

Supreme Court Clerk's Office - Keller, Heather

From: Steve <assignmaker2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 10:13 PM
To: (SUP) Clerk of Court Office
Subject: Out of state attorneys

Good day, Due to the nature and volatility of the Protectors vs DAPL, and sub truth media reports there is no way to get a fair trial in ND. The world knows this pipeline was moved from Bismarck because of danger to water. Is that any different at the now pipeline route? The people arrested n thousands others have good intentions the world knows that too. There is no justice in penalizing the Protectors except a method of detouring involvement and regaining money spent by Morton Cty using such and inflated force against unarmed people of all colors in prayer. There's is no intention to give these people a fair trial in my opinion. But allowing attorneys that are willing to go to bat for this action n these people is a chance at a more fair chance at justice. Thank You Steve Keith

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From: Becky LaPlant <rebeccaplant@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 10:36 PM
To: (SUP) Clerk of Court Office
Subject: Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from Outside North Dakota

Dear Penny Miller,

I am emailing to add my voice to the many who absolutely support qualified out-of-state attorneys coming into North Dakota to represent Water Protectors for their trials.

North Dakota is ranked 50th in the nation in number of attorneys per capita, which suggests that the state does not have the capacity to provide each of the 500+ Water Protectors that are now in the North Dakota court system their right to due process. It is critical that this right is honored in a good way.

I will look forward to confirmation that you have received and logged this email.

Thank you,

Becky
Becky LaPlant
502 Hale Lake Ln
Grand Rapids MN 55744

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From: David Reynolds <davidjshreynolds@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 10:41 PM
To: (SUP) Clerk of Court Office
Subject: Public Comment on Out of State Lawyers

Dear Clerk of the North Dakota supreme court,

Allowing lawyers from outside of the state would be the most constitutional move as this nation we live in is a union of states, not sovereign states. To not do so is unfair, dishonest, and overall bad decision.

Sincerely, David Reynolds

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From: Jennifer Walton <jennifer.walton.40@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 10:53 PM
To: (SUP) Clerk of Court Office
Subject: Defending Water Protectors

Please allow out-of-state attorneys to defend those who are water protectors!!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Walton
Portland, OR

Sent from my iPhone

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From: sophia douglas <sophiadouglas02@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 10:55 PM
To: (SUP) Clerk of Court Office
Subject: Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from Other States

To:
Penny Miller, Clerk
North Dakota Supreme Court

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

The emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system results from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters. An insufficient number of qualified and interested criminal defense lawyers in North Dakota are 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. Requests for change of venue have been denied.

The defendants who call themselves Water Protectors deserve fair trials. Clearly, for the reasons stated above, the North Dakota court system is currently strained in its capacity to ensure that defendants receive these fair trials.

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.
Barbara Douglas
Portland OR

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From: Dawn Edwards <dawn.edwards@wowway.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 11:01 PM
To: (SUP) Clerk of Court Office
Subject: Legal Representation of Anti-DAPL Defendants

To:
Penny Miller, Clerk
North Dakota Supreme Court

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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 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.

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Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: pamelayatesart@gmail.com on behalf of Pamela Yates
<pamela@footprintsartstudio.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 11:02 PM
To: (SUP) Clerk of Court Office
Subject: Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota

December 21, 2016

To:
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North Dakota Supreme Court

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Thank you,

Pamela Yates-Watson
St Paul, Minnesota

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From: Annie Rothrock <arothrock09@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 11:03 PM
To: (SUP) Clerk of Court Office
Subject: Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota.

To:
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North Dakota Supreme Court

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Thank you.
Annie Rothrock

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From: Treesha@sonic.net
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 11:11 PM
To: (SUP) Clerk of Court Office
Subject: Water Protectors need out of state attorneys

Dear Penny Miller,

I am writing to ask that Water Protectors be allowed legal support from out of state, as should be their legal right. Treaties need to be honored and our Indigenous People protected ... they are being peaceful; but the horrifying treatment against them with the rubber bullets, spraying cold water so they will get frost bite, huge canisters of pepper spray or tear gas, grenades, against our people from all walks of life, going in peaceful protest to protect their/our waters. The outrage is the horrible treatment toward our water protectors.

To me, it looked like terrorist acts toward our own people.

Please allow legal assistance from outside of state to anyone needing it. Think of future generations (your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren or those of your friends. Think of protecting waters for them for the next thousand years and beyond, God willing.

Sincerely,

Trisha Lee
Eureka, CA

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From: Paul McCarty <falahomma@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 11:22 PM
To: (SUP) Clerk of Court Office
Subject: Notice of comments

These people who have been arrested for voicing their opinions against the pipeline running through treaty lands have a right to representation of their choosing whether they be from out of state or not. It is a form of repression to not allow this to take place. This is the sort of thing seen in China or Russia, not the USA. I makes me angry that public servants would disgrace the country that I swore an oath to defend by doing this.

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From: erin gubelman <kasadreams@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 11:26 PM
To: (SUP) Clerk of Court Office
Subject: Out of State Representation for Water Protectors

Dear Clerk of the Supreme Court, Honorable Penny Miller,

I am writing to urge that the rule amendments that would facilitate the representation of arrested water protectors by out of state lawyers be adopted. To deny counsel to those arrested is unjust and given the paucity of lawyers available to represent them it seems that outside counsel should be allowed or charges should be dropped if no counsel is available.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Erin Gubelman
Seattle, Washington

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From: Judy Noel <judy.noel9933@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 11:31 PM
To: (SUP) Clerk of Court Office
Subject: Permit for legal services by attorneys outside North Dakota

I was arrested on 11/11/16 for Obstruction of a government function as part of an act of civil disobedience against the Dakota Access pipeline. Since then, I have contacted numerous attorneys in North Dakota and have been unable to even get my call returned. My trial is scheduled for February. I was denied a public defender. I live in Washington state.

For this reason I am 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.

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From: Janet Horton <janethorton314@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 11:36 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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1. There is an emergency affecting the North Dakota legal system resulting from the high number of arrests related to anti-Dakota Access pipeline matters.
2. 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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Thank you,

Janet Horton
c/o T W Miller
1223 Walnut Street
Grand Forks ND 58201-5610

Sent from my iPad

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From: Shedden Family <3Sheddens@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 11:26 PM
To: (SUP) Clerk of Court Office
Subject: Please help the water protectors

To:
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North Dakota Supreme Court

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Sincerely,

Ann Shedden

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From: mechica20 <mechica20@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 11:43 PM
To: (SUP) Clerk of Court Office
Subject: Comment in support of the Petition

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