

**Supreme Court Clerk's Office - Keller, Heather**

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**From:** Treva SISCO <jtsisco@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 12:11 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from Outside North Dakota

Penny Miller,

I would like to voice my opinion about legal counsel for any citizen of North Dakota, especially members of the Sioux Nation.

First, I wonder why this provision is being petitioned at this time? Could it be there have been over 500 arrests of members of the Sioux Nation and those who have come to Bismarck to voice their opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline?

Secondly, I find many of these arrests were made while these American Citizens were exercising their First Amendment Right to peacefully protest. There is video evidence which strongly supports my position on these charges.

Speaking of constitutional rights, isn't the right to legal counsel given by the Sixth Amendment?

*Right to counsel means a defendant has a right to have the assistance of counsel (i.e., lawyers), and if the defendant cannot afford a lawyer, requires that the government appoint one or pay the defendant's legal expenses. The right to counsel is generally regarded as a constituent of the right to a fair trial.*

Yet these American Citizens have been told they have no right to a Government Appointed Counsel free of charge, they in fact will have to pay \$500.00 for these services.

My point is Police Officers, the Governor, other members of government, as well as a majority of the general public have been transparent with their racial distaste of the Indigenous People of North Dakota. (This also have been well documented by video.) With the racial tension and tainted views within the state, there can be no guarantee of a fair trial or fair counsel. North Dakota **MUST** ensuring that all defendant's constitutional rights are not violated through law enforcement conduct, or in court proceedings therefore, counsel may need to be sought out of state. Furthermore, if the court chooses to enforce the \$500.00 charge for an appointed Counsel then defendants should be allowed to seek counsel from those who will work pro bono or otherwise.

I will like to conclude by saying the World is watching and we will support what is right and just. We look for North Dakota to uphold the Constitution of the United States and adhere to the rights given to all American Citizens.

Thank you for your time.

Treva Sisco  
American Citizen.

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**From:** Sue Green <greenstich57@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 12:15 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services

Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

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As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

Sue Green

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**From:** Gwenn-Aël Lynn <gwennafoxe@yahoo.fr>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 1:38 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** notice of comment

I urge you to allow out of state attorneys to represent Water Protectors during their trial.

Gwenn-Aël LYNN

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**From:** Gwenn-Aël Lynn <gwennafoxe@yahoo.fr>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 1:43 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** notice of comment

Dear, Penny Miller, Clerk North Dakota Supreme Court

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**From:** Holly Barrington Alarcon <hollyberryred@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 2:03 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Out of state lawyers

Dear Ms Miller,

I urge you to okay the use of out-of-state lawyers for the Water Protectors. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Holly Alarcon  
Austin, Texas

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**From:** Kristin Olsen-Iemus <olskri4444@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 4:54 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** In the Matter of a Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota

I am writing in regards to the link copied below. I hope that the court of the great state of North Dakota will allow for outside legal counsel temporarily to provide enough lawyers to insure justice is served. Thank you for considering this important measure.

Kristin Olsen

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IN THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

NOTICE OF COMMENT

Supreme Court No. 20160436

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**In the Matter of a Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota**

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[¶ 1] On December 14, 2016, a Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from Outside North Dakota, affidavit of William L. Tilton, Exhibits, and proposed order were filed. The petition is available at <http://www.ndcourts.gov/Court/Notices/Notices.htm>. Individuals who do not have internet access may contact the Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court to obtain a copy of the proposal. The Court considered the matter, and

[¶ 2] **ORDERED**, any person wishing to comment on the proposed amendments may do so in writing no later than **4:00 p.m., Friday, December 30, 2016**. Written comments may be e-mailed to Penny Miller, Clerk of the Supreme Court, at [supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov](mailto:supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov), or addressed to 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505-0530.

[¶ 4] The Supreme Court of the State of North Dakota, with the

Honorable Gerald W. VandeWalle, Chief Justice, and the Honorable Dale V. Sandstrom, the Honorable Carol Ronning Kapsner, the Honorable Daniel J. Crothers, and the Honorable Lisa Fair McEvers, Justices, directed the Clerk of the Supreme Court to enter the above order.

Dated: December 15, 2016

Penny Miller  
Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

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**From:** Andrea Inocencio <a.inocencio@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 5:42 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Protect the Water Protectors

Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

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Please help all parties ensure that defendents are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

**A n d r e a I n o c ê n c i o**

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**From:** Carina Gustafsson <1073gustafsson@telia.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:27 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** ATTN: Mrs Penny Miller, Clerk, North Dakota Supreme Court

ATTN: Mrs Penny Miller, Clerk North Dakota Supreme Court

Good Greetings!

I hope this message reaches you well.

I would like to submit to You, my comments regarding:

### **Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.**

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Respectfully submitted by

Carina Gustafsson, Intl coordiantor Urbergsgruppen Sweden



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**From:** Maia Rodriguez-Semp <rodriguez.semp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 7:44 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Re: Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from Outside North Dakota – Supreme Court No. 20160436

Dear Ms. Miller:

I am writing in full and unqualified support of the *Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services* that was filed on December 14, 2016. It makes a compelling argument for the need and the Court's ability to permit out of state, qualified defense attorneys to practice temporarily in North Dakota. The North Dakota judicial system is taxed beyond what is reasonable due to the hundreds of criminal cases stemming from the events at Standing Rock. The governor has already declared a state of emergency to activate the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) to utilize personnel from other states. It is consistent with his declaration for the North Dakota Supreme Court to take similar emergency measures to ensure that the rights guaranteed by the North Dakota state and US federal constitutions are upheld. This is not possible unless the Court intervenes swiftly and robustly to utilize lawyers from other states.

I understand that over forty cases are scheduled for January 5, 2017 and there are scores of defendants both indigent and not indigent who have been unable to obtain legal counsel in North Dakota. The right of all defendants to adequate and effective counsel undergirds the guarantees of a fair and speedy trial, due process and equal protection that constitute the cornerstones of the rule of law. I urge the Court to grant permission for legal services to be provided by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota as soon as possible.

Maia Rodriguez-Semp

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**From:** Jesse Beardslee <jessecreates@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 8:44 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Out of State Representation Comment

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Thank you.

Jesse Junko Beardslee  
Themis and Thread  
Justifiable fashions made in The United States of America  
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even the tiniest drop in the bucket creates a ripple effect

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**From:** all one <allonesame@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 9:09 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** WPLC letter in support of allowing outside attorneys to represent water protectors

To: Penny Miller, Clerk of the Supreme Court  
[supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov](mailto:supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov)  
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505-0530

From: Ms. Josie Irvine via her email [allonesame@gmail.com](mailto:allonesame@gmail.com)  
11 Edgeclift Road  
Towson, MD 21286

December 26, 2016

Honorable North Dakota Supreme Court,

Whereas, the pool of attorneys may be dwindling in the good state of North Dakota and to give justice a fair and expedient hearing, and  
Whereas, the defendants may be from out-of-state or have relations with and support from out-of-state attorneys, and  
Whereas, The Honorable North Dakota Supreme Court has asked for public opinion on the matter, as a citizen of the United States of America, I humbly request the court please allow outside attorneys from other states represent water protectors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Josie Irvine  
Towson, MD

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**From:** Carrie Jordan <carrie.jdan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 9:18 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Legal services from outside ND

Regarding the matter of a petition to permit temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota:

I urge that the petition be granted so that all defendants charged with any No DAPL actions be granted due process.

Thank you

Carrie Jordan  
5630 W 38th Ave Unit B  
Wheat Ridge, CO 80212

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Carrie Jordan  
M- 203.858.3094  
S- ceejay213  
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**From:** Papa G <gprendiz@live.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 9:28 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** DAPL

Not only should you allow out of state Legal help, you should also press charges on Morton County Police Department. The crimes that the police did are beyond human belief. Do what is right. Water is Life. This may be our last chance to get this right.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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**From:** Kulsoom Shah <shah.kulsoom@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 9:46 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** WPLC Petition

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the WPLC petition to ease rules for out-of-state attorneys as the people who were arrested related to the Standing Rock water protection camps deserve legal representation and the North Dakota Legal System cannot provide them this service due to an overstrained system as well as conflict of interest.

I also support the WPLC in calling for the resignation or dismissal of Acting Morton County State's Attorney Ladd Erickson after he filed a motion to hold indigent Water Protectors liable to repay the state for their court-appointed lawyers.

Thank you,  
Kulsoom Shah  
Houston, Texas

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**From:** Christin Dahl <dahlschance@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 10:30 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** court system is currently strained

Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

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**From:** Dave <nmbarranca@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 10:34 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** lawyers for Water Protector Legal Collective

Clerk of the Supreme Court,  
Ms. Penny Miller,

Please examine the WPLC situation so as to encourage means of legal representation for all. Please use your authority to adjust state rulings to allow qualified out-of-state lawyers to access this emergency condition. And to provide emergency funding for the public defender system.

US Citizens are guaranteed legal representation by the Constitution and all government entities are bound by this. Technicalities to restrict, limit or take away the rights of American citizens are in opposition to the US Constitution. That would include slanderous wording in official documents by the State Attorney.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of these fundamental issues. We in New Mexico are also part of the Western USA that are learning the crucial value of our natural water supplies.

Sincerely,  
Dave Chamberlin

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**From:** Cheryl Johnson <cjohnson5777@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 10:35 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Standing Rock

Dear Sir or Madame,

I am so concerned about the upcoming trials of Indigenous Peoples who have no representation due to conflict of interest of practicing attorneys in North Dakota or a shortage of attorneys to represent them. Everyone is innocent until proven guilty and have a right to representation under the law. Please allow out of State attorneys to take on some of these cases to insure all have full representation as these cases are heard. I have full confidence that North Dakota will allow all who have been charged with crimes to be fully represented as our American Constitution outlines. I implore you to insure that everyone charged with a crime is legally represented.

Thank you for your attention to this vitally important matter.

Cheryl Johnson

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**From:** Kundi Hess <kundeye@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 10:38 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office; Fredda Hess  
**Subject:** Outside Lawyers to Represent ND Water Protectors

I am writing voicing my opinion concerning allowing outside Lawyers to represent ND water protectors. I think in order for them to have adequate representation this should be allowed. I will state it again.... Yes to allowing lawyers outside ND to represent Nd Water Protectors.

For the Water Protectors to get the best and fair representation in North Dakota I believe they will need outside representation for a non-bias perception on the cases.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely, Fredda Hess PsyD  
California

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**From:** snarkhunter@cox.net  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 10:44 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Water Protectors Need Legal Council

It is vitally important that Water Protectors be allowed to look outside the state of North Dakota for legal counsel.

The shortage of attorneys in North Dakota cannot allow 550 defendants to go without legal counsel. Defendants SHOULD NOT be allowed to make appearances without legal counsel.

Thank you.

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**From:** Withstand With Wolves <thepack@withstandwithwolves.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 10:47 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Out of State Representation for Water Protectors

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

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Sincerely,

Withstand With Wolves Collective  
[www.withstandwithwolves.com](http://www.withstandwithwolves.com)

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From  
*Ann-Mari Frank SWEDEN*

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**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 10:56 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** DAPL

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**From:** Elizabeth Lemke <ealemke13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 10:57 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Lawyers

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Thank you.

Elizabeth Lemke  
Owner E.L. Photography

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**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 10:57 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 20160436

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Thank you.  
Christine Titus

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**From:** carol waggie <csw1961@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 10:54 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** petition to permit out of state legal services

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Thank you.

Have a great day

Carol Waggie

## Supreme Court Clerk's Office - Keller, Heather

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**From:** Bernadette Hood <bernadette.hood@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 11:00 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Attn: Penny Miller, Clerk of the Supreme Court

Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

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Thank you.

Bernadette Hood  
14 N Franklin St. #411  
Montpelier, VT 05602

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When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace. Jimi Hendrix

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**From:** Rose Madsen <hrosemadsen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:20 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** legal representation for water protectors at Standing Rock

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North Dakota Supreme Court

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Thank you.,

Rose Madsen

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**From:** Linda A. Noble <la7noble@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:20 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 20160436

Dear Madame Clerk,

I would like to express my support of the Petition to permit legal services to be provided by attorneys outside the state of North Dakota. It is important that all persons receive adequate legal representation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Linda A. Noble

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*ATA Certified, Russian => English*  
[www.nobletranslation.com](http://www.nobletranslation.com)

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**From:** Matthew Kuzma <matthew.kuzma@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:22 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Case number 20160436

The needs of due process and the general acceptance of Pro Had Vice representation indicate that you should accept out of state representation for defendants in the Dakota Access Pipeline cases.

-Matt Kuzma

## Supreme Court Clerk's Office - Keller, Heather

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**From:** lois barnett <earthspring5@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:24 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

To: Penny L. Miller, Clerk of the North Dakota Supreme Court.  
Judicial Wing, First Fl, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505-0530

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Lois Barnett

360 385 6877

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**From:** tylersable@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:30 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Out of state lawyers defending those accused in ND

Dear Ms. Miller and members of the Court,

As attorneys, I'm sure you are more familiar than I am with the importance of adequate legal representation for the accused. It's a key element of the fairness and justice that makes America the greatest nation on Earth.

All over America, we have seen news of the numerous arrests related to the protests against the Dakota Access Pipeline. We're aware of the "unprecedented burden" these arrests have placed on Morton County's justice system. The same supply and demand system governs access to defense for the accused.

Please support the WPLC's petition to ensure that all those accused have access to fair representation. It's the American way.

Thank You,  
Tyler Sable  
Madison, WI

## Supreme Court Clerk's Office - Keller, Heather

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**From:** samthevegan@gmail.com on behalf of Sam Waldbaum <Sam.Waldbaum@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:30 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota

I am a concerned citizen, closely following and documenting the legal process for the 500+ arrested in relation to Dakota Access pipeline protests.

I think it is clear that the public defenders will not be able to handle the caseload within a timely manner unless accepting help from outside the state. Please permit outside lawyers to come in to North Dakota and defend clients as they would like to do.

Sam Waldbaum  
12/26/2016

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**From:** Christopher Meekins <iammeek@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:31 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office

**To:**  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

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Thank you.

Thank you for letting me serve you!

Chris Meekins

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**From:** Johanna R <johannaruth@crocker.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:32 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Legal services for those arrested related to Dakota Access Pipe Line

Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

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Thank you.

Johanna Ruth  
Northampton, Massachusetts

## Supreme Court Clerk's Office - Keller, Heather

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**From:** Lori Davis <kalisa232@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:32 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Penny Miller Clerk

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk

North Dakota Supreme Court

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Thank you.

Lori Davis

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** Dave Duncan <daveduncan05@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:11 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Out of State Attorneys Necessary

Hello,

There were a great number of Water Protectors unfairly arrested at Standing Rock, ND, and it's incumbent on the court system to make sure each one has legal representation. Since there is not sufficient numbers of attorneys available in ND, it is essential ( and fair) that out of state legal representation be allowed to represent individuals on trial in ND. Please insure this is allowed to proceed.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,  
David L. Duncan  
US Citizen  
615-429-4842  
Sent from my iPhone

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** Jillian McGrath <gowiththehoneyflow@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:09 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 20160436

In the matter of a petition to permit temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota

I urge that the petition be granted so that all defendants charged with NoDAPL actions be granted due process.

Thank you,  
Jillian McGrath  
69 Narragansett Ave, Portsmouth, RI 02871  
401-523-6612

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**From:** Nancy Gold <moo.moo@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:08 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Concerning Supreme Court No. 20160436

Dear Penny Miller,

I am not a North Dakota resident however I would like to send you my comment that I totally support the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from Outside North Dakota, which will be considered by the court. Even though it may not seem like it, this is an issue of justice that does affect all U.S. citizens. The Standing Rock water protectors are doing all of us a service of protecting our environment and deserve the best possible legal representation available.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Gold  
938 Massachusetts Ave.  
Cambridge, MA

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**From:** rusticami@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:01 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Penny Miller,

Penny Miller, Hi

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Thank you.

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**From:** Tina Busker <tbusker@bgcdv.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:00 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Water Protectors

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

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Thank you.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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**From:** Angela E <afeban11@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 5:56 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 20160436

In the matter of a petition to permit temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota:

I wish this petition be granted in order that all defendants charged in the #NoDAPL actions be granted due process.

Angela Ebanks  
722 Hyannie Street NE  
Palm Bay, FL 32907  
347-996-6543

## Hulm, Petra

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**From:** Kellie Berns <kelbelove@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 5:53 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** out-of-state lawyers to represent Water Protectors

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the water protectors who are now being put on trail for their various charges. After reading quite a bit of information I am very concerned that they are not receiving a fair trial for many reasons. First I would like to ask that the State's Attorney Erickson be replaced by someone who is not biased and slanderous in the courtroom. He has set out to use slanderous words and harmful rhetoric to defame the Water Protector defendants, their lawyers and supporters, and undermine the legitimacy of the Standing Rock encampment and concern over the DAPL. What each person did was not meant to harm the greater good; in fact it was out of general and deep concern for the rights to clean water for everyone down stream from the river crossing of the Pipeline. Please consider that they were putting their freedom on the line for the greater good, and for that reason deserve a fair trial. Please consider replacing Erickson with a State Attorney who is not biased on the issue at hand. Please take a close look at whether his prosecutorial conduct has tainted the jury pool and prevented a fair trial to the point that the Water Protectors' cases must be dismissed.

Also I and many others are very concerned that the water protectors on trail are not being appointed a state public defender and that Erickson filed a motion to hold indigent Water Protectors liable to repay the state for their court appointed lawyers, while belittling and calling the Water Protectors "props" and their movement a "protracted manufactured spectacular." This is completely unconstitutional. Already the State of North Dakota has acted in abusive and illegal ways turning excessive force against nonviolent protestors, making a skeptical of its police force and state government in the eyes of the world. Denying the water protectors a fair trial is only another step down this unjust path. This seems against everything our justice department in this country stands for.

According to the National Lawyers Guild, "On December 14, citing the existing emergency in the South-Central Judicial District, WPLC requested a temporary amendment to state rules that would ease requirements for temporary admission to practice law in the state. Under current rules, out-of-state lawyers must either apply on a case-by-case basis or make a full application from a state whose law license North Dakota recognizes.

"Denying Water Protectors their constitutional rights to counsel is a far more serious barrier to justice than concrete slabs across a highway," said William Tilton, WPLC lawyer. "We filed to call on the Supreme Court to recognize this judicial emergency and open the courts to qualified criminal lawyers who are standing by to help."

I would like to echo my encouragement that water protectors should have fair trial and be provided with out-of-state lawyers, free of cost, to defend their case.

Thank you, and I know in the name of truth and justice you will do what is right,

Kellie Berns

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## Hulm, Petra

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**From:** Kyle Roberts <kroberts65@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 5:49 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Out of state representation request

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk

North Dakota Supreme Court

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Thank you.

Kyle Roberts

## Hulm, Petra

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**From:** Malia Schroeder <minnesotamalia@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 5:48 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Water Protectors in North Dakota

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

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**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** Dianne Monroe <dart51@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 5:48 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Allow out-of-state lawyers to represent Water Protectors for their trials

To PennyMiller  
Clerk of the Supreme Court  
Bismark, ND

I'm writing to urge the Supreme Court of North Dakota to allow out of state lawyers to represent Water Protectors at their trials.

In the US we have the proud tradition of upholding each person's right to a fair trial. In the case of the Water Protectors especially, the issue has received so much attention, nationally and internationally. In one sense, the whole world will be watching how these trials are conducted. I understand there is a shortfall of public defenders and Lawyers sufficient to cover the number, range, and magnitude of arrests resulting from the months of Water Protectors activities.

In this case, to insure a fair trial, in which each defendant has adequate representation, it seems imperative that out of state lawyers be allowed to represent Water Protector defendants.

Thank you for considering this option, to ensure a well functioning legal situation in our democracy.

Dianne Monroe,  
Santa Rosa, CA

## Hulm, Petra

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**From:** Joss Thomas <overthemoongoats@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 5:42 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 20160436

Re: In the matter of a petition to permit temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota

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**Hulm, Petra**

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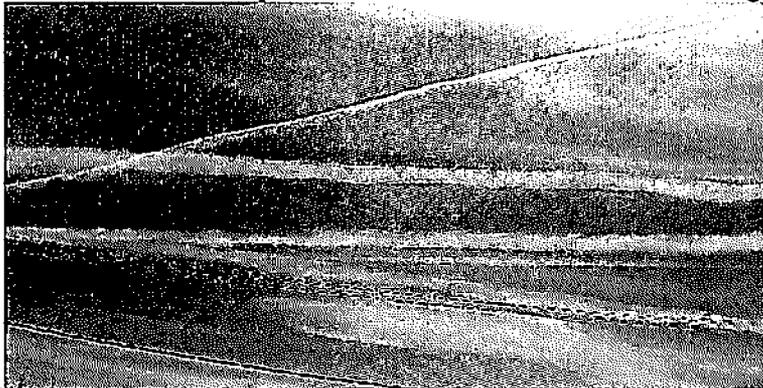
**From:** Chaplain Kenneth Newlin <anadvancedassemblyofgod@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 5:41 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Taking Public comment on weather to allow out of state lawyers to represent water protectors for their trials

To the North Dakota Supreme Court taking public comment on weather to allow out of state lawyers to represent water protectors for their trials.

We know these people are here representing the people living down stream from this pipe line known for its leaks. Lawyers then from other places must be able to represent those representing the others from these other areas. This is a Continental issue as the water goes down to the gulf and this pipeline crosses the Canadian border. The people must have legal council that will represent them fairly and we all know there is no fairness in a monopoly of lawyers with conflict of interest as well as a government appointed lawyers unfit to put in the proper time this case needs for justice to prevail under Treaties U.S. Government laws, State laws and to be watchful under the UN as well.

If we turn our backs on justice the darkness we draw on ourselves will eat us all no matter where the money comes from it is intentionally poisoning our land and water. You are criminalizing those who appose it because they are trying to save the planet from the money hungry banks strangling this country with their monopoly on the whole oil industry. They guilty of more murder on this planet then any other corporation that ever existed and if you do not let Lawyers from other states to represent those who request them one can only conclude that those on the Court must as well be paid off by these Corporations { For note: it will be seen as such and could never be proven it is not }

When do we value life over oil? People must stand against this and the atrocities of the intentional poisoning of them with Biological and Chemical Aerosols sprayed from the skies above the camp sites. Witnessed not only by all those on the camp sites from around the Globe but the goon squad as well was



sprayed.

Sincerely, Dr. Chaplain. Kenneth Raymond Newlin.

## Hulm, Petra

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**From:** Geraldine Azambre <g\_azambre@yahoo.fr>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 5:40 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota

Penny Miller, Clerk  
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Thank you.

### **"The time is always right to do what is right" - Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Thanks to everybody who signed for Iris. sadly, beautiful Iris died on March 28th, 2003, but her son is still alive and thousand of others need our help. Please help the fight : <http://www.dolphinproject.org/>

Merci a tout ceux qui ont signe pour Iris. malheureusement, jolie Iris est decedee le 28 mars 2003, son fils est toujours vivant et des milliers de dauphins ont besoin de notre aide. Merci de votre soutien : <http://www.dolphinproject.org/>

## Hulm, Petra

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**From:** Ariel Thomas <arielrt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 5:38 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 20160436

Re: In the matter of a petition to permit temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota

I urge that the petition be granted so that all defendants charged with NoDAPL actions be granted due process.

Thank you,  
Ariel R. Thomas  
249 Thayer Road, Whitefield ME 04353  
207-458-1954

Sent from my iPhone

## Hulm, Petra

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**From:** Michael Hurwicz <mhurwicz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 5:34 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota

To: Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

Dear Ms. Miller,

I am writing to let you know that I strongly support the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota. Allowing this legal representation is critically important at this time.

I am very concerned about the wellbeing of my Native American friends and many others who are facing legal charges as a result of trying to protect the water of millions of Americans.

I live in Washington State, but I appreciate that their efforts are not just for people in North Dakota and not just for people who live further south along the Missouri River. Here, too, we are struggling to protect our waters. People across our country are trying to protect their water, air and homes from being polluted. We are very often not represented by those funded by our tax dollars to represent us in the government. We are left with no choice but to put our bodies in harm's way. And we deserve legal protection for protecting our homes, the air we have to breathe, and the water that is so essential to our health and our very lives.

I understand that so many people have been arrested in relation to the Dakota Access pipeline situation that additional counsel from out of state is needed in order for them all to have adequate representation.

These good, courageous people deserve and must have a fair trial. So I urge you to do everything in your power to see that each and every one is represented by an excellent, qualified attorney, whether that attorney lives in North Dakota or not. Thus, I am asking the North Dakota Supreme Court to accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

This is an urgent matter and one of great concern to me and many people I know here in Washington State and around the U.S.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Michael Hurwicz

## Hulm, Petra

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**From:** caitlinspirit@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 5:33 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Permit for Provision of Legal Services outside NDakota

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court  
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There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

These defendants, self-identified as Water Protectors, deserve fair trials and I am concerned that due to the reasons stated above, the North Dakota court system is currently strained in its capacity to ensure that defendants receive these fair trials.

As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

Caitlin Flynn  
Cottonwood, AZ 86326

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**From:** Dawn Heidegger <dawnslistings@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 5:26 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Penny miller, Clerk

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court  
The follow is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.  
There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.  
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As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.  
Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.  
Thank you,  
DRHeidegger

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**From:** Peggy Martin <oldcrow2643@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 5:17 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from Outside of North Dakota

Ms. Penny Miller, Clerk,  
North Dakota Supreme Court

Dear Ms Miller,

The following is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

These defendants, self-identified as Water Protectors, deserve fair trials and I am concerned that due to the reasons stated above, the North Dakota court system is currently strained in its capacity to ensure that defendants receive these fair trials.

As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
M. Peggy Martin  
Attica, Indiana

## Hulm, Petra

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**From:** Carrie Piccard <worleygrl@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 5:15 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Regarding Petition 20160436

Dear Ms. Miller,

I'm writing in support of the petition to temporarily allow out of state attorneys to defend the water protesters who were arrested at Standing Rock. I understand that the ND judicial system is overwhelmed with an unprecedented burden due to the number of arrests at Standing Rock. I believe it is in the best interests of the state to take this temporary measure to relieve a portion of the burden to the court system.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Carrie Piccard

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**From:** lolly be <lollybehealing@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 5:04 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Justice

Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

The follow is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

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As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** Katiegrace Youngsma <kg79z28@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 4:57 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 20160436

To whom in may concern;

In the matter of a petition to permit temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota

I urge that the petition be granted so that all defendants charged with NoDAPL actions be granted due process.

Thank you,  
Katiegrace Dudley

1 SW Main St. Apt. B

Douglas, MA 01516

774-280-2535

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**From:** Genie <forte2@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 27, 2016 4:57 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** North Dakota Court Defense Attorneys

Judges handling these cases, and making the decisions for these cases.  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

Before reading the below, may I say I understand the enormous job and work this is for everyone in North Dakota. I also feel, this is something that is greatly important for everyone's freedom in this country.

The following is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

These defendants, self-identified as Water Protectors, deserve fair trials and I am concerned that due to the reasons stated above, the North Dakota court system is currently strained in its capacity to ensure that defendants receive these fair trials.

As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you for your work and efforts.  
S. Forte

## Hulm, Petra

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**From:** Dean Powell <dean.powell1960@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 4:56 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Water Protectors - Future Court Hearings/FairTrials

Dear Penny Miller, Clerk of the North Dakota Supreme Court,

The following is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

It is my understanding that there is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested.

Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

These defendants, self-identified as Water Protectors, deserve fair trials and I am concerned that due to the reasons stated above, the North Dakota court system is currently strained in its capacity to ensure that defendants receive these fair trials. This cannot go on as this is unfair. I am also aware that the world is watching what is going on and this is putting the legal system in North Dakota in a bad light.

As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota. Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court. Anything less would be highly inappropriate and unacceptable.

Yours Sincerely

Dean Powell

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**From:** Judy Brinks <twojays13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 4:51 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** attorneys

Dear Clerk Miller,

Amnesty International USA is taking this opportunity to submit comments to the Supreme Court of North Dakota regarding the issue of allowing out of state attorneys to represent those who have been charged with crimes while protesting the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). We urge the Supreme Court to allow out of state attorneys to represent those people facing trial for their involvement in opposing the DAPL either as public defenders for those who cannot afford to pay for an attorney or for those who can afford an attorney but are unable to secure one within the state.

According to reports, the public defender system in North Dakota is struggling to handle the case load stemming from the more than 500 arrests related to protests of the DAPL. The petition that was submitted to the Court notes that 79 attorneys have been assigned as public defenders for 265 cases, while an additional 264 people are listed without counsel. Furthermore, it is reported that private attorneys in the state either cannot or will not be able to fill the needs of those seeking representation. Other public defenders within the state of North Dakota may be limited from taking on more of these cases due to the conspiracy charges that were filed in several of these cases.

More generally, Amnesty International USA remains concerned regarding the charges brought against the Dakota Access protesters, including those for conspiracy. We previously wrote to the Morton County Sheriff's and State Attorney's offices regarding charges for trespassing that were brought against a member of the media who was acting in her role of covering the protests that took place on 3 September 2016 and making that information available to the public. Even though the charges were eventually dismissed, the act of bringing charges could be perceived as an attempt by authorities to discourage further reporting of other protests of the DAPL. While Amnesty International cannot speak to the specifics of each individual currently facing charges and awaiting trial in Morton County, we feel it is imperative that individuals have access to representation during these proceedings in order to determine the validity of and mount a proper challenge to the charges filed. Should the Supreme Court decide to deny this current petition, defendants may be forced to represent themselves pro se or face undue delays while waiting for an attorney in North Dakota that doesn't have a conflict of interest to be retained. Not only would this violate international standards on the right to a fair trial, but it could also be construed as being unconstitutional.

Everyone deprived of their liberty or facing a possible criminal charge has the right to the assistance of a lawyer to protect their rights and to help in their defense. Under international human rights law and standards, the right to a lawyer generally means that a person has the right to legal counsel of their choice. Because of the importance of trust and confidence between those accused and their lawyers, the accused has the right to choose who will represent him or her. There must be a reasonable and objective basis for restrictions on choosing counsel, which should be open to challenge before a court. If the person does not have a lawyer of their choice, they have the right to effective, qualified assigned counsel, when the interests of justice require. The assigned counsel must be free of charge if the person cannot afford to pay.

The assistance of counsel is a primary means of protecting the human rights of people accused of criminal offences, and in particular their right to fair trial. Whether or not individuals are assisted by a lawyer often determines whether or not they can participate in legal proceedings in a meaningful way. States must provide sufficient resources to ensure the availability, throughout the country, of adequate and effective appointed legal counsel for those charged with criminal offences. This is essential to ensure the right to a fair trial without discrimination, the right to equality before the courts, the right of those accused to defend themselves, and the principle of equality of arms. Lastly, everyone charged with a criminal offence has the right to be tried without undue delay. The length of time judged reasonable will depend on the circumstances of the case.

The State Bar of North Dakota has the ability to ensure that out of state attorneys are properly licensed and in good standing in the state where they practice. Therefore, for all of the reasons contained herein, Amnesty International USA urges the Court to approve of this petition as a matter of justice for those accused of crimes related to their protesting activities in North Dakota.

Sincerely,

Judy Brinks

a person who is shocked what n dakota has done to other human beings an enjoying it with the smiles and the nasty remarks - give them good lawyers

## Hulm, Petra

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**From:** C. Farber <cfbruyere@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 4:40 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** My Opinion Concerning Allowing Outside Lawyers to Represent ND Water Protectors.

I am writing voicing my opinion concerning allowing outside Lawyers to represent ND water protectors. I think in order for them to have proper and unbiased representation this should be allowed especially since many lawyers are not wanting to represent Water Protectors. I will state it again....Yes to allowing lawyers outside ND to represent Nd Water Protectors.Thank you very much.

Carolyn

## Hulm, Petra

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**From:** john.harris@colchester-creek.net  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 4:38 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Notice of Comment re Supreme Court No. 20160436 - Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this petition.

To date more than 500 people have been arrested whilst endeavoring to protect the river waters near, and water supply to, the Standing Rock reservation area; the protectors' action being forced by the relocation of the Dakota Access Pipe Line away from the Bismarck area due to the very same fears within the Bismarck community re pipeline security and water safety.

At present, almost one half of those 500 arrested stand without qualified legal representation, and a half of that number have had their claim for representation denied.

Given the scarcity of available public defenders within the court's jurisdiction, we respectfully urge the court to allow amendment of the rules concerning the temporary provision of legal service from those otherwise qualified to stand but residing out of the state.

These qualified and experienced lawyers stand ready to immediately represent these defendants. In the name of full and equal justice before the law we respectfully urge the court to adopt these temporary amendments and so allow these defendants representation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

**John R Harris** PhD FRSA

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**From:** yethbrewery <yethbrewery@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 4:35 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 20160436

**Re: In the matter of a petition to permit temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota**

I urge that the petition be granted so that all defendants charged with NoDAPL actions be granted due process.

Thank you,

-Kiara Dudley  
1 SW Main St.  
Douglas, MA 01516  
401-419-3558

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**From:** Traci Hernden <tracihernden@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 4:16 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Water protectors

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

The follow is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

These defendants, self-identified as Water Protectors, deserve fair trials and I am concerned that due to the reasons stated above, the North Dakota court system is currently strained in its capacity to ensure that defendants receive these fair trials.

As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** allan deheretic <deheretic@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 4:14 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Representation

All people have the right to representation

Apparently you do not have enough lawyers to represent the people your sheriff is charging.

allowing outside attorneys is a realistic solution to the problem of representation. Failure to provide adequate representation is going to dig you in deeper than you all ready are..

but due as you choose you are being watched internationally and your rating at this point is not good.

sincerely

Allan H

Avoid Doing Harm

## Hulm, Petra

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**From:** Linda Anchondo <mjcjla@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 4:04 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court, #20160436

Dear North Carolina courts. I am writing about the petition to permit temporary provisions of legal services to qualified attorneys from outside North Carolina for the water protectors. I wish the petition to be granted . It is only fair that all the defendants charge in the NoDAPL actions be given their fair rights as Americans. They need their due process. The world is watching

Thank you for hearing me.  
Linda Anchondo  
4910 east Mercer way  
Mercer Island, WA 98040  
425-369-1620

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**From:** Julian Genette <julian@lovecity.love>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 3:47 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Please Allow Out-of-State Representation for Water Protectors

Penny,

Good afternoon and Happy Holidays! I'm writing today in support of the Water Protectors.

Please help ensure that they get ample legal support in their fight for clean water for all. I am in full support of allowing out-of-state lawyers to represent Water Protectors in their trials.

Please help make this a reality. I can't be there in person, but I want my support to be heard.

Many thanks,

Julian Genette  
[julian@lovecity.love](mailto:julian@lovecity.love)  
LoveCityLove Executive Team  
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**From:** Annie Lauren <415andreal@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 3:47 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 20160436

Ms. Penny Miller,

Re: Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota

I wish that this petition be granted in order that all defendants charged in the actions related to the Standing Rock Water Protectors be granted due process. Qualified legal representation is a right that should be granted to all citizens, out-of-state included.

Andrea Lauden  
2107 E Union St  
Seattle, WA

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**From:** DIANA CROW-WHEEL <dianavirgo@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 3:36 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Attention Penny Miller/ Standing Rock

Dear Ms. Miller,

I am writing in to regards to allowing out-of-state attorneys to represent the water protectors.

As a retired educator and parent I deeply care about our country.

Upholding our Constitution and Amendments rights are critically crucial now.

This is the reason I went to Standing Rock, twice to journalize the events in Morton county.

A speedy and fair trial is what I am concerned about and know that Morton county will uphold these laws in a fair and professional way.

Thank-you for your attention to this matter.

Diana Crow-Wheel  
32 KENOSHA Circle  
Divide, Colorado 80814

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**From:** Artist <igigconsult@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 3:35 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Request Petition for out-of-state attorneys for fair representation of DAPL Water Protectors

Ms. Miller, Clerk of the Supreme Court,

I am submitting public comment by way of this email to support the Petition submitted to temporarily allow out-of-state attorneys to represent those facing hearings from arrest at the Dakota Access Pipeline site.

"This Court should order a temporary amendment to the Admission to Practice Rules pursuant to N.D.R. Proc. R. § 3. Such amendment would allow criminal defendants whose arrest arose out of the Dakota Access Pipeline ("DAPL") dispute to be fully represented by qualified attorneys, while still enjoying their right to a speedy trial. [¶]. There is an unprecedented burden placed on the State's Court system and at the same time the Fifth and Sixth Amendment rights entitle those facing charges to be fairly represented and by a counsel of their choice. It is the duty of the Supreme Court to assure the preservation of constitutional rights to all persons in North Dakota.

Respectfully submitted,

*Inéz Garcia*

[igigconsult@gmail.com](mailto:igigconsult@gmail.com) (415) 488-3101, Marin County, CA

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**From:** Brenda <bleehanson@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 3:33 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Petition to allow out of state attorneys to defend "water protectors."

Supreme Court of the State of North Dakota  
Attn: Penny Miller, Clerk of the Supreme Court  
600 E. Boulevard Avenue  
Bismark, ND 58505-0530

December 26, 2016

Dear Clerk Penny Miller,

As a concerned citizen appalled at the treatment of peaceful protesters being slapped with civil disobedience charges to the extreme, I am writing to request you take the steps to allow licensed, qualified, out of state attorneys to represent these individuals to assure they have access to representation to determine the validity and mount a proper challenge to the charges filed.

The ridiculousness of North Dakota courts refusing to allow the defendants to present their evidence at trial (which clearly proves which side engaged in civil disobedience,) is a blatant misuse of power and therefore "screams" unconstitutional. We need attorneys to defend these people, attorneys who are already committed to help, but must be allowed into North Dakota.

If you were to review the court cases of news reporters Amy Goodman, Deia Schlosberg and quite a few other unjustly arrested media crews, you will see charges were dismissed. Amy Goodman's team went on to be awarded the UN Correspondents Association gold medal award for coverage of climate change, specifically for their coverage of the resistance to the Dakota Access Pipeline in and around the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North Dakota. There is no lack of proof that the criminals are not the ones currently being targeted with charges.

There were no holds on out of state police officers recruited to come in to help rough up the protesters and there should be equal justice for the defendants with the allowing of out of state attorneys to represent them.

I read that Amnesty International USA urges the court to approve of this petition as a matter of justice for those accused of crimes related to their protesting activities in ND. In my opinion the ND court system is doing their best to strip the protestors of their rights and there are government officials trying to pass new laws to label them as terrorists facing felony charges. As citizens of this country it's our constitutional right to gather in peaceful protest against losing our lands, water sources and human rights. The constitution seems to matter little these days and is slowly being altered and disregarded.

The Rule Of Law is the Rule Of Law and cannot be ignored or changed according to the greed of the moneyed people who have free reign in calling all the shots. Can you not realize how this affects all the people?

Sincerely written by an average heartbroken American citizen,

Brenda Lee Faber

## **Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** Linda Lombardo <lindalombardo@optonline.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 3:32 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Request for out of state legal reps for our 571 water protectors

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this email as a request to ensure that the 571 water protectors receive out of state legal representation.

Water is life and protecting our water is a sacred act.

The following is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

These defendants, self-identified as Water Protectors, deserve fair trials and I am concerned that due to the reasons stated above, the North Dakota court system is currently strained in its capacity to ensure that defendants receive these fair trials.

As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you,  
Linda

Linda Lombardo  
Life Purpose Coach  
Consultant, Designer & Facilitator  
Producer & Host of Voice of Evolution Radio  
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**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** David & Geri <davidgeri@centurylink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 3:08 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** legal representation

Penny Miller, Clerk

North Dakota Supreme Court

Dear Ms. Miller,

I am writing to let you know that I strongly support the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota. Allowing this legal representation is critically important at this time.

I am very concerned about the wellbeing of my Native American friends and many others who are facing legal charges as a result of trying to protect the water of millions of Americans.

I live in Washington State, but I appreciate that their efforts are not just for people in North Dakota and not just for people who live further south along the Missouri River. Here, too, we are struggling to protect our waters. People across our country are trying to protect their water, air and homes from being polluted. We are very often not represented by those funded by our tax dollars to represent us in the government. We are left with no choice but to put our bodies in harm's way. And we deserve legal protection for protecting our homes, the air we have to breathe, and the water that is so essential to our health and our very lives.

I understand that so many people have been arrested in relation to the Dakota Access pipeline situation that additional counsel from out of state is needed in order for them all to have adequate representation.

These good, courageous people deserve and must have a fair trial. So I urge you to do everything in your power to see that each and every one is represented by an excellent, qualified attorney, whether that attorney lives in North Dakota or not. Thus, I am asking the North Dakota Supreme Court to accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

This is an urgent matter and one of great concern to me and many people I know here in Washington State and around the U.S.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

David and Geri Turnoy

Supporters of human rights

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** Sandy OLeary <ravinswhisper2006@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 3:26 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** In regard to the use of out of state attorney's.

Dear Ms Miller,

The words "fair and impartial" have a significant meaning in the judicial court systems, as you are well aware of.

Due to the nature of the water protectors charges, the blatant racism and falsehoods told, these people can not receive a fair and impartial trial.

These reasons alone are enough to necessitate the use of out of state legal representation if there is to be hope of them receiving fair trials, as is their right.

I would truly like to see the state of North Dakota recognize this need and allow lawyers from out of state to represent these people. It's what is the right thing, the moral thing and the legally responsible thing to do.

Thank you for your time,  
S. Fogarty

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** SageRobison, Max <SAGEROBIS@hartford.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 3:25 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Out-Of-State Lawyers

North Dakota Supreme Court,

Growing up in America, one of the values instilled deepest within me was to fight for what I thought was right. We live in a country where people have congregated for a cause time and time again, from the civil rights movement all the way back to this nation's founding. If you are an American who carries a true passion for a cause, I do not think you should be inhibited from providing aid based on the simple premise of what state you live in. The Dakota Access Pipeline has become a national issue, and I think that if out-of-state lawyers want to offer their services to represent the Water Protectors, they should have every right to do so. We all live in the same great country, so please allow us to unify as such. Thank you for being willing to hear from the American people; it speaks volumes that you are even willing to do so. I hope you will consider what I, and I am sure many others, have written to you about.

Sincerely,  
Max Sage-Robison

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**From:** Barbara Ann Levy <balgallery@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 3:18 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Attention: Penny Miller

For many months I have watched the Standing Rock community members both old and young pray by the waterside to protect it and get violently bombarded with bean bag bullets, tear gas, water hoses in 27 degree weather by the Morton County police and DAPL mercenaries and now they are being given a gag rule? They cannot speak about the water? The police? DAPL? WHAT kind of corrupt process will you engage in? This is a kangaroo court if allowed to go forward. These people could not possibly be given a fair hearing. Video artists are being threatened with many years of prison for flying drones making documentary films??This is an abuse of law, not justice at all. These people will I not get a fair trial. They couldn't possibly get one there. Please allow legal representation from out of your state so that justice can be had by all of the water protectors. Thank you in advance.

Barbara Ann Levy  
Long Island, NY

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**From:** Xiomara Bell <xiomara@xmission.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 3:17 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 20160436

Re: In the Matter of a Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota

I urge that the petition be granted so that all defendants charged for any NoDAPL actions be granted due process.

Thank you.

Xiomara Bell

4605 South 600 East  
Murray, UT 84107  
801-699-6771

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**From:** Natalie Menacho <hello@nataliemenacho.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 3:15 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

Dear Ms. Miller,

I am writing to let you know that I strongly support the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota. Allowing this legal representation is critically important at this time.

I am very concerned about the wellbeing of my Native American friends and many others who are facing legal charges as a result of trying to protect the water of millions of Americans.

I live in Washington State, but I appreciate that their efforts are not just for people in North Dakota and not just for people who live further south along the Missouri River. Here, too, we are struggling to protect our waters. People across our country are trying to protect their water, air and homes from being polluted. We are very often not represented by those funded by our tax dollars to represent us in the government. We are left with no choice but to put our bodies in harm's way. And we deserve legal protection for protecting our homes, the air we have to breathe, and the water that is so essential to our health and our very lives.

I understand that so many people have been arrested in relation to the Dakota Access pipeline situation that additional counsel from out of state is needed in order for them all to have adequate representation.

These good, courageous people deserve and must have a fair trial. So I urge you to do everything in your power to see that each and every one is represented by an excellent, qualified attorney, whether that attorney lives in North Dakota or not. Thus, I am asking the North Dakota Supreme Court to accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

This is an urgent matter and one of great concern to me and many people I know here in Washington State and around the U.S.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,  
Natalie Menacho  
Orcas Island, WA

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**From:** Lisa McNamara <pielady@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 3:15 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Water protectors

I am writing voicing my opinion concerning allowing outside Lawyers to represent ND water protectors. I think in order for them to have adequate representation this should be allowed. I will state it again....Yes to allowing lawyers outside ND to represent Nd Water Protectors.

Thank you,

Lisa McNamara

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**From:** Shana Ellison <shana.te.rose@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 3:13 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Allow out of state lawyers to represent Water Protectors for their trial

I am in favor of allowing out of state lawyers to represent Water Protectors for their trials.

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**From:** twila spaar <bookfloozy@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 3:00 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

The follow is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

These defendants, self-identified as Water Protectors, deserve fair trials and I am concerned that due to the reasons stated above, the North Dakota court system is currently strained in its capacity to ensure that defendants receive these fair trials.

As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you. Twila Spaar

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Ellen Chapman <renaissancegal2003@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 2:57 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Independent Legal Counsel for Standing Rock defendants

I am writing to say that I support the petition, issued on December 14, 2016, to permit temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota. The proposed amendments would allow criminal defendants whose arrest arose out of the Dakota Access Pipeline (“DAPL”) dispute to be fully represented by qualified attorneys, while still enjoying their right to a speedy trial.

Sincerely,

Ellen M. Chapman

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**From:** Colleen Kennedy <colleen.kennedy85@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 2:59 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** STANDING ROCK ATTY CHOICE

Dear Penny,

I am writing to you in support of the Standing Rock Lakota Sioux obtaining attorneys outside of the state of North Dakota.

In fact, I support all water protectors charged with a crime being able to obtain and retain their own attorneys from outside of the state of North Dakota. At this time, your state has limited resources and there are case overload issues..critically so. Not to mention, the abundant and obvious discrimination that is happening within this whole situation, which makes it even harder for them to locate and obtain/retain an attorney for fair representation.

Again, I clearly state that anyone defending their case in North Dakota, who wishes to obtain their own legal representation outside of the state of North Dakota, should be allowed to do so.

To not allow them to do so would be a violation of their civil rights to equal and fair representation in these United States.

I thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Colleen Kennedy

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**From:** Rosemary Callahan <rosemary.callahan@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 2:56 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** I support access to independent legal

Hello-

I support **Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.**

**Thank you-**

**Rosemary Callahan**

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**From:** Sharon Abreu <sharmuse@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 2:48 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota

Penny Miller <[supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov](mailto:supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov)>

To:

Penny Miller, Clerk

North Dakota Supreme Court

Dear Ms. Miller,

I am writing to let you know that I strongly support the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota. Allowing this legal representation is critically important at this time.

I am very concerned about the wellbeing of my Native American friends and many others who are facing legal charges as a result of trying to protect the water of millions of Americans.

I live in Washington State, but I appreciate that their efforts are not just for people in North Dakota and not just for people who live further south along the Missouri River. Here, too, we are struggling to protect our waters. People across our country are trying to protect their water, air and homes from being polluted. We are very often not represented by those funded by our tax dollars to represent us in the government. We are left with no choice but to put our bodies in harm's way. And we deserve legal protection for protecting our homes, the air we have to breathe, and the water that is so essential to our health and our very lives.

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This is an urgent matter and one of great concern to me and many people I know here in Washington State and around the U.S.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Sharon Abreu

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Sharon Abreu  
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Eastsound, WA 98245  
(360) 376-5773

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**From:** Philip Frazier <philipfrazier03@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 2:46 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Legal assistance by outside attorneys.

I am writing you today to support the cause for outside of North Dakota, attorneys in the assistance for the water protectors, against the Dapl project. If anyone does not have representatives and faces court, the whole legal process will fail.

Every person, in any state, within the USA, deserves a legal defense, to make a legal argument. If the prosecution does not have enough attys, they will seek assistance. We want every one arrested to follow the Constitution of the United States of America

## Hulm, Petra

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**From:** Lori Morsman <lemorsman2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 2:41 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Notice of Comment 20160436

December 26, 2016

Attention: Penny Miller, Clerk of the Supreme Court, North Dakota

On December 14, citing the existing emergency in the South-Central Judicial District, WPLC requested a temporary amendment to state rules that would ease requirements for temporary admission to practice law in the state. Under current rules, out-of-state lawyers must either apply on a case-by-case basis or make a full application from a state whose law license North Dakota recognizes.

“Denying Water Protectors their constitutional rights to counsel is a far more serious barrier to justice than concrete slabs across a highway,” said William Tilton, WPLC lawyer. “We filed to call on the Supreme Court to recognize this judicial emergency and open the courts to qualified criminal lawyers who are standing by to help.”

To resolve this issue to the just benefit of all parties, I urge this temporary amendment be granted.

Thank you,

Lori E. Morsman  
716 S. Laura ST  
Spokane, WA 99202  
509-475-0759

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**From:** Bryce Henson <bryce.henson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 2:39 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Fwd: Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from Outside North Dakota – Supreme Court No. 20160436

Ms. Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0530  
[supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov](mailto:supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov)

Dear Ms. Miller:

I am writing in full and unqualified support of the *Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services* that was filed on December 14, 2016. It makes a compelling argument for the need and the Court's ability to permit out of state, qualified defense attorneys to practice temporarily in North Dakota. The North Dakota judicial system is taxed beyond what is reasonable due to the hundreds of criminal cases stemming from the events at Standing Rock. The governor has already declared a state of emergency to activate the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) to utilize personnel from other states. It is consistent with his declaration for the North Dakota Supreme Court to take similar emergency measures to ensure that the rights guaranteed by the North Dakota state and US federal constitutions are upheld. This is not possible unless the Court intervenes swiftly and robustly to utilize lawyers from other states.

I understand that over forty cases are scheduled for January 5, 2017 and there are

defendants both indigent and not indigent who have been unable to obtain legal counsel in North Dakota. The right of all defendants to adequate and effective counsel undergirds the guarantees of a fair and speedy trial, due process and equal protection that constitute the cornerstones of the rule of law. I urge the Court to grant permission for legal services to be provided by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota as soon as possible.

Bryce Henson, Ph.D.  
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<http://www.aswadiaspora.org/>

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**From:** John <johndavidmangum@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 2:37 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** You must allow pro hac vice

Greetings,

It is essential that your state court system ensure that all citizens in our country have proper legal representation. To that end, you must allow out-of-state lawyers to defend the constitutional rights of citizens in your state on a pro hac vice basis as needed.

Regards, John Mangum

Sent from my iPhone

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** Jerilynn Radcliffe <jerilynnradcliffe@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 2:37 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 20160436

Honored Court:

I support the provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota. To do so is to protest the civil rights of all U. S. citizens.

Thank you.

Jerilynn Radcliffe  
914 Old Lancaster Road  
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

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**From:** Robin Steele <steelerobin@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 2:35 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Water Protectors and Lawyers

Dear Ms. Miller,

I am writing to strongly express my opinion that the Standing Rock Water Protectors should be entitled to the best possible legal representation in all matters, regardless of where their attorneys may come from.

Plainly stated: YES, lawyers from outside North Dakota should be allowed to represent the Water Protectors.

Sincerely,  
Robin Steele  
Beaverton, Oregon

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**From:** Lucas Nguyen <ljonesvc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 2:28 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Out-of-State Representation

To whom it may concern:

Please allow Water Protectors to be represented by out of state counsel for any and all legal proceedings in which they are involved. Please do not abridge the rights of due process to #NoDAPL Water Protectors.

Sincerely,  
Lucas Nguyen

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**From:** Colleen <grannyk61@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 2:27 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota

To: Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

The follow is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

These defendants, self-identified as Water Protectors, deserve fair trials and I am concerned that due to the reasons stated above, the North Dakota court system is currently strained in its capacity to ensure that defendants receive these fair trials.

As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

Colleen Kelly

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**From:** Beryle Chambers <berlee60@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 2:20 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** In support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

The world is watching and horrified by what we see. People from every corner of the Earth are aware of and watching how poorly the Water Protectors of Standing Rock are being treated. The racist responses, violations of their civil rights and extremely violent militarized police actions against Native Americans are reprehensible and disgusting. It is clear that N. Dakota is a racist state and I believe it cannot guarantee a fair trial for those facing charges. We know that. Just as we know the plan in place is *to deny legal representation to those defendants*.

Therefore the following is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

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As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota. Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

A copy of this letter is being shared over social media to all corners of the globe. Be sure that people are watching and forming opinions about the United States character and whether or not any decent, moral person should do business with the USA. Right now, it's looking pretty bad. The Defund DAPL movement where customers (all over the world) are removing their money from banks funding the pipeline is proof of that. I urge you to consider that majority opinion is not with N. Dakota.

Thank you.

Beryle Chambers

**Canada**

**Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.**

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** Jeff Warner <jeff@develops.software>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 2:20 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** "Yes" to allowing out-of-state legal protection for the Water Protectors.

Hello,

I am writing to inform you that I would very much like to see North Dakota allow out-of-state legal representation for the Dakota Access Pipeline legal situation. I feel that it is unfair to the Water Protectors to assume the legal burden of holding back a massive corporation in an economy that further empowers suppliers against consumers and, in this case, the Water Protectors themselves.

Thank you,  
Jeff Warner  
Pittsburgh, PA

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**From:** Julian Green <jax.green@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 2:19 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** WPLC Petition

Hello Ms Miller, my name is Julian Green.

I am emailing you to express my support for the petition the WPLC has put forward to get your permission to allow out-of-state attorneys to defend the protesters who have been arrested at Standing Rock, North Dakota. As I am sure you are aware, North Dakota's own attorneys have been overloaded with cases due to all the protesters who have been arrested, and this petition would allow the protesters to receive proper legal representation instead of getting an attorney who has too much on their plate as is.

I sincerely hope you and the other members of the North Dakota Supreme Court will be willing to hear my response, as well as the responses of many people who support the WPLC and their proposal.

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** Daniel Nieder <danielnieder@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 2:13 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Please Allow Out-Of-State Attorneys!

Dear Penny Miller,

I am emailing you to voice my support to allow out-of-state attorney's to represent Water Protectors in their upcoming trials. These brave folks deserve fair representation!

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Nieder  
1111 W. Nickerson St  
Seattle, WA 98119

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** Shauna Ayers <randomtechnophile@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 2:11 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 20160436

**Re: In the Matter of a Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota**

I wish this petition be granted in order that all defendants charged in the #NoDAPL actions be granted due process without unnecessary strain on local resources that would cost all parties unnecessary delays and expenses. Defendants among the Water Protectors come from many states, and can help expedite matters by leveraging legal resources with greater bandwidth that are readily available to them.

Shauna Ayers  
2747 Post Street, Jacksonville, FL 32205  
(904) 704-5392

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**From:** Nama Stewart <namasfun@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 2:03 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from Outside North Dakota

Dear judges,

I ask you to please allow lawyers to represent all of the people who have been arrested at standing rock. It is only fair to allow fair representation for all as we struggle to preserve our water, our land, and our freedom of speech in a peaceful manner.

I write to you from Wisconsin where alderwoman Rebecca Kemble was also arrested there. It is important to us in Wisconsin to make sure all people have just and fair representation.

Thank you,  
Gramma Kellie  
715-557-2025

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Corinne Scheman <corinnescheman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 1:57 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** independent council for Standing Rock water protectors

To whom it may concern;

Please take unto consideration that I am yet another person in support of independent council for the Standing Rock water protectors. The Standing Rock water protectors are people putting themselves at risk for ALL Americans. They are doing ALL Americans a great service by making sure that big money does not threaten our water supply, for now and the generations to come. This heroic service they are proving all of us needs to be applauded and awarded, but at minimum, they need access to independent, qualified council.

Thank you for your time and attention,  
Corinne

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**From:** Valrie W <valriek76@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 1:50 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Please allow out of state lawyers to represent...

To: Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

The follow is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry.

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Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Valrie Wyatt

## Hulm, Petra

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**From:** rspiesr@aim.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 1:44 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Allow out of state lawyers

Sirs:

I am writing voicing my opinion concerning allowing outside Lawyers to represent ND water protectors.

I think in order for them to have adequate representation this should be allowed.

I will state it again....Yes to allowing lawyers outside ND to represent ND Water Protectors.

Robert Spies  
Portland, Oregon 97216

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My principle email address remains 'rspiesr@netscape.net' no matter what it says in the 'From: field.

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** Lene <lenegirl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 1:30 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 20160436

Regarding the matter of a petition to permit temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota:

I wish for this petition to be granted and all defendants charged in #NoDAPL to receive due process.

Thank you,  
Charlene Gilbert  
9000 N Lake Dasha Drive, Plantation, FL 33324  
305-298-9742

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** Rachel Johnson <reskaggs@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 1:29 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Allowing Outside Lawyers to Represent Standing Rock Water Protectors.

12-21-2016

Rachel Johnson  
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Penny Miller  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
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[supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov](mailto:supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov)

Dear Supreme Court of North Dakota,

Since September I have witnessed through friends and family, the acts of peaceful protesting of the Dakota Access Pipeline. I have been heart broken by some of the injustices that have taken place. I was more saddened to hear that not everyone would get the representation they deserved because of the overwhelming amount of cases that are going through the North Dakota Justice system. I am writing you to encourage you to allow lawyers from outside of North Dakota to represent those peaceful protesters.

I am a firm believer that everyone deserves equal and fair representation. Your public defenders do not have the time or the man-power to handle all of these cases and give them the attention that they deserve. Also this will allow for unbiased lawyers from other states to represent these Water Protectors. As the North Dakota Supreme Court, you represent the Constitution, part of what gives citizens a fair trial. Part of the free trial is having fair representation. Please consider.

Thanks for your time,



Rachel Johnson.

## Hulm, Petra

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**From:** Chloe C <cckimono@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 1:25 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Yes to allowing lawyers outside ND to represent Nd Water Protectors.

I am writing voicing my opinion concerning allowing outside Lawyers to represent ND water protectors.  
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I will state it again....Yes to allowing lawyers outside ND to represent Nd Water Protectors.  
Chloe Pedersen Cumbow  
Los Angeles, CA

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** Genyphyr <genyphyr1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 1:23 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Call for public opinion on outside attorneys to represent water protectors in North Dakota

Hello Ms Miller,

I am writing voicing my opinion concerning the issue of allowing outside Lawyers to represent ND water protectors. I think in order for them to have adequate representation this should be allowed. It is clear from what is going on there that the system is overloaded, and outside legal representation must be accorded to these defendants so that they can get a fair trial. I will state it again.... Yes to allowing lawyers outside ND to represent Nd Water Protectors.

Thank you,

**Genyphyr Novak**

2140 N Oakley  
Chicago IL 60641

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** Nancy Symmes <nancy.symmes@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 1:20 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** please approve

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Asking you to accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Service by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that the defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank You

Nancy Symmes

342 Summer Street

Franklin, Ma 02038

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**From:** aleciarice@frontier.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 1:11 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Opinion regarding outside lawyers in DAPL situation

Dear Penny Miller~

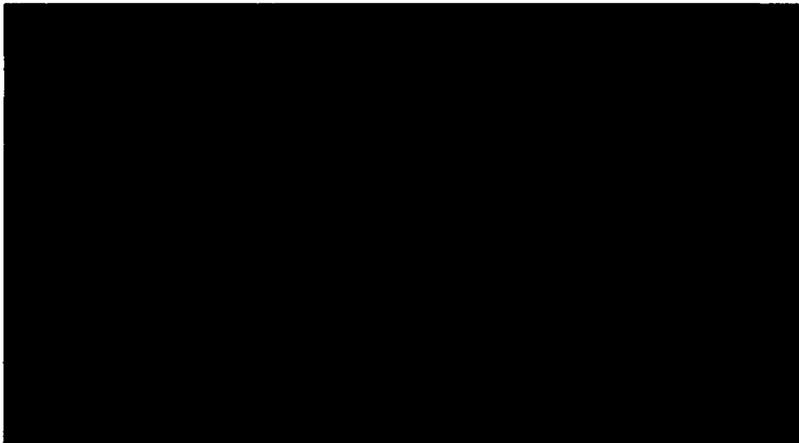
I am writing voicing my opinion concerning allowing outside Lawyers to represent ND water protectors. In order for them to have adequate and timely legal representation, I think it is mandatory that lawyers from outside the state be allowed to represent them.

I'm asking that, YES, they be allowed outside council.

Thank you for hearing my voice.

Alecia Rice

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE December 16, 2016 Contact: Brandy Toelupe, WPLC President: (720) 876-8300 - Btoelupe@tilde...

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**From:** Ann S <dairberner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 1:12 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Water Protector trials

To Whom it May Concern,

I understand you are looking for public comment on whether to allow out of state lawyers to defend the Water Protectors from Standing Rock.

In order to obtain a fair trial, it is imperative that they be able to seek counsel from someone willing and able to defend them, which in many cases, means seeking that representation from outside the state. Justice, imparted in a fair way, calls for facilitating the defendant's ability to obtain that counsel. Please allow them this exercise of this sixth amendment right.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Ann, a believer in the constitution, including the first and sixth amendments

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**From:** Dianna Suarez <suareztribe@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 12:57 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Cc:** Dianna Suarez  
**Subject:** Please allow out-of-state lawyers to represent Water Protectors for their trials.

Dear North Dakota Supreme Court, Please let out-of-state attorneys represent local defendants in their upcoming cases. They need to be given the right to bring attorneys. We have a slew of out-of-state Native attorneys (and allied attorneys) willing to help, but need to be allowed to from out of State. ND Public defenders are in short supply. The handful of attorneys in private practice supportive of this cause are maxed capacity. North Dakota seems backward and racist to the rest of the nation. Letting the outside world in will give ND some transparency and positive exposure to the outside world. It will show that there can be justice in a place like North Dakota. sincerely Dianna Suarea

The Suarez Family Cam, Dianna, Donavon, Jessie and Cruz "Walk tall as the trees, Live strong as the mountains, Be gentle as the spring winds, Keep the summer sun in your heart and the Great Spirit will always be with you."

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**From:** Laura Harrison <naturalmethodyoga@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 12:54 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Petition

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

The follow is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

These defendants, self-identified as Water Protectors, deserve fair trials and I am concerned that due to the reasons stated above, the North Dakota court system is currently strained in its capacity to ensure that defendants receive these fair trials.

As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

**Laura Harrison**  
*Founder of the Natural Yoga Method*

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**From:** pamela geer <pamgeer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 12:37 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Petition to allow out-of-state counsel to represent DAPL defendants

Dear Clerk Miller,

I am writing to urge the North Dakota Supreme Court to allow out-of-state counsel to represent those who have been charged with crime as a result of their protective activities on the land in North Dakota against the extractive and other activities engaged in by those who act in furtherance of the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL).

Thank you for including my request with those who are asking the Court to approve these means of legal representation.

Yours truly,

Attorney Pamela P. Geer  
New Hampshire Bar Association  
Member ID# 914

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**From:** Jack Newton <jackdnewton@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 12:48 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Fair lawyers for water Protector s

*Penny Miller, Clerk*

*North Dakota Supreme Court*

*The follow is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.*

*There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.*

*These defendants, self-identified as Water Protectors, deserve fair trials and I am concerned that due to the reasons stated above, the North Dakota court system is currently strained in its capacity to ensure that defendants receive these fair trials.*

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*Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.*

*Thank you. Phone.*

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**From:** Susan Constance <suziconstance@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 12:32 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Comment on North Dakota Supreme Court No. 20160436

North Dakota Supreme Court No. 20160436 - Public Comment on Proposed Order Granting Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from Outside North Dakota

In comment to the above proposed order, I am requesting that you pass the order permitting temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota. Given the large number of cases to go before your courts and the equally large number of defendants that have no access to adequate legal representation, it makes sense to allow temporary permits for qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota to represent the defendants if they so choose. I am in full support of the Affidavit of William L. Tilton, agree with the information therein and urge you to act upon it.

Respectfully,

Susan Constance

1232 Wagon Wheel Rd., Del Norte, CO 81132

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**From:** matriarch174@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 12:27 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** WATER PROTECTORS

Aloha,

I am requesting a RULE AMENDMENT for Out-of-State Lawyers to Represent Our Water Protectors.  
Thank you for your Attention to This Matter.

Sincerely Spoken,  
Hygeia Halfmoon  
[matriarch174@yahoo.com](mailto:matriarch174@yahoo.com)

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**From:** David Hayes <deeperdaze@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 12:25 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Water protectors

Dear Penny Miller,

I am writing you as a concerned citizen from the great state of Texas. Asking that you allow out-of-state lawyers to represent water protectors for their trials, I hope you honor their human and constitutional rights as we all hope ours may be honored as well.

Let's end this insanity.

Yours truly,

David Hayes

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**From:** Patricia Licon <plicon9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 12:18 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** To Penny Miller - Fair representation for Water Protectors

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

I support the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

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As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help to ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

Patricia Licon  
3393 E Dakota Ave, Apt 134  
Fresno, CA. 93726

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**From:** Penny Octuck Cole <tayaguk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 12:16 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Petition Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

The follow is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from Outside the State of North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the State of North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 570 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

These defendants, self-identified as Water Protectors, deserve fair trials and I am concerned that due to the reasons stated above, the North Dakota court system is currently strained in its capacity to ensure that defendants receive these fair trials.

As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside the State of North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

Penny Octuck-Cole  
PO Box 44174  
Tacoma, WA 98448  
253-459-9206

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**From:** Sarah Smith <sarahkauai@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 12:05 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 20160436

**Re:**

In the matter of a petition to permit temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota, I urge that the petition be granted so that all defendants charged with any NoDapl actions be granted due process. Thank you.

Sarah Smith  
Wellesley, MA  
December 26, 2016

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**From:** Brenda Kluhsman <brendakluhsman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 12:04 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Request for out of state legal reps for our 571 Water Protectors

May justice prevail for our fellow Americans. Please allow out-of-state legal representatives for the 571 arrested Standing Rock water protectors. Thank you!

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**Brenda Kluhsman**  
*Mobile: +1 717-350-9926*  
*Email: [brendakluhsman@gmail.com](mailto:brendakluhsman@gmail.com)*  
*Skype Name: brenda.kluhsman*

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**From:** Elaina Garcia <deathswidow77@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 12:04 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Current Situation:

Hello Penny Miller,

I hope your day is well so far and that you've had a Happy Holiday!

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due workload capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry.

Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

These defendants, self-identified as Water Protectors, deserve fair trials and I am concerned that due to the reasons stated above, the North Dakota court system is currently strained in its capacity to ensure that defendants receive these fair trials.

As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

I feel as though there is hope within the system for the people. Justice for all who deserve it. I'm sure you use water and these people are only standing up for the safety of the waters for everyone not just themselves.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

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**From:** Lori Goodloe <loriagoodloe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 12:02 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Penny Miller, Clerk North Dakota Supreme Court The follow is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

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As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

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**From:** Lori Goodloe <loriagoodloe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 11:47 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Getting outside Legal Representation for Water Protectors

Please let Legal Representation come from out of state to represent the water protectors. I believe they would get more of a fair trial because there are so many being charged.

on the rule amendments that would make it easier for out-of-state lawyers to represent Water Protectors,

Thank you

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**From:** CTanpa Tmani <christineportell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 11:44 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Allow out of state attorneys to represent the Water Protectors in N Dakota courts

Supreme Court of the State of North Dakota  
Attn Penny Miller, Clerk of the Supreme Court  
600 E. Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0530  
[supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov](mailto:supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov)

26 December 2016

Dear Clerk Miller,

I am taking this opportunity to submit comments to the Supreme Court of North Dakota regarding the issue of allowing out of state attorneys to represent those who have been charged with crimes while protesting the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). I urge the Supreme Court to allow out of state attorneys to represent those people facing trial for their involvement in opposing the DAPL either as public defenders for those who cannot afford to pay for an attorney or for those who can afford an attorney but are unable to secure one within the state.

According to reports, the public defender system in North Dakota is struggling to handle the case load stemming from the more than 500 arrests related to protests of the DAPL. The petition that was submitted to the Court notes that 79 attorneys have been assigned as public defenders for 265 cases, while an additional 264 people are listed without counsel. Furthermore, it is reported that private attorneys in the state either cannot or will not be able to fill the needs of those seeking representation. Other public defenders within the state of North Dakota may be limited from taking on more of these cases due to the conspiracy charges that were filed in several of these cases.

More generally, I remain concerned regarding the charges brought against the Dakota Access protesters, including those for conspiracy. Previously Amnesty International USA wrote to the Morton County Sheriff's and State Attorney's offices regarding charges for trespassing that were brought against a member of the media who was acting in her role of covering the protests that took place on 3 September 2016 and making that information available to the public. Even though the charges were eventually dismissed, the act of bringing charges could be perceived as an attempt by authorities to discourage further reporting of other protests of the DAPL. While I cannot speak to the specifics of each individual currently facing charges and awaiting trial in Morton County, I feel it is imperative that individuals have access to representation during these proceedings in order to determine the validity of and mount a proper challenge to the charges filed. Should the Supreme Court decide to deny this current petition, defendants may be forced to represent themselves pro se or face undue delays while waiting for an attorney in North Dakota

that doesn't have a conflict of interest to be retained. Not only would this violate international standards on the right to a fair trial, but it could also be construed as being unconstitutional.

Everyone deprived of their liberty or facing a possible criminal charge has the right to the assistance of a lawyer to protect their rights and to help in their defense.

Under international human rights law and standards, the right to a lawyer generally means that a person has the right to legal counsel of their choice. Because of the importance of trust and confidence between those accused and their lawyers, the accused has the right to choose who will represent him or her. There must be a reasonable and objective basis for restrictions on choosing counsel, which should be open to challenge before a court. If the person does not have a lawyer of their choice, they have the right to effective, qualified assigned counsel, when the interests of justice require. The assigned counsel must be free of charge if the person cannot afford to pay.

The assistance of counsel is a primary means of protecting the human rights of people accused of criminal offences, and in particular their right to fair trial. Whether or not individuals are assisted by a lawyer often determines whether or not they can participate in legal proceedings in a meaningful way. States must provide sufficient resources to ensure the availability, throughout the country, of adequate and effective appointed legal counsel for those charged with criminal offences. This is essential to ensure the right to a fair trial without discrimination, the right to equality before the courts, the right of those accused to defend themselves, and the principle of equality of arms. Lastly, everyone charged with a criminal offence has the right to be tried without undue delay. The length of time judged reasonable will depend on the circumstances of the case.

The State Bar of North Dakota has the ability to ensure that out of state attorneys are properly licensed and in good standing in the state where they practice. Therefore, for all of the reasons contained herein, I urge the Court to approve of this petition as a matter of justice for those accused of crimes related to their protesting activities in North Dakota.

Let justice be served by allowing those accused to have out of state attorneys to defend them since N Dakota isn't able and, or willing to provide them their right to an attorney.

Sincerely,

Christine Portell

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**From:** Ollie Bodkin <olliebodkin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 11:43 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

The follow is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

These defendants, self-identified as Water Protectors, deserve fair trials and I am concerned that due to the reasons stated above, the North Dakota court system is currently strained in its capacity to ensure that defendants receive these fair trials.

As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

-Ollie Bodkin

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**From:** hillary banachowski <hillarybanachowski@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 11:38 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Calling on State's Attorney Erickson to step down as prosecutor

Attn: Penny Miller

Clerk of the supreme Court

In August, Gov. Jack Dalrymple declared a state of emergency following the arrests of just 28 Water Protectors. Since then, there have been more than 500 additional arrests.

- To date, 75 North Dakota lawyers have been assigned 165 cases, but an additional 264 Water Protectors remain without lawyers. At least 113 were denied public defenders.

- Despite the overwhelming surge in arrests, no emergency funding has been set aside for the public defense system, which struggled to meet demand prior to the protests. Further, there are too few criminal defense lawyers to even represent those who do not qualify for public defenders, due to high caseloads and conflicts of interest.

-The out-of-state lawyers are held back by problems under the case-by-case rules. Each must connect with an in-state lawyer, who must also attend all hearings. They have had significant problems finding willing in-state lawyers. The full application process for out-of-state lawyers is also a large burden, requiring weeks of information gathering and expenses of nearly \$1,000 each.

- In his motion to the trial court judge, Erickson seeks an order on the state agency responsible for indigent defense to account for every hour and dime expended by court-appointed attorneys to assure large judgments against Water Protector defendants. To justify this unprecedented move, Erickson charged: "Each protester attack on our police officers, each riot, and each incidence of private property destruction has been done to create fake news videos used to bring attention, celebrities, both passionate and gullible people, and finally money – all to be focused on multiple issues of national discontent... Most protest criminal defendants are simply props for videos of staged events" . State's Attorney Erickson set out to use the most slanderous words and harmful rhetoric he could muster to defame the Water Protector defendants, their lawyers and supporters, and undermine the legitimacy of the Standing Rock encampment and concern over the DAPL" said Jeff Haas, WPLC lawyer.

For the reasons above, WPLC calls on State's Attorney Erickson to step down as prosecutor. WPLC calls on the courts to decide whether his prosecutorial conduct has tainted the jury pool and prevented a fair trial to the point that the Water Protectors' cases must be dismissed.

Thank you~  
Hillary Banachowski

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**301.452.2075**

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**From:** Mikael Persson <kamrat2002@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 11:31 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** response to the question of allowing allow out-of-state lawyers to represent Water Protectors

Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

The following is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters.

There is an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested.

Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

These defendants, self-identified as Water Protectors, deserve fair trials and I am concerned that due to the reasons stated above, the North Dakota court system is currently strained in its capacity to ensure that defendants receive these fair trials.

As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

Mikael Persson  
Eslöv  
Sweden

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**From:** kimberlythorene <kimberlythorene@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 11:11 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Outside Legal Support Petition

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

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Thank you.

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** bilspts@ruggedwest.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 11:19 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Please allow Qualified Attorneys outside of North Dakota

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to strongly encourage you to allow a temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside of North Dakota. With the huge numbers of defendants needing attorneys, this provision is crucial in providing citizens rights to a fair trial. Our country's democracy is at risk when we do not ensure the right of a fair trial to all citizens. A fair trial includes access to a qualified attorney. If one cannot be provided by the State of North Dakota for EACH INDIVIDUAL defendant, not defendants grouped together by arbitrary criteria, then qualified lawyers outside of North Dakota must be allowed to ensure defendants' rights are protected.

My name is Sandy Iglehart, I live in Garrison, North Dakota and I want to ensure all citizens have access to qualified lawyers on individual basis. Please allow this provision .

Tracey Iglehart

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**From:** Jennifer Trotter <jenjtrot@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 11:15 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Penny Miller

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

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Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Mariama White-Hammond <mariama@bethelboston.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 11:15 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Legal Services for Standing Rock Arrestees

Ms. Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0530  
[supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov](mailto:supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov)

Re: Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from Outside North Dakota – Supreme Court No. 20160436

Dear Ms. Miller:

I am writing to support the *Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services* that was filed on December 14, 2016. It is my understanding that the North Dakota judicial system is taxed beyond what is reasonable due to the hundreds of criminal cases stemming from the events at Standing Rock. The governor has already declared a state of emergency to activate the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) to utilize personnel from other states. It seems that the North Dakota Supreme Court should take similar emergency measures to ensure that the rights guaranteed by the North Dakota state and US federal constitutions are upheld. Given the large number of cases the state should utilize the resources of other parts of our country to ensure that these cases can be heard in a timely matter.

I understand that over forty cases are scheduled for January 5, 2017 and there are both indigent and non-indigent defendants who have not been able to retain legal representatives in North Dakota. Having effective counsel is essential to receiving a fair trial which is a core value of our American justice system. I urge the Court to grant permission for legal services to be provided by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota as soon as possible.

I continue to pray that peace and justice will prevail in this situation as we all work to create a world worthy of future generations.

Sincerely,

Rev. Mariama White-Hammond

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond  
Minister for Ecological Justice  
Interim Youth Pastor  
Bethel AME Church, Boston  
[mariama@bethelboston.org](mailto:mariama@bethelboston.org)

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**From:** Linda Fontaine <lindaf22@telus.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 11:13 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Legal council

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

The following is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

These defendants, self-identified as Water Protectors, deserve fair trials and I am concerned that due to the reasons stated above, the North Dakota court system is currently strained in its capacity to ensure that defendants receive these fair trials.

As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.  
Linda Fontaine  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Lisa Sahani <lisa.sahani9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 11:10 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Out of state representation for Standing Rock Water protectors

The follow is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

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As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Sincerely

Lisa Blu Wolf

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**From:** Tracey Iglehart <tracey.iglehart@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 11:09 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Re Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorney From Outside North Dakota

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to strongly encourage you to allow a temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside of North Dakota. With the huge numbers of defendants needing attorneys, this provision is crucial in providing citizens rights to a fair trial. Our country's democracy is at risk when we do not ensure the right of a fair trial to all citizens. A fair trial includes access to a qualified attorney. If one cannot be provided by the State of North Dakota for EACH INDIVIDUAL defendant, not defendants grouped together by arbitrary criteria, then qualified lawyers outside of North Dakota must be allowed to ensure defendants' rights are protected.

My name is Tracey Iglehart, I am from Garrison, North Dakota and I want to ensure all citizens have access to qualified lawyers on individual basis. Please allow this provision .

Tracey Iglehart

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**From:** Suzanne Pike <suzannejpike@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 11:05 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

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As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Suzanne J. Pike

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**From:** Holly Smeltzer <ggls1870@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 11:04 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Out of State Representation for Water Protectors

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court  
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As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you. Please Allow this to happen for them all, This shouldnt been have to be asked we should be allowed to have any lawyer we choose to represent them, but we are all needing to do so to Help all out So Please Let this Be Hear to you that We are ALL human's here and have our Right to be heard.. Please Say you will ALLOW this action to take place allowing the Out of State Lawyers to come in.. Thank you kindly and God Bless.. <3

Signed The Wolf Pack- Holly Smeltzer

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**From:** Tuesday Mcpeek <wickedbella666@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 11:02 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office

Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

The follow is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

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Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

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Susan Thesenga  
299 Pathwork Way  
Madison, Va. 22727

December 27, 2016

Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court  
600 e. Boulevard Avenue,  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Miller,

I am writing in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due to work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

These defendants, self-identified as Water Protectors, deserve fair trials and I am concerned that due to the reasons stated above, the North Dakota court system is currently strained in its capacity to ensure that defendants receive these fair trials.

Therefore, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Susan Thesenga*

Susan Thesenga

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**From:** Tom Callahan <tomcallahan89@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 11:42 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Comment Supporting Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services

Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

The follow is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

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As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you,

Tom Callahan

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**From:** M Leyendecker <luckybryan@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 11:15 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** non-ND Attys - Water Protectors

11:14 p.m.  
December 26, 2016

Ms Penny Miller  
Clerk of the Supreme Court of ND

GREETINGS:

Kindly accept this e-mail in support of a Motion to allow attorneys outside North Dakota to represent water protectors.

RATIONALE

- Right to representation/counsel
- Right to a speedy trial
- Right to a fair trial and due process

Your favorable consideration is appreciated. Please feel free to contact me as needed.

MARY LEYENDECKER  
PO Box 1203  
Premont, Texas 78375

[Luckybryan@aol.com](mailto:luckybryan@aol.com)

(361) 442-5651

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**From:** Shannon <shannon.hammontree@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 11:11 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Re: Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota

Attn: Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0530  
[supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov](mailto:supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov)

Re: Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota

To Whom This May Concern;

I am sending this letter to you as my formal comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Currently there are emergent judicial and Constitutional issues with North Dakota's court system.

To date, there have been an abnormally large number of recent arrests related to the Dakota Access Pipeline and requests for a Change of Venue have been denied. As a result, the number of available and qualified criminal defense lawyers is limited within the state of North Dakota due to, but not limited to: maxed case allotments, time constraints, conflicts of interest due to political and/or oil interests, willingness to represent and work load capacities. These combined factors have caused an acute strain within the state's courts.

Now, as a case in point, there are an approximate 500 defendants unable to exercise their rights, as afforded to them in the Sixth Amendment of the US Constitution, including that of a fair trial and a right to adequate criminal defense counsel.

It would be of great benefit to the state of North Dakota to allow legal representation from outside of the state to assist in alleviating the current strain within the state's judicial system by processing these pending cases in an expedient and fair manner.

It is my honor to write to you and express my support for the acceptance and approval of the provision to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota. The passing of this Provision would allow the Supreme Court of North Dakota to participate in the exercising of freedoms and rights afforded in the United States Constitution, as well as to uphold the Peoples' beliefs in the judicial system.

Thank you for your time and this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Shannon Hammontree  
Rockledge, Florida

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**From:** Jefferson Hang <hang.jefferson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 11:08 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 20160436

**Re: In the Matter of a Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.**

I wish this petition be granted in order that all defendants charged in the #NoDAPL actions be granted due process.

Sincerely,

Jefferson Hang

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**From:** Laura Dominguez <growchi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 10:59 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Legal Service request

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

The follow is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

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As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

Laura-Jean Dominguez

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**From:** Stephanie Galli <stephaniegalli31@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 10:54 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

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Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.  
Stephanie Galli

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Gabe Van Lelyveld <gabevanlelyveld@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 10:52 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 70160436

**Re: In the matter of a petition to permit temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota**

I urge that the petition be granted so that all defendants charged with any NoDAPL actions be granted due process. Thank you

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Gabe Van Lelyveld  
21 Deer Ridge Dr.  
Port Townsend, WA 98368  
(503) 954-9960

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**From:** Nichola Russell <nmrussell3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 10:32 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** North Dakota Supreme Court No. 20160436

Re: In the matter of a petition to permit temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota

I urge that the petition be granted so that all defendants charged with any Dakota Access Pipeline actions are granted due process. Thank you.

Nichola M. Russell  
776 53rd Street. Port Townsend, WA 98368  
206-551-1055

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**Nichola M Russell**  
[nmrussell3@gmail.com](mailto:nmrussell3@gmail.com)

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**From:** pfeitner@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 10:28 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** allow for out of state representation for water protectors

First, I would hope that any/all charges in this matter would be simply dismissed; it is a matter of conscience and the behavior of the private security forces and other aggressive personnel incited incidents beyond the peaceful civil actions to protect the waters.

Second, in the event that the prosecutors and the courts cannot find just morality, then I support allowing for out of state qualified representation for any and all who need representation in these matters.

Thank you,

Peter Feitner

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**From:** Lauren <laurenkusa@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:33 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** DAPL protesters and legal counsel

To Penny Miller,

I respectfully request that the state of North Dakota allow outside attorneys to defend the Dakota Access Pipeline protesters.

Thank you.

Lauren Katzive

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**From:** Theresa DeLucci <tdelucci@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 10:18 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Independent council for Standing Rock

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express favor for providing the heroic, historic water protectors of Standing Rock with independent legal resources, in order to give them a fair shake. I sincerely hope this is granted to them. I've been following this national news story since it broke and am hoping that the best lawyers in all of the country are willing to support theme men and women, too.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Thank you,

Theresa DeLucci  
Queens, NY

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**From:** JM Aurnague <jmournog@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 10:17 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** PLEASE PERMIT TEMP PROVISION REGARDING LEGAL SERVICES

PLEASE ALLOW OUT OF STATE ATTORNEYS TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO ARRESTED WATER PROTECTORS.

SINCERELY,  
JM AURNAGUE & JAMES OLSEN

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**From:** Elizabeth B <cssceb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 10:17 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Legal Council for Water Protectors

To the Clerk of Superior Court,

Please allow legal representation for the Water Protectors to come from outside the State of North Dakota. There are too many cases with insufficient legal council. Everyone deserves a fare and just trial. Many of the arrested protectors have been denied Public Defenders. Maybe because there are just not enough to go around. All the more reason to allow lawyers from out of state to come in and serve as legal council as defense lawyers. All cases should be postponed until legal council can be provided.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Broyles  
213 Candlewood Dr  
Wilmington, NC 28411

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**From:** Shara Oliman <sharaoliman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 10:12 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Re: support for access to independent legal for standing rock water protectors

Re:  
**Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota**

**Attn: Penny Miller, Supreme Court Clerk**

**I am writing in regards to the above petition. Please know that I am in strong support of permitting legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota for all of the Standing Rock water protectors. This is a national movement for peaceful support and protection of an important water source, which supplies water to The Standing Rock Sioux tribe and millions of people downstream. There has been violent policing of peaceful activities and most likely many civil rights violations. The water protectors need proper representation.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**

**Sincerely,  
Shara Oliman  
Aurora, Colorado**

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** wiasprophet@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 10:06 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Penny Miller, Clerk of Supreme Court

I urge you to allow attorneys from outside of North Dakota to legally represent the water protectors who were arrested and facing trials.

Angela Goodrich

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Juliana Locklin <julianalocklin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 9:58 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** please make it easier for out-of-state lawyers to represent Water Protectors

make it easier for out-of-state lawyers to represent Water Protectors  
Pleas please please.

cordially,  
Juliana Locklin

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**From:** Angie Weese <sweet\_angel\_69er@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 9:52 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** GIVE the Water Protectors a fair trial

I am writing voicing my opinion concerning allowing outside Lawyers to represent ND water protectors. I think in order for them to have adequate representation this should be allowed. I will state it again....Yes to allowing lawyers outside ND to represent Nd Water Protectors.

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** Liz Gu <professionalbusiness14@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 9:50 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Standing Rock #NoDAPL

Angelica here.

Just thought I'd comment and let you know that I believe that Water Protectors SHOULD BE ALLOWED out-of-state representation. They deserve fairness and justice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sent from my iPhone

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** David Haupert <dhaupert@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 9:46 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Petition for Lawyers From Outside of North Dakota

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

The follow is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

These defendents, self-identified as Water Protectors, deserve fair trials and I am concerned that due to the reasons stated above, the North Dakota court system is currently strained in its capacity to ensure that defendents recieve these fair trials.

As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

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**From:** mginster12@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 9:46 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** DAPL Water Protector Trials

To Whom this may concern,

Unless circumstances change, you are about to prosecute civilians for defending their water supply, sacred heritage sites, and the long-term health of them and their posterity. The water protectors have done nothing wrong, unless you consider exercising their 1st Amendment rights. As members of the American judicial system, this is something that I hope you can understand. In the meanwhile, while innocent people are given charges with little or no basis in fact, the true criminals walk free: Energy Transfer and their hired mercenaries. Allow me to list the crimes committed by Energy Transfer and those working for them:

- Spraying peaceful protestors with water in sub-freezing conditions
- Spraying peaceful protestors with pepper spray
- Siccing attack dogs on peaceful protestors
- Putting out the eye of a child with a CS gas canister (this child, by the way, was a peaceful protestor)
- Arresting a journalist who was covering the events and not committing any crimes
- Shooting down a drone that was covering the events
- Annexing the farmland of many civilians (who will not profit in any way from the creation of the pipeline) (Energy Transfer has also done this in the creation of the Trans-Pesco Pipeline)

The majority of these are crimes against humanity. One or two are considered war crimes among some circles. It must be brought to light that the true criminals are not the Water Protectors, but Energy Transfer and the mercenaries they hired.

As judges, reasonable-minded people, and citizens of the United States of America, I ask that you provide these civilians legal representation (which they have been denied) and proceed to conduct these trials in a just and orderly manner that takes the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth into account. Thank you for your time.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE device

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** Anna Lau <alau8328@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 9:44 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** FW: Supreme Court No. 20160436: In the Matter of a Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota

Dear Penny Miller,

I am writing to comment on the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota. All citizens of the United States of America, including the Standing Rock Water Protectors, have the right to an attorney. I fully support this Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota. Please let it be so.

Thank you and the Supreme Court of the State of North Dakota for allowing this period of public comment.

Sincerely,  
Anna Lau  
Athens, GA

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**From:** Amanda Foster <anfoster@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 9:34 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Photo from Twitter

Dear Penny Miller  
Clerk of the Supreme Court

I am writing to ask the court to allow out-of-state lawyers to represent Water Protectors at Standing Rock. It is important that they have fair representation in a court of law and are not denied their rights.

Sincerely,

Amanda Foster, PhD  
Licensed Psychologist  
4940 Berkeley Oak Cir  
Norcross, GA 30092  
813-951-0691  
Sent from my iPhone

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** Caleb Cartographer Robertson <cmrayrobertson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 9:19 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Please Approve Petition to Allow out-of-state lawyers

In regards to:

IN THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

**NOTICE OF COMMENT**

Supreme Court No. 20160436

I am voicing my support for this petition, I would like to see out-of-state lawyers step in to assist in the Standing Rock and related court cases.

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**From:** Linda Maes <lindarmaes@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 9:14 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

To: Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

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There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

These defendants, self-identified as Water Protectors, deserve fair trials and I am concerned that due to the reasons stated above, the North Dakota court system is currently strained in its capacity to ensure that defendants receive these fair trials.

As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you,  
Linda Maes

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**From:** Richard Lam <richard.sd.lam@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 9:00 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Comment on the petition to allow temporary admission of out-of-state attorneys

Hello,

I would like to submit a comment on the petition currently facing the North Dakota Supreme Court to allow temporary admission of out-of-state attorneys.

The eyes of the entire world are on the waters protectors of the Standing Rock Sioux and their fight to stop the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. When their health and livelihood was recklessly endangered by the pipeline's route the Standing Rock Sioux used every single method of legal protest available to them. Their non-violent resistance to a project that sacrifices their safety for others' economic gain has been commendable. As American citizens, any of the protestors who have been arrested are entitled to a fair and just trial with a competent defence that can give their cases the attention required to ensure that justice is served. Permitting out of state attorneys to defend the protestors would show the water protectors and the world that the justice system in North Dakota is a system of integrity and fairness. I would like to encourage you as strongly as I can to allow attorneys from out of state to practice temporarily in North Dakota so that justice may be truly served.

Thank you very much and I hope the end of 2016 treats you well, Richard Lam

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**From:** Skyler Neal <y2017skynea@yarmouthschools.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 8:50 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** WATER PROTECTION

Dear Ms. Miller,

I'm writing you this email to respond to an urgent situation regarding the standing rock protests. We need to protect the water and property of the Native American people, may I remind you that in our nations' history we have committed genocide against this group of citizens and taken away their land. The least we can do is protect their right to protest. Please allow out-of-state lawyers to represent these people as a means of aid and protection of their rights.

Sincerely,

Skyler Neal

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**From:** Danny Zeigler <danielzeigler1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 8:43 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Allow out of state legal representation for standing rock

Dear Mrs Miller,

One of the foundations of a free society is the right to legal representation. Please allow out of state lawyers to represent those who have been arrested for simply exercising their constitutional right to assemble and free speech at standing rock. I am troubled deeply by the excessive use of violent force by the north Dakota police.

Thank you ,  
Daniel Zeigler

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**From:** Christi Demuth <christidemuth@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 8:41 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Comments on Petition for outside representation.

Dear Penny,

Regarding:

On December 14, 2016, a Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from Outside North Dakota,

I hereby request the court to allow attorneys licensed in other states to represent the defendants who have been wrongfully charged in the state of ND while praying and protecting our water.

Christi Demuth REALTOR®  
Cole Realty & Mortgage  
CA BRE # 0142916  
Cell: 760-262-7979  
Office: 760-598-8686

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**From:** Marissa Cook <marissa.cook.ramsayhigh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 8:40 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Temporary Acceptance of Out-of-State Attorneys at Standing Rock

Dear Penny Miller,  
Clerk of Supreme Court

Due to the recent acknowledgement of attorneys being distributed evenly to arrested protestors at Standing Rock, there should be an acceptance of out-of-state attorneys. This should be permitted because legal cases are justified solely on logic, which is a universal aspect of truth. This would better appeal to the situation temporarily as witnesses to the events at Standing Rock will have legal resources to defend their position. The addition of more attorneys will add legitimacy to the ruling of these cases as well. This is due to the fact that thorough detailing can be used as evidence as more time is created for personal meetings between the attorneys and witnesses.

Thank you for your time.

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**From:** Virginia Johnson-Gruver <vgruver@hughes.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 8:31 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Rule amendment to allow out of state attorneys to represent people

I am writing this email to support the change in the rule to allow out of state attorneys to represent people in the North Dakota courts

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Virginia Johnson-Gruver, RN, CCM, Nurse Patient Educator

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**From:** Judy Stone <nutritionmagician@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 8:27 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Comment on Petition for DAPL defendants

To whom it may concern;

Thank you for the opportunity to submit public comment on the petition to permit temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota.

At issue is the enormous need for qualified attorneys to represent hundreds of defendants who have been arrested as a result of peaceful protests in opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline. Also at issue is the biased behavior, statements and attempts to impose financial burdens on defendants who utilize public defenders.

Currently there are not enough public defenders to provide representation and the right of a speedy trial to existing defendants. There are out of state attorneys willing to answer this need but the existing application cost and time demands create an impediment to defendants having access to these attorneys.

It would serve the state as well as due process of the defendants to make accommodations that would allow out of state attorneys ready to serve to be able to do so quickly with a less burdensome process. As someone who has watched the aggressive, life-threatening and unprovoked actions taken by law enforcement against Water Protectors, I urge the Court to use its authority to make these accommodations and allow these defendants to have their day in court with adequate, qualified representation.

I also ask that this Court order the removal of State Attorney Ladd Erickson as prosecutor on these cases. Mr. Erickson has demonstrated a lack of professional behavior and has repeatedly made unsubstantiated claims about the defendants' actions and intentions as well as seeking punitive actions against defendants represented by public defenders. As a result of Mr. Erickson's behavior it may be hard to find unbiased jurors in the hundreds of trials ahead. Keeping Mr. Erickson on as the prosecutor would not serve justice.

This is a case of national importance and interest. Thank you for consideration of public comments.

Respectfully,

Judy Stone

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**From:** Lisa Gilham <lisagilham000@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 8:18 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Water protectors

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

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There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

These defendants, self-identified as Water Protectors, deserve fair trials and I am concerned that due to the reasons stated above, the North Dakota court system is currently strained in its capacity to ensure that defendants receive these fair trials.

As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you.

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**From:** Felipe Camacho-Lovell <camacholovell.felipe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 8:18 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Penny Miller, Clerk North Dakota Supreme Court

Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

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Thank you,  
Luis Felipe Camacho-Lovell

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**From:** Erin Weaver <erin@3weavers.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 8:15 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Petition to allow out-of-state attorneys (No. 20160436)

Dear Clerk Miller and Justices of the Court,

Thank you for opening this matter to public comment.

I am writing to encourage you to protect the constitutional rights of those arrested by temporarily allowing qualified out-of-state attorneys to represent them. A state the size of North Dakota cannot be expected to maintain the number of public defenders needed in emergency circumstances such as these, but there must be a mechanism in place to allow for unusually high numbers of people to be adequately represented when necessary.

Thank you for your time.

Erin Weaver  
Brattleboro, Vermont

(The Vermont Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers has 88 current members, and I suspect several of them would be willing to step in.)

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**From:** Julie Watt <wattj@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 7:43 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** In the matter of a petition to permit temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside of North Dakota

I wish this petition be granted in order that all defendants charged in the #NoDAPL actions be granted due process.

Thank you,  
Julie Watt  
211 Pine Way, Mountain View, CA  
408-916-8679

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**From:** 5416130600@vzwpix.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 7:38 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

The following is a comment in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

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Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you,  
Susan Hawksley

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**From:** Mike Joyce <mike\_06241@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 7:38 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Re: Supreme Court No. 20160436

On December 26, 2016, at 8:36 PM, Mike Joyce <[mike\\_06241@yahoo.com](mailto:mike_06241@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Re: In the matter of a petition to permit temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota. I urge that the petition be granted so that all defendants charged with NoDAPL actions be granted due process.  
Thank you,  
R. Michael Joyce  
39 Soap St.  
Dayville, CT 06241  
(860) 779-3636

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**From:** Brandon Trump <brandon.r.trump@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 7:37 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Allow Water Protectors to use out-of-state lawyers

Penny Miller  
Clerk of ND Supreme Court,

My name is Brandon Trump. I am emailing you to request that Water Protectors be allowed to use out-of-state lawyers for their trials. Thank you for your attention on this matter. Be well.

Semper Fi,

Brandon

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**From:** Mike Joyce <mike\_06241@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 7:36 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 20160436

Re: In the matter of a petition to permit temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota. I urge that the petition be granted so that all defendants charged with NoDAPL actions be granted due process.

Thank you,

R. Michael Joyce

39 Soap St.

Dayville, CT 06241

(860) 779-3636

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**From:** Carol Hart <carol@alohalomiacademy.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 7:35 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Comment

Penny Miller;

Please allow out of state attorneys to represent those who have been arrested in attempts to protect the Missouri River and their lands from contamination. I firmly know that these people, who are most likely innocent, will receive more unbiased representation from counsel that is not beholden to the North Dakota legal system. This is my opinion.

Thank you for receiving this, and may you and your family have a blessed New Year.

Mahalo  
Carol J. Hart  
Kaua'i, Hawai'i

**Carol Hart MAT6285**  
***Hart-Felt Massage LLC***  
***808-652-5691***  
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**From:** Roitman, Judy <jroitman@ku.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 7:31 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** out-of-state lawyers for Standing Rock

Please permit people arrested at the Standing Rock protests to be represented by out-of-state lawyers. This will relieve the burden on the North Dakota Judicial system and allow fair trials that will not overload future courts with justified appeals because of improper representation.

Thanks you for your consideration.

Judy Roitman  
Lawrence KS

"I like not to know for as long as possible because then it tells me the truth instead of me imposing the truth."  
Michael Moschen

(note new address: [jroitman@ku.edu](mailto:jroitman@ku.edu))

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**From:** Benjamin Conant <mctigue.conant@googlemail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 7:30 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 20160436

Sir or Madam,

In the matter of a petition to permit temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota; I urge that the petition be granted so that all defendants charged with NoDAPL actions be granted due process.

Thank you,  
Ben Conant  
21 Elmgrove Avenue, 1F  
Providence, RI 02906  
7074990592

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**From:** ctgypsy@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 7:29 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** 20160436 Public comment

IN THE MATTER OF A PETITION TO PERMIT TEMPORARY  
PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES BY QUALIFIED ATTORNEYS  
FROM OUTSIDE NORTH DAKOTA

The only criminal acts I have seen are that the people arrested where not breaking the law.  
The world is watching to see JUSTICE for ALL of the Indigenous People who were protecting their land and water.

Please allow qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota to provide legal services to all those arrested in the struggle to protect Standing Rock's water from the DAPL.

Janine Galbicsek  
35 Fairlawn St  
West Hartford, CT 06119

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** Doina Smith <dblanari@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 7:28 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** URGENT: Request to Allow Outside Lawyers to Represent North Dakota Water Protectors

Dear North Dakota Supreme Court Administration:

With this email I would like to express my opinion concerning allowing outside lawyers to represent North Dakota Water Protectors. I think in order for them to have adequate representation this should be allowed. I will state it again.... Yes to allowing lawyers outside North Dakota to represent North Dakota Water Protectors.

Thank you so much for your consideration and potential help in this matter!

With much respect,

Doina Smith  
#3380, P.O. Box 1318  
Sacramento, CA 95812

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**From:** Cheri Foster <byocci@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 7:22 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** ATTN: Penny Miller

There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. There are an insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota currently licensed to represent the over 500 people arrested. Many criminal defense lawyers have already maxed out their public defender allotments. Many others have declined to take on these cases, often due work load capacity, time constraints or conflicts of interest related to the pipeline industry. Furthermore, any requests for change of venue have been denied.

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As such, I request that the North Dakota Supreme Court accept and approve the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

Please help all parties ensure that defendants are able to obtain the legal counsel they need to be given their fair day in court.

Thank you for your time.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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**From:** Lynne Eggers <elynne600@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 7:18 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF COMMENT - Supreme Court No. 20160436

I support the petition to permit temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota. Otherwise, there will be inadequate representation and a lack of justice for Standing Rock water protectors.

Thank you.

Lynne Eggers  
221 Mullen Ave.  
San Francisco, Ca. 94110

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**From:** Ann Clune <annclune48@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 7:18 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Allow out of state lawyers for water defenders

The law of our land gives accused persons the right to an attorney. Since there are not enough local attorneys available who are willing to defend these honorable people it is imperative that qualified attorneys from out of state be allowed to represent them. Do the right thing and allow them defenders.

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** John McEvoy <johnmcevoyphoto@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 7:06 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Attorney For NODAPL

**Make it easier for out-of-state lawyers to represent Water Protectors!**

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John McEvoy Photographer  
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"The only thing in Life, we can truly control, is our attitude." John McEvoy

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**From:** Adriana Stagnaro <astagnaro.land@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 7:03 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Public Comment -- Allow out of state attorneys to represent the Standing Rock Sioux

Dear Penny Miller,

I am making my public comment requesting that the Standing Rock Sioux and fellow peaceful demonstrators receive lawyers from out of state. It is in their 6th amendment right to have fair representation. Receiving lawyers from out of state will bring them timely and adequate representation in the courts.

Sincerely,  
Adriana Stagnaro

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**Adriana Stagnaro**

**707-799-5779**

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**From:** R. Jackson Sprayberry <jackson.sprayberry@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 7:00 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** In Support of Out of State Attorneys

Penny Miller -

As a former teacher and current assistant principal in an underrepresented area, I know first hand the power and necessity of being afforded a state attorney. Now, more than ever, it is of the utmost importance to protect the constitutional right of North Dakota's citizens, even if it means allowing for out of state attorneys to represent them. We do not seek a flippant acquittal of those accused of crimes during the #NoDAPL protests, but simply ask that they be afforded adequate counsel from an out of state attorney - their constitutional right - if there aren't enough attorneys to represent provide adequate defense for them in North Dakota.

Sincerely,

Jackson Sprayberry

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**From:** Tracy Madol <tracymadol2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 7:00 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Fair legal representation

Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

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Thank you. Trac Madol

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**From:** Elena Laughton <elaughton24@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:52 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 20160436

Re: In the matter of a petition to permit temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota

I urge that the petition be granted so that all defendants charged with NoDAPL actions be granted due process.

Thank you.

Elena Laughton

15 River Street

South Paris, ME 04281

(207)461-1941

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**From:** Aaron Kassover <aaron@kassover.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:49 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** re: In the Matter of a Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota

Hello,

I am writing to voice my support for access to independent legal services to represent DAPL protestors. Please ensure that these individuals have access to proper legal representation and enjoy their right to a speedy trial by warranting temporary practice in North Dakota by qualified attorneys who are admitted in other jurisdictions.

Thank you.

Aaron

Aaron Kassover  
[aaron@kassover.com](mailto:aaron@kassover.com)  
USA: (206) 774-6783  
Japan: 080-4668-5402

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**From:** Nothing Named <nothingnamed@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:48 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 20160436

**Re: In the matter of a petition to permit temporary provision of legal services by qualified attorneys from outside North Dakota**

I urge that the petition be granted so that all defendants charged with NoDAPL actions be granted due process.

Thank you,  
-Hal Bernstein  
510 L'Homme St Ext, Danielson, CT 06239  
401-484-7331

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** S2@dept8.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:47 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Please allow out of state lawyers to represent water protectors

Dear Ms. Miller,

I am writing to encourage North Dakota to allow lawyers from outside your state to represent defendants in cases surrounding the Dakota Access Pipeline. So many Americans have put themselves on the line to defend against a dangerous situation that there does not seem to be enough attorneys currently available within your state to properly defend those people accused of crimes. I encourage you to allow those who need representation from counsel outside North Dakota to avail themselves of such help.

Thank you,  
**Stuart Sussman**  
dept.8 (official media)  
650.299.9468 (h)  
415.867.5586 (m)

**Hulm, Petra**

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**From:** Jake Pollock <sjakepollock@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:46 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Please allow out-of-state lawyers to represent Water Protectors

Dear Ms. Miller,

I am writing to express my support for allowing out-of-state lawyers to represent water protectors at their trials. As the movement has grown so large and so many people who have ended up in the legal system as a result of their non-violent protest, it is only fair to allow a larger pool of representation than what the state of North Dakota currently has to offer. Failure to do so would overtax ND's attorneys, and in doing so would deny these citizens fair representation. Please allow them to involve lawyers from out of state.

Thank you and happy new year,  
Jake Pollock

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**From:** C LaRue <stir2taste@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:43 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office

Penny Miller, Clerk of the Supreme Court

To:  
Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court

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Thank you.  
Cynthia LaRue

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**From:** Judy Countryman <judygc@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:44 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Legal Representation for Water Protectors in North Dakota

I strongly urge the court to allow for the temporary legal representation of the water protectors by qualified attorneys outside of the state of North Dakota. Qualified legal representation is their right!

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Sally Bolgos <salfek@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:39 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Petition re Outside Legal Coubsel

Penny Miller, Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court  
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505-0530

Dear Clerk Miller,

I am writing to you today in strong support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota. Additionally, the allowance of a change of venue would be most appropriate.

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Sally Fekety Bolgos

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

**Jane Goodall**

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**From:** Victoria Lytel <victoriajlytel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:38 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Attn Penny Miller

To:  
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North Dakota Supreme Court

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Thank you.

Sincerely, Victoria Lytel

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**From:** Niawen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:37 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Request for out of State Attorneys

Penny Miller, Clerk

North Dakota Supreme Court

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Bev Lacharite

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**From:** Lori Davis <kalisa232@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:32 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Penny Miller Clerk

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Lori Davis

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**From:** Johanna R <johannaruth@crocker.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:32 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Legal services for those arrested related to Dakota Access Pipe Line

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North Dakota Supreme Court

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Thank you.

Johanna Ruth  
Northampton, Massachusetts

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**From:** Christopher Meekins <iammeek@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:31 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office

To:  
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Thank you.

Thank you for letting me serve you!

Chris Meekins

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**From:** samthevegan@gmail.com on behalf of Sam Waldbaum <Sam.Waldbaum@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:30 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota

I am a concerned citizen, closely following and documenting the legal process for the 500+ arrested in relation to Dakota Access pipeline protests.

I think it is clear that the public defenders will not be able to handle the caseload within a timely manner unless accepting help from outside the state. Please permit outside lawyers to come in to North Dakota and defend clients as they would like to do.

Sam Waldbaum  
12/26/2016

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**From:** tylersable@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:30 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Out of state lawyers defending those accused in ND

Dear Ms. Miller and members of the Court,

As attorneys, I'm sure you are more familiar than I am with the importance of adequate legal representation for the accused. It's a key element of the fairness and justice that makes America the greatest nation on Earth.

All over America, we have seen news of the numerous arrests related to the protests against the Dakota Access Pipeline. We're aware of the "unprecedented burden" these arrests have placed on Morton County's justice system. The same supply and demand system governs access to defense for the accused.

Please support the WPLC's petition to ensure that all those accused have access to fair representation. It's the American way.

Thank You,  
Tyler Sable  
Madison, WI

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**From:** lois barnett <earthspring5@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:24 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** in support of the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

To: Penny L. Miller, Clerk of the North Dakota Supreme Court.  
Judicial Wing, First Fl, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505-0530

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Lois Barnett

360 385 6877

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**From:** Matthew Kuzma <matthew.kuzma@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:22 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Case number 20160436

The needs of due process and the general acceptance of Pro Had Vice representation indicate that you should accept out of state representation for defendants in the Dakota Access Pipeline cases.

-Matt Kuzma

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**From:** Linda A. Noble <la7noble@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:20 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Supreme Court No. 20160436

Dear Madame Clerk,

I would like to express my support of the Petition to permit legal services to be provided by attorneys outside the state of North Dakota. It is important that all persons receive adequate legal representation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Linda A. Noble

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**From:** Rose Madsen <hrosemadsen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 26, 2016 6:20 PM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** legal representation for water protectors at Standing Rock

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