

## PRISONERS RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS

### NATIONAL

**HG.org. Prisoners' Rights Law:** deals with the rights of inmates while behind bars. Many of these laws relate to fundamental human rights and civil liberties.

[www.hg.org/prisoner-rights-law.html](http://www.hg.org/prisoner-rights-law.html)

**American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) National Prison Project:** Through litigation, advocacy, and public education, it works to ensure that conditions of confinement are consistent with health, safety, and human dignity, and that prisoners retain all rights of free persons that are not inconsistent with incarceration.

<https://www.aclu.org/other/aclu-national-prison-project>

**The Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse:** brings together and analyzes information and documents about important civil rights cases across the United States

[www.clearinghouse.net/](http://www.clearinghouse.net/)

**Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE) National:** CURE is a grassroots organization – from top to bottom. It does not hire professional leaders. Instead, its leaders come from the ranks of people formerly in prison and family members or friends of prisoners

[www.curenational.org/](http://www.curenational.org/)

**The Equal Justice Initiative (EJI):** The Equal Justice Initiative is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States

<https://www.eji.org/>

**Prison Activist Resource Center (PARC):** produces a directory that is free to prisoners upon request, and seeks to work in solidarity with prisoners, ex-prisoners, their friends and families

[www.prisonactivist.org/](http://www.prisonactivist.org/)

**The Sentencing Project:** Founded in 1986, The Sentencing Project works for a fair and effective U.S. criminal justice system by promoting reforms in sentencing policy, addressing unjust racial disparities and practices, and advocating for alternatives to incarceration

[www.sentencingproject.org/](http://www.sentencingproject.org/)

**The Human Rights Defense Center(HRDC):** publishes *Criminal Legal News*, a monthly magazine that gives a voice to prisoners, their families and others affected by criminal justice policies in Washington.

[www.humanrightsdefensecenter.org/](http://www.humanrightsdefensecenter.org/)

**The Center for Constitutional Rights:** empowers those who have been imprisoned, supporting movements begun by prisoners and foregrounding their stories and voices in our work. With the [National Lawyers Guild](#), provide our *Jailhouse Lawyers...* <http://ccrjustice.org>

**The Center for Prisoner Health and Human Rights:** The Center's mission is to improve the health and human rights of justice-involved populations through education, advocacy, and research.

[www.prisonerhealth.org/](http://www.prisonerhealth.org/)



**Pro Bono Net Prisoners' Rights:** supports lawyers who are providing legal assistance to prisoners (convicts and pre-trial detainees) with respect to the conditions of their confinement or their treatment by prison personnel

[www.probono.net/prisoners/](http://www.probono.net/prisoners/)

**People's Law Office Prison and Jail Work:** fighting for the civil rights of victims of police brutality, wrongful convictions, false arrest and other government abuses.

<http://peopleslawoffice.com/issues-and-cases/prisonjail-work/>

**The Prison Policy Initiative:** documents and publicizes how mass incarceration punishes our entire society.

[www.prisonpolicy.org/](http://www.prisonpolicy.org/)

The First Amendment Center: an educational organization and cannot provide legal advice.

[www.firstamendmentcenter.org/prisoners-rights/](http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/prisoners-rights/)

## STATE

**The Prison Law Office:** The Prison Law Office is a nonprofit public interest law firm based in Berkeley, California that provides free legal services to adult and juvenile offenders to improve their conditions of confinement

<http://prisonlaw.com/>

**Legal Service for Prisoners with Children:** LSPC organizes communities impacted by the criminal justice system and advocates to release incarcerated people, to restore human and civil rights and to reunify families and communities

<http://www.prisonerswithchildren.org/> :

**Prison Activist Resource Center State Resources:** produces a directory that is free to prisoners upon request, and seeks to work in solidarity with prisoners, ex-prisoners, their friends and families

[www.prisonactivist.org/resources/](http://www.prisonactivist.org/resources/)

## BOOKS

**Jailhouse Lawyers' Handbook:** This Handbook is a resource for prisoners who wish to file a federal lawsuit addressing poor conditions in prison or abuse by prison staff. It also contains limited general information about the American legal system. This Handbook is available for free to anyone: prisoners, families, friends, activists, lawyers and others. <http://jailouselaw.org/>

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