

## NEWS

My typewriter broke down, so until I am able to have it repaired (it's like finding a place that works on Walkmans - lol-), or buy a new one ... it's the old pen & paper. ☹️

Be that as it may, I have some news that just could not wait for a workable typewriter: I have been bestowed the honor of membership into the NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD ([www.nlg.org](http://www.nlg.org)) as a Jailhouse lawyer!!! This is indeed a great privilege, for the Guild has a long history of defending those who stood up to the oppressors of human rights, even when it was perilous to do so. E.g., "Communists," during the McCarthy era; the Mississippi Summer of '64 Volunteers; & more recently, the Cuban 5; inmates stuck in Solitary Confinement; & #BlackLivesMatter.

I just hope to manifest, at the least, half the courage that my predecessors, & contemporaries, exhibited in the face of severe systematic opposition, & help to

Continue the legacy, specifically:

"[to] protect & defend human rights when our political, economic & legal systems attempt to ignore, eviscerate & violate them. Our work, unfortunately, will always be needed."

- Natasha Lygia Ora Berman, Pres. of the National Lawyers Guild, Guild Notes, Vol. XL, #4, Winter 2015, p.3.

P.S., if you buy Run the Jewels' (featuring Killer Mike) remix album, "Meow the Jewels," \$40,000 in proceeds goes to the families of **Mike Brown & Eric Garner**, w/ the remaining & future profits going to the National Lawyers Guild Mass Defense Committee (defends human rights activists). Read the details in **Daniel Keeps'** article, "Run the Jewels Break Down 'Meow the Jewels' Donation Recipients," Rolling Stone, 10/23/15.  
Can also donate directly to NLG Mass Defense Program, visit [nlg.org/donate](http://nlg.org/donate).

In Solidarity,