

## APPENDIX

### DESCRIPTIONS OF *AMICI CURIAE*

**American Friends Service Committee (“AFSC”)** is a faith-based, human rights organization that promotes lasting peace with justice and transforming social relations in the prison system. As an organization and through its Prison Watch program, AFSC works to end mass incarceration, improve prison conditions, stop prison privatization, and promote reconciliation and healing approach to criminal justice issues through information and advocacy.

**Blackstone Career Institute** is a privately licensed and accredited education program, which provides quality, relevant, and affordable distance education programs for inmates and other non-traditional students. Blackstone makes every effort to accommodate the enrollment of incarcerated individuals, advertising its education courses in *Prison Legal News*.

**Center for Life Without Parole Studies** is a charitable human rights organization aimed at eliminating the use of life without parole sentences and ensuring that all prisoners currently serving have a meaningful opportunity to demonstrate their fitness for release.

**Convict PenPals** is a website that connects prisoners with the outside world through letters and email messages. In addition to advertising its pen pal service in *Prison Legal News*, Convict PenPals

connects prisoners and their families with legal and business services.

**Michael P. Denea, PLC** is a criminal defense law firm, advertising in *Prison Legal News* and providing over 25 years of legal service in the community.

**Fast Law Publishing Associates (“FLPA”)** makes books, articles, and pamphlets on a variety of legal and public interest subject, and provides a platform to advocate for legislative change to the criminal justice system. Publishing books like *Winning Habeas Corpus and Post Conviction Relief* and *Post conviction Relief for Washington State: the Personal Restraint Petition*, FLPA connects to its subscribing prisoners through *Prison Legal News*.

**Great Goods** is a stamp purchasing service that advertises in *Prison Legal News*.

**Inmate Magazine Service** is a magazine subscription services that reaches prisoners seeking access to a variety of printed publications.

**Doran Larson** is a Professor of Literature & Creative Writing at Hamilton College, and Director of *The American Prison Writing Archive (“APWA”)*. The APWA is a research repository of essays by incarcerated people and it is intended to serve researchers and students seeking to understand prison experience in the United States.

**Millicorp** is the parent company of multiple calling services, which were developed to deal

specifically with families and inmates who cannot afford telephone calls.

**Mitzner Law Firm** advertises legal services to inmates through *Prison Legal News*, advocating for those prisoners who were denied their constitutionally required adequate medical care or other civil rights.

**Pfau Cochran Vertetis Kosnoff PLLC (“PCVK”)** is a personal injury law firm that has represented prison inmates over many years and has been featured in *Prison Legal News’* articles. Additionally, PCVK has successfully reached out and been contacted by prisoners through the publication.

**Pinix & Soukup, LLC (“P&S”)** is a Wisconsin law firm that provides appellate criminal defense, civil rights, and personal injury representation to incarcerated persons. As a key outreach platform, P&S advertises its services in *Prison Legal News* and has been contacted by many of its clients through its appearance in the publication.

**The Law Offices of William L. Schmidt** is a small law firm that represents inmates throughout the West Coast. Having advertised in *Prison Legal News* for over 10 years, the firm is contacted daily by inmates in need of post-conviction, appellate, medical malpractice, and civil rights legal counsel.

**Elaine L. Thompson, Esq.** is a solo practitioner representing parties in appeals and post-conviction matters. After handling criminal matters for 29 years, Ms. Thompson advertises in *Prison Legal*

*News* to assist innocent prisoners with their legal claims.

**Weidner Law, P.A.** focuses on probate, trust and estate law, civil litigation, and code enforcement actions. Despite having no criminal law practice, the firm advertises in *Prison Legal News* to elicit prisoner stories regarding systemic violations of basic human rights in prisons and to share those stories with the general public.