

Supreme Court Clerk's Office - Keller, Heather

From: Andrea Arenas <andrea.m.arenas@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 10:37 AM
To: (SUP) Clerk of Court Office
Subject: Allow out of state attorneys to represent water protectors

Dear Penny Miller,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen who has watched the events unfolding at Standing Rock these many months. Although I believe criminal charges should be filed against Morton County Sheriff and Energy Transfer Partners/DAPL workers for egregious human rights abuses, that is not why I am writing to you today. I am writing because I fear that hundreds of American citizens will be stripped of their due process rights because the legal system in your state is not equipped to handle the sheer volume of defendants that have been arrested. These people need representation that is not prejudiced against their race, culture and cause. I have a friend who is facing 4 felonies for her arrest on Indigenous Peoples Day and her public defender does not have time to adequately represent her. I implore you to allow out of state attorneys to represent the water protectors at Standing Rock. Make no mistake, the world is watching. The events at Standing Rock will be written into the history books. And right now, DAPL, Morton County Sheriff, Gov. Dalrymple and the state of North Dakota will forever be tarnished by these events. However, you can mitigate the effects by allowing out of state attorneys to represent the water protectors and ensuring their due process rights are maintained. Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Andrea Arenas