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On the question of equal access to counsel "For-The-Public-Good"

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I found the article on Pro Bono while searching for food in a garbage bin. (at this point I could rest my case if the reader were aware of reality and the quaking desperation and the weakness of malnutrition, and total denial of Article I, § 21, Fla. Cons.) I put my hand on broken glass while fishing out a half-eaten sandwich and a sprouted potato and a wet copy of Florida Bar News, 15 sept. 92. It is the latter that has given me a sour stomach.

If there is any sincerity in creating a foolproof way to furnish legal guidance to a victim of crime, then I offer in good faith the following salient suggestions from first-hand knowledge and tempered by the conservative background of a man of science.

There is an old European Gypsy curse, "May you be the accuser in a lawsuit wherein you know that you are right." It is lonely, frightening and downright dangerous to be an impoverished victim of crime. The rich man's lawyer may mumble some Greek to the judge and your suit in Replevin is summarily dismissed, no evidence, no Due Process!

There are several places where poverty is unwelcome, including a cat house, a race track and a court room. But a courtroom is the only place one may be held in contempt for being insolvent and too poor to hire a lawyer. May I present examples of the great need for a foolproof Pro Bono program administered by people who are not bigots.

I don't seek welfare; I seek justice. I'm 72, crippled, partly blind, no Social Security because no lawyer. An acquaintance caught me going through garbage cans — loaned me \$30,000 to purchase a 379 Peterbuilt truck to derive a living from the truck revenues. A driver, assured by a lawyer that I had no more money to defend myself, stole my truck and kept all revenues for himself. Now I am over \$70,000 in debt.

Pro Bono help is not available because Pro Bono is monopolized by Legal Aid. Legal Aid is accountable to nobody and deny legal help on grounds, "You are anti-semitic."

This is not the gossip in Harvard Yard; this is real life fact. desperate for an income, in 1989 I took employment but employer refused to pay my earned wages of \$1,110. Attorneys say this is too small an amount to collect on a percentage.

On 6 June 1986 my water was unlawfully cut off sans Notice, sans Hearing, sans Due Process while my water bill was paid and attach copies of checks to prove payments for April, May and June of 1986 on water account No. 413-6020-07-3 written by Carolyn Hurley.

Two weeks after my water was unlawfully shut off the City sent me a "letter" threatening to cut off my water on "non-payment of bill". This unsigned "letter" attached is in error and Un-Constitutional in 19 places. Note the "letter" indicates a period of "3 months thru 6-10-86." Note the attached cancelled check for payment on 16 June 1986 before the 20 June 86 "letter" was mailed to me. This case has been all the way to the U. S. Supreme Court yet on no court level was I permitted to show the evidence I present here and I am unlawfully denied legal counsel on grounds, "You are anti semitic."

My water has been cut off for over 6 years and is still cut off. I haven't had a bath in 6 years and forced to live like an animal. I am unlawfully denied legal help on religious and ethnic reasons and Pro Bono is unlawfully blocked. N K Fields (Not N. K.)

Dated: 28 September 1992

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