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Please ease state restrictions to allow out of state attorneys to represent water protectors. Almost 300 remain without representation due to the 'case by case' rules and due to so many in state lawyers having 'conflict of interest' issues regarding oil companies.

The WPLC (Water Protector Legal Collective) is willing to step in to meet the shortage but the 'case by case' rules require them to 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.

Thank you for this consideration.