Our Work

We at Texas Civil Rights Project (TCRP) are Texas lawyers and advocates for Texas communities, fighting for equality and justice in and out of the courts. We work for a Texas where all communities thrive with dignity and justice, and without fear.

TCRP believes that legal advocacy and litigation are important tools to protect and advance the civil rights of everyone in Texas and to make positive and lasting change to law and policy. We serve social justice movements in Texas with quality legal representation and bold strategies.

We work in three areas: Beyond Borders, Voting Rights, and Criminal Injustice. The Criminal Injustice program works against the injustices of Texas’s criminal legal system for people inside and outside of jails and prisons. We challenge unfair policing and surveillance, unjust prosecutors and judges, illegal bail and probation policies, unacceptable treatment of youth, and unconstitutional conditions in prisons and jails.

We promote a humane, dignified, anti-racist approach to law, order, safety, and punishment. We work with partners, using litigation and other advocacy tools, thinking outside the box and from an intersectional framework. We advocate for comprehensive reform of all aspects of the criminal legal system in Texas.

We cannot represent you or give you advice on:

- A criminal case;
- A criminal appeal;
- A parole hearing;
- A habeas corpus proceeding;
- An individual lawsuit for money damages;
- Divorce, child custody, or child support;
- An individual immigration case;
- Insurance issues;
- Tax issues;
- Individual legal advice;
- Print-outs of laws, cases, or other information;
- Sending mail to another person for you;
- Any problems in prisons or jails outside of Texas.

Unfortunately, we do not have the resources to help in most cases. If you have a problem in TDCJ and have received a response to a Step 2 grievance, you can let us know. Please do not send us any original documents. Most likely, we still cannot help. If you know other people who have the same problem, and who also have gotten a response to a Step 2 grievance, there is a better chance we can help. If you are in a county jail and have completed the grievance process, the same is true. We apologize that we still probably cannot help.