The Too-Many Prisoners Dilemma
Prisons are a vast, underserved but important beat. Why we need more criminal justice coverage
by Dan Frosen

FCC Order Heralded, But It's a Small Step

On August 1, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), in a landmark decision, voted to cap the cost that phone companies charge their prisoners. The order, entered in response to a waiting period following publication in the Federal Register, took action to finally address the high costs of telephone calls from inmates.

The FCC's 131-page final order states in August, "too many Americans go to prison. We're taking a small step toward reducing the cost of phone calls from prison.

The order requires that phone companies pay "commission" on prepaid calls to small number of people on a specified list, helping a charismatic gang leader, who briefly raised after Baltimore jail guards to solitary confinement as a human rights cause such a reaction.

The number of reporters assigned to cover prison phone companies pay "commission" to lower prison phone rates and implement regulations.

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American Apartheid: Why Scandinavian Prisons Are Superior

"Open" prisons, in which detainees are allowed to live like regular citizens, should be a model for the U.S.
by Doran Linton

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Why advertise with PLN?

PRISON LEGAL NEWS is the premium source of national advertising to reach people concerned about prisoner rights and criminal justice-related issues — civil and criminal trial and appellate attorneys, judges, journalists, academics, paralegals, human rights activists, family members of prisoners, lawmakers and other government officials, and state and federal prisoners.

PLN has more than 9,000 monthly subscribers. We distribute several thousand additional issues each month to interested people and organizations by mail and at events. PLN has subscribers in every state and conservatively estimates that each issue is read by at least 90,000 people.

Unlike readers of free circulation magazines, ours have the income and interest to buy your product and services.

If you must reach people with an interest in prison issues, no other advertising medium even comes close to PLN.

Who reads PLN.

According to our most recent reader survey, 60% of our paid readership purchased at least one product or service from a PLN advertiser in the preceding year.

Some of the largest and most prestigious public interest organizations in the United States regularly run public service and information-gathering ads in PLN. These public service advertisers include the Southern Poverty Law Center, American Civil Liberties Union and Human Rights Watch, among others.

PLN is the only nationally circulated magazine you can advertise in that goes into every medium and maximum security prison in the country and most of the lower security prisons as well. We have a solid track record connecting advertisers to their target audience since 1990.

No one else has our depth and reach. Our many long-term advertisers have found that Prison Legal News is the most effective and economical way to reach their target audience.
Don’t take our word for it!
Ask any of our advertisers about the results they get from advertising with us! We encourage advertisers to track their ads so they can see for themselves.

I was very familiar with PLN, read my subscription cover to cover and friends with the staff while incarcerated on pretrial at the MCC New York fighting a federal case. That is where I sadly saw the inmates around me had no access to resources to the outside world and when Freebird Publishers was born. I fought my case for four and half years in prison and walked out Friday March 23, 2012, at 6pm into the waiting arms of my defense team by taking the lowest plea available that the prosecutor could offer and still save face which gave me time served. When I got back to my home, and settled in my plan was already in line, my first call was to PLN. To run a display ad for Freebird Publishers, which specializes in prisoner publications, like resource books and more. As of February 15, 2022, Freebird Publishers will be nine years old. We are very successful due in part from the support we graciously received from Paul and the staff at HRDC."

—Diane Schindelwig, Owner Freebird Publishers

Elite Paralegal & Prisoner Services, LLC (EPS) has been advertising with Prison Legal News for over 13 years and Criminal Legal News since the inaugural publication. Advertising with PLN & CLN has been a wise business decision which has yielded excellent results. Our customer base continues to grow with many of our new customers saying they saw our Ad in one of the publications. PLN & CLN are by far the best platforms to reach our customer base which is the prison population. And, the staff are wonderful!"

—Robert Branam, Owner, Elite Paralegal & Prisoner Services, LLC

"PLN and CLN is a great way to reach those that are the hardest to reach...the prison population."

— John F. Mizner
Attorney and Counsellor at Law

"Prison Legal News has helped WriteAPrisoner.com reach America’s incarcerated population for over twenty years. Today we directly interact with about 5% of the entire incarcerated population in this country each year, and much of that can be attributed to our ongoing advertisements in their publications."

—Adam Lovell, President, WriteAPrisoner.com
**Website Advertising**

In addition to our monthly publication, all issues containing the magazines’ entire content (including print ads) are posted each month to PLN’s website in PDF format. It is the best resource on prison and jail litigation and news anywhere online and **receives over 100,000 unique visitors per month.** www.prisonlegalnews.org is the leading and most comprehensive website in the world for prison, jail and detention facility news and litigation information. We have affordable advertising options for all budgets.

**Top of the Page Banner**  $200.00/month  
**Bottom of the Page Banner**  $150.00/month  
**Business Card Side Bar**  $125.00/month  
**Large Side Bar**  $150.00/month

**Website options:**
www.prisonlegalnews.org  
www.criminallegalnews.org  
ad email: ads@prisonlegalnews.org

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**Media Coverage**

*Prison Legal News* and PLN staff continue to be featured and quoted in numerous news publications nationwide. Visit “PLN in the News” on our website for a complete list of the many articles that feature PLN or simply Google “Prison Legal News.”

*“The letters came pouring in!”*  
—New York Law Journal

An article in *New York Law Journal* recently reported on the power of PLN:

“Among the best ways for a civil rights attorney to spread his name around, Anthony Ofodile said, is to win a case that gets picked up by *Prison Legal News*, a monthly magazine dedicated to protecting prisoners’ rights. In his case, after the magazine ran a story in 2006 on his $1.25 million settlement of a prisoner’s medical malpractice action, the letters began pouring in. He now receives well over a 100 letters a month, each outlining purported injustices committed by the government.”
PRISON LEGAL NEWS offers the 23 display advertising options shown on these pages. All dimensions are listed width first and then the height. Any ads submitted at incorrect size or shape will be resized to fit space, which may distort the look of the ad. If you are running an ad for multiple months, you can vary the ad by using a different size ad at no extra charge. For example, if you are running a 1/6th page ad for 3 months: The first month you could run a 2-col.-wide ad, the next month a 1-col.-wide ad, and the third month a 1-1/3-col.-wide ad. Please see technical specifications on back page.

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Track your results! Simply include “Dept. PLN” in the address of the ad.
This is the same size as an inside 1/2 page, placed at the bottom of the back page, below the mailing address. Inquire about availability.
Classified Ad Prices, Sizes and Policies

1. Only advertising of products, services, or providing or requesting information will be considered.
2. Payment must be made in advance. There is a two month minimum on classified ads.
3. The first line ONLY can be in Bold. Submit first line in bold type or otherwise indicate you want the first line in bold.
4. Periods and spaces between words and sentences count as one character. For example the following three words with the space in between and punctuation adds up to 22 characters:
   Legal Services. Cheap!
5. There are 32 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation.
6. All ads are in Myriad Pro 9.5 point type.
7. Prisoner names or addresses are not accepted.
8. Messages between prisoners are not accepted.
9. Messages to a prisoner are not accepted.
10. Advertisements for prison pen pals are not accepted.
11. Advertisements for a pen pal service are OK.
12. Requesting legal assistance with a case will be accepted if an attorney is the contact person.
13. All ads will be placed at HRDC’s discretion.
14. HRDC reserves the right to refuse any ad.

Mail Ad Text, Payment and Form to the Human Rights Defense Center
PO Box 1151 • Lake Worth, FL 33460
Call Us at 754-263-4564 to purchase ads by phone with Mastercard, Visa, Discover, and American Express
Advertising Questions? Email HRDC at ads@prisonlegalnews.org
Advertising Policies

*Prison Legal News* reserves the right to decline advertising for any reason. Slight variations in ad dimensions may be necessary to improve the look of a magazine page. This sometimes results in a larger ad than the listed dimensions. **Ad copy and changes must be received by the 10th of each month for placement in the following month's issue.**

All ads must be prepaid by check, money order, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express.

Technical Specifications

*Prison Legal News* accepts in display advertising black-&-white/grayscale PDF or TIFF formats, at exact size.

Any ads submitted in other sizes or formats will be charged a one-time fee of $10–15.

*PLN* can also scan a hard copy and clean it up for a $15 fee.

If you want us to lay out your ad, a one-time fee of $25–100 will be charged according to the size and complexity of your layout needs. Please supply all text and images, as well as any additional instructions.

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Special Advertising

*Prison Legal News* can provide advertising options to reach all or a particular segment of its subscribers. Call 754-263-4564 to discuss your needs and for pricing.

Special Placement

*Prison Legal News* attempts to place display ads in the magazine so that they receive maximum exposure on a particular page. We regularly rotate the ads in each issue. Additionally, within the following guidelines and for a 10% surcharge, the placement of an ad can be reserved for any location on any page except the inside of the front and back cover, the back cover and page 3:

- Only space for ads 1/4 page and larger can be reserved.
- Inquire first for availability of a particular location.
- Placement is reserved on a first payment received basis.
- Previously reserved and paid for ads are grandfathered into a particular location and cannot be bumped.

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Advertiser: __________________________
Name: ________________________________
Company: ____________________________
Address: ______________________________
City/State/Zip: _______________________

Ad Frequency and Size

No. of months: _______________________
Size: _________________________________
Width: _______________________________
Amt. enclosed: ________________________

Mail Payment and Form to

*Prison Legal News*
PO Box 1151
Lake Worth, FL 33460

Purchase ads by phone with Visa, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express

[754] 263-4564

Advertising Questions?
Email ADS@PRISONLEGALNEWS.ORG