

**Please support legislation creating an Objective Death Penalty Study  
Commission with an Execution Moratorium during the study**

**WHY?** Questions are being raised concerning the death penalty system in Missouri.

**We've got Questions. We Need Answers.**

## **Question #10**

### **What is the quality of legal defense for those facing the Death Penalty?**

- In 2009, Constitutional concerns prompted the American Law Institute (ALI) to delete the death penalty from its Model Penal Code.<sup>1</sup>
- Larry Griffin, who was executed, had a trial attorney who was fresh out of law school and had never before tried a murder case.
- A 2009 study of Texas death penalty cases found that hiring counsel for the entire case eliminated the chance of a death sentence and resulted in more acquittals. Hiring counsel for at least a portion of the case substantially reduced the chance of a death sentence.<sup>2</sup>

**Is the death penalty in Missouri exercised arbitrarily?**

**MORATORIUM  
NOW!**

**Because the Ultimate Punishment Deserves Study**

**Moratorium Now! is a campaign of almost 400 Missouri organizations, houses of worship and businesses calling for a moratorium on executions while Missouri's death penalty is studied.**

**For more information and citations, please visit [www.MoratoriumNow.net](http://www.MoratoriumNow.net)**

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