

Heaven Sent Judge
a concise opusculum

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Usually my writings in terms of the criminal justice system are all concerning the depraved nature of such systems at law. However, in learning of ex-seventh circuit judge Richard Posner whom sat on the bench of the 7th circuit from 1981 to 2017, I felt it only right to project on his authority person and righteousness. Posner, whom now teaches at the University of Chicago Law School, took it upon himself to do what he could to assist pro se litigants; he avers "the justice system was [is] far from just when it camele [came] to pro se litigants."¹

Posner contends judges frequently abdicate their official duties by copying and pasting briefs of professionally trained lawyers. What more need be said of a system of justice in which people are constantly telling of the foul way they are treated? Here we have an ex-federal judge with decades of experience on the bench relaying that judicialities, when it comes to pro se litigants, especially those incarcerated, are fraught with unjustice. What Posner has exposed gives credence to tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of accusations made by inmates and others in the process of fighting criminal charges as it relates to not being treated fairly. Such assertions also shines light on the probability of many persons being incarcerated for crimes they absolutely did not commit — this is the category in which I stand.

Although the Posner Center for Justice was short-lived — whether it was because the staff was overwhelmed, lack of funds, or other reasons — the mere fact of Posner attempting to counter what he sees as unfair treatment of the poor and disfranchised put him in a outstanding position worthy of praise.

This amazing man chose to not turn a blind-eye to blatant deviancy as many judges do. Instead he chose to help those whom were wronged be put in a position where judicial malfeasance of the courts and adversities of the accused could be challenged.

Possibly, this ideology infuriated other judges and led to Posner being ostracized by many in the community of legal professionals at-large; that is, Posner's 'rogue' position is/was a total 180 of the tenet most persons of legal authority live by — that tenet being to stand as one and support one-another regardless of what. This means even if a court has based a decision on fabrications of adversarial pleadings, that is, if a court's decision has been copied and pasted, other courts are likely to support such decisions regardless of serious violations being apparent.

Still, Posner, knowing of all the slack he may face as a result of his righteous endeavors, chose to do what Universal Forces (God)² compelled him to do, fight for peoples rights.

Posner is absolutely truly honorable, and as it stands in this current milieu of America, on the right side of history. Good will surround this man and his family for all of his remaining days.

References / Endnotes

- 1 Bliss, Kevin; Prison Legal News, Jan., 2020 (Issue and Vol. unavailable); "Former Seventh Circuit Judge Posner Tounds Short-Lived Project to Help Pro se Litigants"; pg. 60-61

- 2 Please excuse this deviation for a slight projection of spiritual input