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To the Honorable Supreme Court of North Dakota:

I am a retired attorney from the State of Oregon who worked for 15 years on a complex criminal case involving 5 indigenous defendants (United States v. Loud Hawk, et al). The outcome was a dismissal of the charges. We had assistance of out of state counsel from the beginning of the case and I am confident that without the work of the out of state counsel the outcome would have been different and that the interests of justice would not have been served in the matter. Based upon this experience I would strongly urge you to allow out of state counsel to participate in the matters involved in North Dakota at this time. The issues involved in litigation of cases with implications for indigenous rights are very specialized and I strongly doubt that in state counsel could provide adequate representation.

Very sincerely yours,

Stephan Lynn Parkinson