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<<Organization Name & Address>>

Dear Organization Director,

On behalf of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), I would like to inform you of my availability to speak to your organization regarding indigent defense problems in the U.S. Court System. The Sixth Amendment of the Constitution guarantees effective assistance of counsel for all defendants in this country, but overworked and underpaid public defenders and ridiculously low rates for court-appointed counsel threaten this constitutional right and greatly increase the possibility of wrongful convictions of indigent defendants. The NACDL encourages, at all levels of federal, state and local government, a rational and humane criminal justice policy for America -- one that promotes fairness for all and due process for even the least among us who may be accused of wrongdoing. In accordance with these values, we realize the need to reform the system. We would appreciate the opportunity to share our perspective on this issue with the members of your organization.

The NACDL is the preeminent organization in the United States advancing the mission of the nation's criminal defense lawyers to ensure justice and due process for persons accused of crime and other misconduct. A professional bar association founded in 1958, NACDL's more than 10,000 direct members — and 80 state and local affiliate organizations with another 28,000 members — include private criminal defense lawyers, public defenders, active U.S. military defense counsel, law professors and judges committed to preserving fairness within America's criminal justice system.

If you would be interested in more information about an NACDL speaker visiting your organization to speak about the current situation of indigent defense, or would like to schedule an NACDL speaker to address your organization, please contact me at either <<myemailaddress@mycompany.com>> or <<(999) 999-9999>>. Thank you for your time and interest.

Sincerely,

<<Your name>>

<<Your title>> and NACDL Member