

Grassroots Advocates Question Legal Aid for Wealthy Supporter by House Judiciary Committee

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House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers, Jr. (D - Mich.) recently released a nearly-500 page report "documenting numerous abuses and excesses of the Bush administration." Chairman Conyers' corresponding press release does not specifically mention his committee's consideration of various criminal cases, successfully prosecuted during the Bush administration against wealthy, powerful, and otherwise influential Democratic supporters. The committee's review of that matter was apparently precipitated in part by an October 22, 2007 letter from one (1) of those former party contributors, Mississippi lawyer Paul Minor.

Minor's October 2007 letter makes an impassioned plea to the U. S. House Judiciary Committee, claiming that ". . . you are the only people who can help me prove that the Bush Justice Department's prosecution of me and Justice Oliver Diaz, Jr., and Judges Wes Teel and John Whitfield was politically motivated." Minor goes on to confirm that he remains or was once a multi-millionaire and had the benefit of major media coverage throughout his legal ordeals and related events. Yet Minor essentially proposes that his situation presents an occasion for the House Judiciary Committee to restore faith to the press and honest Americans, "deeply distressed by the notion that the government could engage in selective political prosecutions of its citizens."

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POPULAR is an association of public interest attorneys and Juris Doctors advised by a board of nonlawyer, community leaders. The nonprofit corporation is an acronym for "Power Over Poverty Under Laws of America Restored." As its name suggests, POPULAR strives to tear down the figurative "Wall Of Poverty" by helping safeguard justice and the rule of law in America, particularly when people, cases, and causes are unpopular.

Mrs. Zena Logal is POPULAR's executive director and a lawyer before the U. S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit. She points out on behalf of the organization that "wealthy or once wealthy lawyers such as Minor are better positioned to correct trial and/or appellate error without legislative action than most American litigants, respondents, and defendants." Logal concludes in POPULAR's letter that "(t)he concern Minor evokes and corresponding response by the House Judiciary Committee marks a difference in how America generally responds to the alleged persecution of its elites versus that of its marginalized citizenry."

In his referenced letter to the House Judiciary Committee, Minor suggests various reasons why a federal judge's handling of his second trial may have been outcome determinative. "Such questioning of the judiciary substantially curtailed if not ended the legal career of every POPULAR founder outside of our advisory board members" reports Logal. POPULAR's website features an interview of renowned civil rights activist and former constitutional law professor, attorney Thomas N. Todd, suggesting that Chairman Conyers spearhead a corresponding investigation of lawyer disciplinary processes.

"POPULAR will be directing various systematic, systemic abuses of legal process to Chairman Conyers and the House Judiciary Committee" promises Logal. "And our constituents rarely have a lot of money and major media attention in seeking redress" she adds. Today's letter by POPULAR to Chairman Conyers closes by thanking him for his "continuing commitment to individual liberty, due process, and equal protection."

To read the full letter, visit http://www.popular4people.org/Minor_Inquiry.html

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