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EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Mohamedu F. Jones is a partner at the law firm of Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O’Gara LLC, where he devotes his efforts exclusively to the firm’s practice area of correctional and detention facility compliance monitoring. For over thirty plus years, Mr. Jones has served as a court-appointed monitor or plaintiffs’ counsel with compliance monitoring responsibilities in class action litigation involving conditions of confinement in California, Indiana, Louisiana, Nevada, Ohio, and Utah. These responsibilities covered facility touring and reporting as a monitor regarding compliance with standards and court orders in the various cases, and extensive collaboration with experts in the reporting process and in the design, development, and implementation of targeted strategies and projects to assist defendants with achieving compliance generally and in focused areas of concern.

- ***Coleman v. Brown, et al, (Eastern District of California).*** Litigation challenging the delivery of mental health care in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (33 institutions).
 - Conducted compliance monitoring and assisted in managing a team of mental health and correctional experts who inspected and reported on the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation’s levels of compliance with an agreed Mental Health Program Guide and specific orders and standards in the case.
 - Extensively participated in the reporting process and in the design, development, and implementation of effective strategies and to assist defendants with achieving compliance.

- ***Inmates of Rhode Island Training School for Youth v. Lingren, et al. (District of Rhode Island).*** Litigation challenging conditions of confinement and practices at the Rhode Island Juvenile Detention Center, covering medical and mental health care, juvenile programming, discipline, custodial practices and facility infrastructure. Conducted compliance monitoring and reporting regarding:
 - Construction of new facilities to meet national standards.
 - Development and Implementation of a revised policy and procedures manual.
 - Full implementation of a detailed and effective administrative grievance procedure to handle residents’ complaints.
 - Achieve full accreditation by the American Correctional Association.

- ***Hamilton v. Morial (Eastern District of Louisiana)***. Class action litigation which challenged conditions and practices at the Orleans Parish Prison of New Orleans, Louisiana that housed state and federal pre-trial detainees, sentenced prisoners and immigration detainees. Areas in issue in the litigation were conditions of confinement including medical care, women's health care, and juvenile health care and custody.
- ***Ilick v. Miller (District of Nevada)***. Class action litigation which challenged conditions and practices at Ely State Prison, Nevada's maximum-security prison. Plaintiffs were declared prevailing party on the issues of use of excessive force and mental health care.
- ***Anderson v. Orr, (Northern District of Indiana)***. Class action litigation challenging overall conditions and practices at one of Indiana's three maximum security prisons. This matter was settled on terms favorable to plaintiffs.
- ***Henry v. Deland, (District of Utah)***. Class action litigation challenging statewide adequacy of medical and mental health care provided to prisoners in Utah state prison. Monitored compliance in post-judgment phase.
- ***Bates v. Lynn, (Middle District of Louisiana)***. Class action litigation to secure meaningful access to courts for condemned prisoners in the Louisiana State Prison system. On April 22, 1991, court entered a consent decree providing inmates with contact visits, training for legal assistants, and other legal access reforms.
- ***Dunn v. Voinovich, (District of Ohio)***. Statewide class action on behalf of over prisoners in Ohio state prisons challenging the denial of adequate mental health care. State agreed-to comprehensive settlement agreement. Monitored compliance in post-judgment phase.

Education

Master of Laws (LLM) 1990

Harvard Law School

Bachelor of Laws (LLB) 1988

University of Liberia Law School

Bachelor of Arts (BA) 1975

University of Northern Iowa

Bar Memberships

United States District Court of New York

State of New York
State of Maryland
Republic of Liberia

Professional Experience

Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O’Gara LLC, Johnston, RI

Partner
2006 – Present

Holland & Knight, Washington, DC

Senior Counsel
2004 – 2006

American Civil Liberties Union, National Prison Project, Washington, DC

Staff Attorney
1993 - 2004

Senior Law Fellow

1991 - 1993

Jones and Jones Law Firm, Monrovia, Liberia

Attorney
1988 - 1989

Selected Publications

Mohamedu F. Jones, *Formative Case Law and Litigation, in Oxford Textbook of Correctional Psychiatry* 13 (Robert L. Trestman et al. eds., 2015).

"U.S. Fails to Conform to International Human Rights Tenets," 8 *The National Prison Project Journal* 5 (October 1993).

Selected Lectures and Public Appearances

Facilitator, National Action Meeting on HIV and Hepatitis in Prisons.
June 2000

Member, Panel on Hepatitis and HIV Epidemics in Prisons and Jails in the United States.
June 2000

Presentation of Paper, Human Rights Violation, Conference on the Prison-Industrial Complex, University of California at Berkeley.
September 1998

Presenter of Paper, Criminal Justice Conference, Duke University.
January 1994

Selected Public Service and Activities

Organized and Chaired National Conference on Challenging Super-Maximum-Security Prisons in the United States.
February 2000.

Member, Steering Committee on Public Safety and Justice Campaign Opposed to the Privatization of American Prisons.

Testified on Juvenile Incarceration before the Joint Committee on Finance, General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, Providence, Rhode Island.
May 16, 2001

Served as Project Associate, Liberian Law Project, Inc. Worked on editing and publication of the opinions of the Supreme Court of Liberia from 1979 – 1999.
January 2001 - Present

Selected Honors and Awards

Fulbright Scholar, Harvard Law School Master of Laws Program

Chosen for academic merit and leadership potential. The Fulbright Program is an international educational exchange program sponsored by the United States government to increase mutual understanding among the people of the United States and other nations, and to provide opportunities to participate in the finding of solutions to shared international concerns.

References Available Upon Request