

# Blog #5

## An Invitation to Former Wisconsin Prison Staff & Notice to All Current State Employees

I encourage you all to check out and participate in this blog. You have inside info on abuse, corruption, and waste that occurs within the W.D.O.C. Come, tell Prometheus and the world aaall about it.

Remember how your fellow former staff friends solicited inmates to snitch? Well, now you can enjoy the excitement of being an informant. Come on, tell the world all the dirty details.

If you got shafted by the WDOC, we've got that in common! Let's cry on each other's shoulders.

F.Y.I., Wisconsin Admin. Code (WAC) §DOC 303.26 Soliciting staff only prohibits personal relations with "staff," not former staff.

But, for anyone employed by Wisconsin, etc., be aware that §DOC 303.02(2) currently defines "staff" as "... any state employee, an employee of a contract facility, an independent contractor, or a volunteer of the department or institution." This is clearly an unnecessarily broad definition of "staff," as it unjustifiably forbids prisoners from personally relating with such inconsequential persons as a janitor in the capital building or a police officer who may be the prisoner's brother or sister.

No worries state employees! I'm standing up for your First Amendment rights to personally relate with and visit prisoners by litigating Wesley v. Baemisch, W.D. Wis. Case No. 10-CV-459-slc! In Wesley, a WSPF prisoner was punished for having a personal relationship with a former prison supervisor & current mental hospital employee. We are challenging both the definition of "staff" and application of §DOC 303.26 to Wesley. Given the favorable decision in another prisoner's similar suit, see Hardaway v. Kerr, 573 F.Supp. 419 (W.D. Wis. 1983), and the lack of a real need to interfere in the relationship or to define "staff" so broadly, we expect to prevail. However, current state employees should complain to their legislators about this overbroad prohibition on them from having personal relations with prisoners, even family members!

Those who aren't employed by the state — join the light side! Me!

And... if I happen to get an anonymous letter... I won't ask or tell

Point is, I want to get an inside source on what's wrong with the beast so we can make our world a little better. And I'm willing to forgive you for being a WDOC employee.

We've all made mistakes....