

The Lund family is working with other groups to expose the wrongdoing of his hostile Trustees which the Probate Court is permitting such to occur. Bradford and his family are also seeking overall legislative reform of probate courts not only in California and Arizona, but across the country to bring about comprehensive reform and accountability by trustees, conservators, guardians, lawyers, and complicit judges. Such efforts will concentrate on the refusal of judicial commissions, courts, and the legislatures, to take proper action against judges, fiduciaries, and lawyers themselves, who continue to violate the rights of citizens resulting in the loss of freedom and the pillaging of estates of those who come to probate seeking protection. Due process is extremely important but too often virtually nonexistent in the Probate Court.

In the probate system, over many years we have seen the need for probate reform—now more than ever. For many victims of the system, it is too late as, in many cases, they have already lost their rights, their money, and their property. People don't realize until they have experienced it what can happen in the probate courts, all over our nation, in terms of deprivation of due process. In the words of House Subcommittee on Health and Long-Term Care, House Special Committee on Aging, H.R. Doc. No. 100-641, at 4 (1987), that has been frequently quoted by scholars and advocates in the field:

“The typical ward has fewer rights than the typical convicted felon—[he] can no longer receive money or pay [his] bills. By appointing a guardian, the court entrusts to someone else the power to choose where [he] will live, what medical treatment [he] will get and, in rare cases, when [he] will die. It is, in one short sentence, the most punitive civil penalty that can be levied against an American citizen. . . .”

(Emphasis added). As one landmark law review article that was written two decades ago observed:

Under the Fourteenth Amendment, the states may not deprive any person of liberty or property without due process of law. Because protective proceedings will usually restrict an individual's liberty or access to property, the protection sought must comply with due process of law. Unfortunately, the application of due process to protective proceedings is often nonexistent, insufficient, or ignored. 14 Quinnipiac Prob. L.J. 57 (1999).

(Emphasis added). Change needs to happen and attention needs to be brought to the communities all over the country that within our justice system there lurks an invisible prison system with bars that are not visible to the world where individuals enter with their own voices, their own families, their own property, and often leave without anything---. We must work to bring meaningful due process into our probate courts.

Each state Legislature and state Probate Court should be consistent in their probate rules and statutes together with following the laws and Constitutional rights of every citizen who walks through the doors of the courthouse.

Judges who commit violations and abuse should be taken off the bench, not promoted and their crimes ignored by their superiors.

There should not be “absolute immunity” for judges, attorneys, fiduciaries or anyone who is violating the laws or the rights of a citizen in any way.

The state legislatures should do their jobs and oversee the courts, not allow the courts to oversee themselves.

The Lund family's mission is to work to see that other stories of abuse are told that these abuses and violations are exposed, and to ensure that other families get *justice* and *protection* instead of being violated by the very court that should be protecting them.

– The Lund Family