

## Katten Pro Bono Team Helps Clear Wrongly Convicted Man of Murder Charge

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The pro bono work of Litigation and Dispute Resolution associates Charles DeVore and David Luger is featured in *Chicago Tribune* and *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* articles detailing the release of inmate Jason Strong after 15 years behind bars. Strong was convicted of the December 1999 murder of Mary Kate Sunderlin, though her identity was unknown at the time of the trial. Strong's conviction was based on incorrect assumptions in the victim's autopsy report and a series of false confessions provided to police by Strong and a fellow suspect. The Illinois Attorney General's Office and Lake County State's Attorney Mike Nerheim agreed they had no objection to granting Strong's federal habeas petition, and the State's Attorney dropped all charges in state court. Strong is the sixth inmate cleared of a major felony in Lake County since 2010. He had been serving a 46-year sentence. ("[Another Lake County Murder Case Collapses](#)," May 29, 2015; "[One Clinic, Seven Years, One Man's Freedom](#)," June 5, 2015)

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