

How Not to Waste Money on Lawyers

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Most people can understand the futility of hiring a tree surgeon to do their plumbing. An obvious waste of money. If your toilet is overflowing paying the tree surgeon more money in the hopes that more money equals better results should lead to a self-evident outcome, that is you will remain in deep shit.

The analogy in regards to lawyers may be a little harder to discern, harder but not impossible. Let's say you just caught a major criminal case. You recognize immediately that you're in deep shit. So, you hire a lawyer. As often as not the lawyer will simply plead you guilty or if he takes it to trial he will merely "go through the motions" of a defense, makes no serious effort to get you acquitted, and you will do prison time anyway.

At this point a lot of people realize that they were "sold out by their lawyer(s)," and think that the solution to their problem is to hire more lawyers. This is in direction contradiction to the military adage of, "Don't reinforce failure." That is if you're losing troops you don't send more troops to achieve the same objective.

Nor do you waste more ammunition pounding an objective that weakens the enemy not a whit.

Let's say you have half a million dollars (ammunition) to use to pry yourself loose from a 20-year prison sentence (the objective). Most people will spend their half million or more on lawyers. Almost all of them will fail.

There is a much more effective way of spending your money and increasing your odds in achieving your objective. Don't spend it on lawyers, spend it on the political process.

Here's how you do it.

First, if it helps if you have raised the proper issues on an appeal or a habeas corpus. Most of the time, the proper issues don't help in the court system. As those of you who already been through the judicial meat grinder in this country already understand, you will get robbed by judges determined to maintain the status quo than not.

Hiring a lawyer -or another lawyer- at this stage is the equivalent of throwing money down a rat hole. By the numbers, here's what to do next:

Take your problem to a member of congress. You go to the one that represents your district or a member of the house judiciary committee who won his last

election by a slim margin. Ask you congressmen to bring a bill of impeachment against the judge who robbed you.

Assume this member of congress will either ignore you or give you some lame excuse for not helping you. Once you see how useless he (or she) is you put your situation into a direct mail piece. Get a bulk mailing permit or use a list broker to send out 1,00 flyers a week. Week after week. When the congressman realizes that he could lose his next election you will get his attention. At this point he will either a) do something or b) ignore you at his peril. If he loses his next election his successor will do what he is supposed to do.

As for judicial independence, that's a myth. Pay attention to the highlighted part.

U.S Const. Article III Sec.2 Clause 2

"In all Cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, and those in which a State shall be Party, the supreme Court shall have original Jurisdiction. In all the other Cases before mentioned, the Supreme Court shall have appellate Jurisdiction, both as to Law and Fact, with such Exceptions, and under such Regulations as the Congress shall make."

As experience has proven, this method is much more effective than hiring more lawyers.