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Guide for Filing Your Own John-Doe Petition Re: The D.O.C.'s Embezzlement of Prisoners' Funds

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I am not a lawyer, so, legally, I can't advise you on how to litigate a case. But, I can tell you what I would do, if I was you. Construe this thusly.

Attached is a copy of the John-Doe Petition^(J.D.P.) that was filed by F.F.U.P., the one discussed in the Isthmus & then the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel articles. I corrected some typos, added a sub-paragraph & blanked out the name & address for Peg Swan, the lady who filed it for F.F.U.P.

Anyone can file a J.D.P. You don't have to be a victim of the suspected crime(s) to do so. If you're the relative/friend of a prisoner who fits any of the situations described in ¶(6 a)-g) of the J.D.P., you are "anyone" & you can file it. Prisoners' J.D.P.s are routinely (& improperly) dismissed. J.D.P.s filed by persons & especially groups (e.g. a church, WISDOM) are taken more seriously because those filers can vote & judges in WI are elected.

What I would do to file my J.D.P., if I was you, is send the J.D.P. to your prisoner friend/family, ask him to collect trust account statements, copies of complaints, etc. that reveal prison officials are illegally taking his & his associates' money (as noted in ¶(6 a)-g) of the J.D.P., have him mail those documents to you with affidavits from him & the others stating the facts (not arguments, opinions or thoughts) that confirm money was/is being illegally taken. You then add this to ¶7 of the J.D.P., in the same form that I gave examples of prisoners I know who've had money illegally taken - you can leave the examples of mine in ¶7, or replace them with your own, either's fine.

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