Sarasota

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Sarasota partner [John Patterson](#) was recently appointed Chair-Elect of the Innocence Project of Florida, a term he will serve for the next two years.

The Innocence Project of Florida is a nonprofit organization that helps innocent prisoners in Florida obtain their freedom and rebuild their lives. Besides the research and legal work, the Innocence Project of Florida also provides transitional services to help freed individuals get on their feet and create stability in all aspects of their lives. Services range from helping pay for dental work to assisting with job training and education to finding suitable housing. The nonprofit receives nearly 1,000 requests for assistance each year from inmates and their families. In the last 18 months, in all, the Innocence Project of Florida has freed seven innocent men and women, reuniting them with their loved ones.

To read the *Herald-Tribune* article detailing more about John Patterson's work with the organization and information on how to support the Innocence Project of Florida, [click here](#).

About John Patterson

[John Patterson](#) is a partner in the Sarasota office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Corporate Practice Group. John is a Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rated attorney with over 50 years of experience. A former commercial trial and appellate lawyer, John regularly represents clients in commercial real estate, business, and financing matters in a wide range of industries, including manufacturing, hotels and resorts, retail, marinas, personal storage, mobile home parks, and real estate development.

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