

Law Enforcement / Prisoner Rights

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Accepts complaints against Prisons. The Special Litigation Section is responsible for protecting the constitutional and federal statutory rights of persons confined in certain institutions owned or operated by state or local governments. These institutions include facilities for individuals who are mentally ill and developmentally disabled, elderly persons in nursing homes, inmates in prisons and jails and juveniles confined in detention halls. The Section also investigates state and local law enforcement agencies alleged to engage in a pattern or practice of violating citizens' federal rights and may bring civil lawsuits to remedy such abuses. The Section has also been charged with the civil enforcement of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act which prohibits the use of force, threats or physical obstruction to interfere with access to reproductive health services clinics or places of worship.

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The Federal Bureau of Prisons was established in 1930 to provide more progressive and humane care for Federal inmates, to professionalize the prison service, and to ensure consistent and centralized administration of the 11 Federal prisons in operation at the time. Today, the Bureau consists of more than 114 institutions, 6 regional offices, a Central Office (headquarters), 2 staff training centers, and 26 community corrections offices. The regional offices and Central Office provide administrative oversight and support to Bureau facilities and community corrections offices. Community corrections offices oversee residential re-entry centers (RRCs) and home confinement programs.

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The mission of the Office of the Independent Monitor is to provide fair and objective oversight of the Denver Police and Sheriff's Departments. The Monitor's mission is directed at transparency and accountability in order to ensure public confidence in Denver's sworn Safety personnel and the policies which govern them. The OIM is responsible for: actively monitoring and participating in investigations of sworn personnel in the City and County of Denver's Police and Sheriff Departments; making recommendations to the Manager of Safety, Chief of Police and Director of Corrections (who are responsible for discipline within the departments) regarding administrative action, including possible discipline for such uniformed personnel; and making recommendations regarding broader policy issues.

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Advocacy group for inmates rights, CURE is recognized as the leading organization making efforts to reduce crime through criminal justice reform. Colorado-CURE, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) Colorado corporation, works diligently to provide information and support to 17,000 prisoners in Colorado, as well as to their families and loved ones. That support extends to prisoners paroled, discharged or integrated through community corrections programs, as well as thousands in county jails throughout the state. Through a close association with the Colorado Department of Corrections, Adult Division of Parole and Community Corrections, as well as the Colorado legislature and Parole Board, Colorado-CURE provides input on all levels on behalf of prisoners. This includes working to reform sentencing laws, advocating for more and better job training and education for prisoners, improvement of reintegration of prisoners to society and working to eliminate racial profiling and employment discrimination of convicted felons. Colorado-CURE continues the effort to reduce crime through criminal justice reform.