

Do Inmates Have Rights... No Response

The question is, of course rhetorical, but you'd never know it from the response I got from the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Here's what I wrote, and sent to them:

December 5th, 2018

Dear U.S. Court of Appeals,

I was told by an officer here at USP Tucson, that as inmates, regardless of what the law says, we have no rights at all, and that as "slaves to the state", staff and officers are immune to any laws they must go by, because it's simply a "guideline".

Is this true, that staff and officers are given authority to ignore the law, to punish inmates? Are they allowed to beat an inmate with no consequences? Are they legally allowed to put inmates in a cell with another inmate, knowing that inmate will be raped? Are they allowed to, with extreme prejudice, throw away inmate mail simply because they can?

Did we, as inmates, lose all rights to humanity when we were sentenced? Are we to be sentenced to torture, rather than rehabilitation? Please help me understand, since all we've seen here is the former, rather than the latter.

I received my letter back, having been photo copied with a "Received" stamp by the US Court of appeals, dated December 14th, 2018...

Today is July 13th, 2020... no response

And still waiting —