

GOV. BROWN'S CONTEMPT
ON IMMUNITY

I never realized that a state official could be held in contempt of court, especially when they are exempt from lawsuits and liability within the State they are employed. If I had been wronged by the State and wanted to blame someone in their "official" capacity I would not be able to sue an actual person, but only the name of the entity having directly caused the injury. You can't sue a judge, a district attorney, or a police officer, that is to say they have immunity from prosecution of any civil claim seeking money damages, but they are accountable to us, the people whom they supposed to serve. Or are they?

Police officers are protected from civilians in many instances throughout the legal system. First, if you have a complaint against an officer you are faced with a daunting bureaucratic process specifically built by, you guessed it, law enforcement elites. Next, once you initiate a "citizens complaint," be prepared to wait for an investigation, or if yours is one of many screened out complaints, be prepared for nothing. In the unlikely event that you are addressing a serious stink about a particular officer, and your complaint gets passed on to an investigator, remember that you are preaching to the officer who is supposed to police the police, ie., an Internal Affairs department. Internal being the op word here.

The police are also protected from public scrutiny in that their records of deeds done while on duty are sealed from view. You cannot simply know what this officer has done in order to raise a claim similar to yours, instead, be prepared to go to court and argue with a city attorney to a judge who has a strong bias against anyone seeking to dirty the local law enforcement. I mean, really. I can get just about anyone's past with just a few keystrokes online, but I have to fight for this same info on a "public official." The people who protect us from crime are themselves protected from scrutiny. The very basis of the job of a public servant/official is one of transparency, or at least, it should be.