

Supreme Court Clerk's Office - Keller, Heather

From: Bob Lyman <lyman@iphouse.com>
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To: (SUP) Clerk of Court Office
Subject: Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from outside ND

Re: Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from outside ND
Date: Dec. 28, 2016

Ms. Miller, Clerk, ND Supreme Court

I write in support of the Petition to allow attorneys from other states to represent defendants before the North Dakota Courts in the matter of the Standing Rock controversy.

It seems clear that such an allowance will serve both the Courts and the defendants.

I have read the the Court system is overburdened with the large number of charges that have been filed, and that the public defender system is likewise stressed. Indeed, I have also seen that there are proposals before the Legislature for additional crisis funding.

I write as an attorney who volunteered in South Dakota years ago at the time of the Wounded Knee cases. The provision of counsel by attorneys from around the country served the courts well in the better, more efficient, and ultimately less expensive representation of such a large number of defendants.

Thank you for your time and attention. Sincerely, robert c. lyman
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