

The **National Lawyers Guild, Inc.** (NLG) is a non-profit corporation formed in 1937 as the nation's first racially integrated voluntary bar association. It has long advocated for fair criminal justice policies, and defended individuals who were denied their constitutional rights at trial. In the mid-twentieth century the NLG was accused by the government of espousing dangerous ideas, including in hearings conducted by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and other instances of governmental overreaching now popularly discredited. *See, e.g., Kinoy v. District of Columbia*, 400 F.2d 761 (D.C. Cir. 1968). From 1940-1975, the FBI, CIA and other government agencies spied on, infiltrated and disrupted the NLG and its members, even though no alleged or suspected criminal wrongdoing existed to justify governmental intrusion. *See National Lawyers Guild v. Attorney General of the United States*, 225 F.2d 552 (D.C. Cir. 1955). Since then, the Guild has continued to represent thousands of Americans critical of government and corporate policies, from anti-war activists during the Vietnam era to current anti-globalization, peace, environmental and animal rights activists.

The **American Conservative Union Foundation** (ACUF) was founded by William F. Buckley, Jr. in 1973 to educate voters, office-holders, and opinion leaders regarding conservative principles to solve complex problems facing Americans today. The **ACUF Center for Criminal Justice Reform** (CCJR) is recognized as one of the leading center-right voices that advocate for reforms of the criminal justice system at both the federal and state levels. The

ACUF Center for Criminal Justice Reform seeks to improve public safety, hold individuals as well as government organizations accountable, and advance human dignity. The ACUF Center for Criminal Justice Reform does not condone the conduct that forms the factual basis of the convictions in *United States v. Ulbricht*. However, the organization is committed to defending the protections provided to Americans by both the Fourth and Sixth Amendments.

FreedomWorks is a nonpartisan grassroots advocacy organization. Its mission is to build, educate, and mobilize the largest network of activists advocating the principles of smaller government, lower taxes, free markets, personal liberty, and the rule of law.

Founded in 1984 as Citizens for a Sound Economy, FreedomWorks has expanded into an organization of over six million Americans who are passionate about promoting free markets and individual liberty. For over a quarter century, it has identified, educated and actuated citizens to support free enterprise and constitutionally limited government.

The **Human Rights Defense Center** (HRDC) is a nonprofit charitable corporation headquartered in Florida that advocates in furtherance of the human rights of people held in state and federal prisons, local jails, immigration detention centers, civil commitment facilities, Bureau of Indian Affairs jails, juvenile facilities, and military prisons. HRDC's advocacy efforts include publishing two monthly publications, Prison Legal News, which covers national and international news and litigation concerning prisons and jails, as well as Criminal Legal News, which is focused

on criminal law and procedure and policing issues. HRDC also publishes and distributes self-help reference books for prisoners, and engages in state and federal court litigation on prisoner rights issues, including wrongful death, public records, class actions, and Section 1983 civil rights litigation concerning the First Amendment rights of prisoners and their correspondents.

Nancy Gertner was appointed to the judiciary for the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts in 1994. She retired in September 2011 and became part of the faculty of the Harvard Law School teaching a number of subjects including criminal law, criminal procedure, forensic science and sentencing, as well as continuing to teach and write about women's issues around the world. She has published many articles, and chapters on sentencing, discrimination, and forensic evidence, women's rights, and the jury system. Judge Gertner is a recipient of the 2008 Thurgood Marshall Award of the American Bar Association, in recognition of her contributions to advancing human rights and civil liberties, and of the 2014 Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award of the American Bar Association, in recognition of Gertner's advocacy, mentoring and achievements in the legal field.

The **National Coalition to Protect Civil Freedoms** (NCPCF) is a coalition of 18 organizations (about half Muslim and half non-Muslim) dedicated to the preservation of our civil freedoms, particularly in the so-called War on Terror. NCPCF focuses on three areas in which civil rights have significantly eroded since 9/11: Prevention of discrimination and

Islamophobia; prevention of abuse of prisoners; and prevention of preemptive prosecutions (defined as the use of pretext charges, unfair sting operations, and generally prosecutions based on governmental suspicion of the target's ideology).

NCPCF represents the interests of Muslims and others targeted by the government based on their religion, race, country of origin, or ideology.

The **Partnership for Civil Justice Fund** (PCJF) is a non-profit organization that works to support and defend human rights and constitutional rights as secured by law. The PCJF has litigated numerous matters involving civil liberties at the intersection of First and Fourth Amendment rights. The PCJF has a strong interest in protecting the right to read and view political materials on the internet without threat of government monitoring and seizure of that activity in the absence of a probable cause showing, as well in protecting proceedings from judicial fact finding where such determinations are a jury function.

The **People's Law Office** is a law partnership established in 1969 inspired to conduct civil rights litigation by the murders of Black Panther activists Fred Hampton and Mark Clark. Throughout its nearly 50-year history, the office has confronted police brutality, police torture, and prosecutorial misconduct; represented political activists, militants and radicals; advocated for prisoners and the LGBTQ community; fought against the death penalty; and provided legal support to Puerto Rican and other political prisoners.