Equal Justice Initiative believes that the history of racial inequality and economic injustice in the United States has created continuing challenges for all Americans, and more must be done to advance our collective goal of equal justice for all.

Headquartered in Montgomery, Alabama, EJI is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that provides legal representation to indigent defendants and prisoners who have been denied fair and just treatment in the legal system. For more information please visit eji.org.

“One of the most powerful and effective new memorials created in a generation.”
—The Washington Post

“There’s nothing like this in this country.”
—The New York Times

Timed entry tickets are required for the museum. A small number of same-day tickets are available at the ticket office on a first-come, first-served basis. We suggest purchasing tickets online in advance of your visit. For tickets and information, please visit museumandmemorial.eji.org or call (334) 386-9100.
The Legacy Museum employs unique technology to tell the story of how slavery evolved through the eras of racial terror lynchings, legalized racial segregation, and mass incarceration. Visitors encounter a powerful sense of place when they enter the museum and confront slave pen replicas where they can see and hear first person accounts from enslaved people describing what it was like to be imprisoned awaiting sale at the nearby auction block. Extensive research and videography help visitors understand the racial terrorism of lynching and the humiliation of the Jim Crow South. These compelling visual and data-rich exhibits give visitors the opportunity to investigate America’s history of racial injustice and its legacy, and to connect generations of Americans impacted by the narrative of racial difference.

“True peace is not merely the absence of tension. It is the presence of justice.”
—Martin Luther King Jr.

Located across the street from the Memorial, the Peace and Justice Memorial Center includes a gift shop and an auditorium. At the Center’s entrance, a Monument commemorates 24 Black men and women who were lynched or killed in racially motivated attacks during the 1950s.