

Partial Listing of Attempts to Gain Representation for our Solitary Confinement Class Action Suit

Note: this has been a many year attempt and because the only regular communication between prisoners and FFUP is through the mails and. there have been many starts and stops due to cut off communication. Throughout these years I have asked many lawfirms to represent us however I have dates for only those lawyers I tried since February of this year.

Three lawfirms have looked into representing a class action over the last several years but in the end did not take the case..

- 1)2017 James Eric Goldmann: Goldmann Law ,LLP; 310 E. Buffalo Street, Ste 139;Milwaukee, WI, 53202 offered us lawyer mail privilege and signed on to represent us but nothing materialized.
- 2)2014 Paul Kinne of the Madison Gingras Cates and Wach Firm studied whether to commit to representing us for several month following the publishing of the 2014 Wisconsin watch articles on guard abuse .
- 3) Several years ago: Attorney Rock Pledl had one of his lawyers interview a solitary confinement prisoner in an attempt to assess the situation and help.

The Jeff Scott Olsen Lawfirm consultant Sarah Crandall is always helpful with guidance however that excellent firm is very small and always swamped and cannot take on his suit,
Attorney Pam Gillivray, now retired, was also an important resource for answering specific questions on legal definitions and procedure. .

I believe tackling this issue is just too complicated and expensive for a law firm to take on alone and not have any guarantee that their work will bear fruit. In the case of the Supermax lawsuit (citation needed) , prisoner Dennis Jones 223971 wrote the complaint, filed it , and then the court took it from there, certifying it as class action and assigning lawyers. We hope our efforts to gain representation for this difficult issue prompt you to do the same in this case .

Below is a partial listing of dates FFUP sent requests out to lawyers- either by email, letter , or phone. I received three responses, all negative. They email responses are quoted below.

- 1)Laura Ellen Baker Hulce, Associate, Jenner and Block Law Firm sent: February 18, 2018
- 2)Marquette University Law School/**Joseph D. Kearney**, Dean and Professor of Law/**Chad Oldfather**, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law /sent: February 7, 2018
- *3)MURPHY DESMOND S.C.,101 E. MILWAUKEE ST.SUITE 301,JANESVILLE, WI 53545 sent:2 18 18 responded 3/ 4(copy here)
- 4) Center for Constitutional Rights,666 Broadway 7th Floor,New York, NY 10012 sent: 2 4 18
- 5) WI ACLU through their online form- (required)sent 2 4 18
- 6) University of Wisconsin Law School/Margaret Raymond, Fred W. & Vi Miller Dean and Professor of Law: sent:2 7 18
- 7) Walter F. Kelly, S.C.222 East Erie St., Suite 210,Milwaukee, WI 53202: sent:2 21 18
- ***8) National Lawyers guild Chicago sent 2 18
response: **“Have you tried contacting NLG people in Wisconsin? Here is some of their contact info: Madison NLG,Victor Forberger, vforberger@fastmail.fm/Milwaukee NLG ;NLGmilw@jgc.org”**
- ***9)NLG Madison , Victor Forberger: sent 2 18 18

Response:Wed, Feb 28, 2018 2:50 pm

Victor Forberger (vforberger@fastmail.fm)

Peg,

We discussed your issue at our last chapter meeting. Unfortunately, we are all swamped at the moment, and no one thinks they can take on this additional issue at the moment.

I understand how serious and important the concerns of prisoners are in Wisconsin. In my legal practice, I have come across numerous issues, and the budget cuts and consolidation of late have only made matters worse.

But, half and more of my legal work is low fee to no fee already. Others in the chapter are in similar straits or are currently tied up with expansive litigation already.

I am sorry I could not provide the assistance you need.

Sincerely, Victor

10) National Lawyer Guild Milwaukee: sent: 2 18 2018

11 through 17 from FINDLAW on web all have civil rights Attorneys

11) Dempsey Law Firm, LLP/210 North Main Street/ Suite 100 Oshkosh, WI 54903:sent: 2 18 18

12) Peterson, Berk & Cross, S.C._civil rights attorneys sent: 2 18 18

13)_Klinner Kramer Shull LLP civil rights lawyers /sent: 2 18 18

14) Czajkowski Higgins & Tisdale, S.C./sent:, 2 18 18

15) Johns, Flaherty and Collins SC /2 18 18

16) Fox and Fox sent:2 18 18

17) Amy Scarr S.C. , 23 N. Pinckney St., Suite 310;Madison, WI 53703 sent:2 18 18