

## **DAVID EDWARDS**

David Edwards received a sentence of life without parole for 50 years under Missouri's old capital murder statute for a murder that occurred in St. Louis when Mr. Edwards was 17 years old. He, like fellow client, Sheena Eastburn, benefited from the 2012 United States Supreme Court decision in *Miller v. Alabama*. This firm filed a Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus on Mr. Edwards' behalf arguing that the *Miller* decision also applied to the life without parole for 50 years sentences that were imposed for homicides committed prior to 1984. The Missouri Court of Appeals in St. Louis issued a decision in late 2017 granting Mr. Edwards a Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus and ordering resentencing. *Edwards v. Steele*, 533 S.W.3d 238 (2017). Mr. Edwards was released in January 2018 after the St. Louis Circuit Attorney agreed to allow him to be resentenced to time served on the lesser offense of second degree murder. After serving more than 37 years behind bars, Mr. Edwards was released from prison, has recently married and is working in the St. Louis area.