

# Appendix B: Prison Campaign Parole Attorney Referral List

The Southern Poverty Law Center maintains an attorney referral list that we provide to people in prison who are looking for legal services we cannot currently provide. The list is not comprehensive – it does not contain information on all relevant attorneys. The list is also not an endorsement of any attorney or legal office.

All of the attorneys on our referral list have indicated their willingness to take requests for assistance. Where possible, we have tried to say what kind of law a given lawyer practices. For example, there are some lawyers who have said they will take some parole cases. Others handle civil rights cases or criminal appeals.

While most parole attorneys charge clients for their services, some will represent low-income clients for free (this is called *pro bono*, which means “for the public good”). A few of the lawyers on the referral list have said that they will take some cases *pro bono*. Of course, we cannot guarantee that an attorney on the list will be able to take your case.

If you are interested in requesting a copy of the attorney referral list, you can reach out to SPLC. If you are incarcerated, you can give us a call from any wall phone on our pre-paid phone number: 334-328-7918. We try to answer the phone Monday through Friday, from 10am to 5pm. You can also write to us at:

Southern Poverty Law Center  
400 Washington Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36104.

Please be aware that SPLC does not represent individuals in parole hearings at this time.

As a reminder, you are allowed to be represented by an attorney at your parole hearing, but you are not required to have one. It is *your* decision whether or not to have an attorney represent you. Attorneys are trained to present arguments effectively, so a good, experienced parole attorney will gather all the facts about your situation and persuasively argue the case to grant parole during your Parole Bureau hearing.

If you are considering hiring a lawyer for your parole case, you or your family may want to ask the lawyer the following questions: (1) How much will

they charge? Will it be a flat rate or will you be billed for the attorney's time? (2) Has the attorney handled parole cases before? (3) What will the attorney do to prepare for your case? (4) Will the attorney visit you in prison prior to your parole hearing date?

If you or your family cannot afford an attorney, there are other ways to have support at the parole hearing. See Section VI of this Guidebook for information on how family members can advocate for their loved ones at parole hearings. Please note that many people make parole without having a lawyer help them.