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Re: Independent Investigation regarding State v. Glossip

There is no greater responsibility for an instrument of government than taking a human life. While warranted as part of our criminal law, such a step should only be taken with extra care and review to make sure no innocent person is executed.

As such, the Ad Hoc Investigation Committee Re: State v. Richard Glossip (the “Glossip Case”), comprised of certain members of the Oklahoma state legislature, is seeking an independent review of the Glossip Case by Reed Smith LLP. Such a step is necessary in light of issues presented to members of the committee regarding Mr. Glossip’s case and conviction. The request is that you would also conduct all work on a pro bono basis.

The Ad Hoc Committee respectfully requests that your firm lead an independent investigation regarding the Glossip Case, and prepare a report of findings regarding this case, and recommendations, if warranted, thereof. We understand that your investigation may include examinations of: (1) the record of the case in the trial and appellate courts (both state and federal); (2) the evidence and other case and investigation materials held by the police and the local district attorney; (3) the evidence and other case and investigation materials held by the defense; and (4) other information that you deem appropriate to consider in completing your investigation and report, including any new information you obtain from your own investigation. You may seek assistance from professionals and other individuals outside your firm in completing your work.

We understand that your investigation is independent and that you have no preconceived opinions regarding the Glossip Case or the outcome of your investigation. The Ad Hoc Committee has not indicated to you in any way how you should conduct your work or what conclusions you should reach.

The Ad Hoc Committee will cooperate with your investigation to the best of its ability to the fullest extent permitted by law. This includes assisting to the best of our ability in your efforts to obtain information as part of your work.

We look forward to the findings of your investigation.

Regards,


Representative Kevin McDugle