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## An 'Innocent' Dodgeball Tournament

**FORT WORTH, Texas** – Taking a break from the classroom for a few hours, students and faculty from Texas Wesleyan University School of Law spent a recent Saturday afternoon on the dodgeball court in the support of the Wesleyan Innocence Project (WIP), a student organization that provides *pro bono* legal assistance to factually innocent prisoners who have been convicted of a serious crime in the state of Texas.

The second annual Get WIP'd Dodgeball Tournament took place on Saturday, April 5, at the downtown Fort Worth YMCA. The event raised money for the research conducted by students who investigate inmates' claims of innocence. Common expenses incurred while processing the cases include transcript acquisition, travel, and student training events.

With its fifteenth exoneree released in January of this year, Dallas County currently has the highest number of exonerations in the country.

Ten teams participated in Saturday's event, and after several rounds of hard-fought games, the team Attractive Nuisance emerged as the tournament champions, while the spirit award went to WIP team the Freedom Fighters.

WIP secretary 3L Alexis Hoff said the event was a great success, and was happy that the law school was so supportive of the cause.

"It was great to see the excitement and enthusiasm of all the students and faculty who were involved," Hoff said. "Supporting WIP not only furthers the cause, but by allowing the project to continue and expand, support of the program effectively improves the law school experience and legal education of many of our students."

For more information on the Wesleyan Innocence Project, visit their web site.

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