Inmate Submission
To: (1/29/26)
Correctional Advisory Committee Meeting

Attn: Joint Committee on Advisory
Correction Advisory Committee
Legislative Office Building
Room 2500
Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Ct 06106

Subject: Input/Written Testimony

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Notice re (2) Summary Judgment Motions

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Re: Ombudsman

The attached will give this Committee an example of the frustrations confronting Inmates due to a construcetd Merry Go Round

This is Narrative Attached To Hand Cover Motion For Summary Judgement Failure To Protect Kaminski vs Quiros 25-5090538 Kaminski vs Sho 25-5090522

SUBJECT-

Failure To Act To Protect A Vulnerable Institutionalized Ward Of The State

The Pro Se Plaintiff John S. Kaminski a (71) year old twice Honorably Discharged Veteran (DD Form 214 on file) is herein putting forth his position and reason for deciding to withdraw this matter, not because it does not have merit. He is withdrawing it asking that it be allowed without prejudice as he is approaching an imminent date of Release (April 2024) and will have great difficulty not defaulting administratively due to the transition difficulties expected.

Question:

Whose Job Is It To Protect The Civil Rights of Incarcerated Person(s)?

According to 42 USC 1997 protecting the Constitutional Civil Rights of Institutionalized Person(s) is the identified responsibility of each States Office of the Attorney General Ct. William Tong - Defendant.

Ultimately the overall responsibility is that of the Governor Ned Lamont (defendant). That "authority" can be delegated - the "responsibility" is solely that of the Governor.

In order to properly carry out those responsibilities for 3.5 million residents of the State of Ct. other than through the "elected" position of the Attorney General, the Governor selects representatives "Commissioners" and "Judges" that he can use as tools to delegate his authority to - not his sovereign responsibility - to carry out the burden of his office.

What happens when that system fails?

Answer: The details laid out to the court (ad nauseum) in this docket and all others (3) in total happened - Nothing!

In a concerted effort to divert responsibility at all levels - a position of Correctional Ombudsman is created. The Office of Government Accountability miraculously finds and allocates $724,000 of funds totally contrary to General Letter 11 - which devolves jurisdictional authority through the Department of Administrative Services, pursuant to the authority mandated in Title 4a Chapter 58 of Ct General Statutes.

Payments of this nature [to the Ombudsman Atty DeVaughn Ward @ $26,000.00 and to Inmate Legal Assistance ($750,000.00) Atty Walter Bensley IV] totally disregard the letter of the law - promoting Civil Rights abuses and passing the buck - avoiding scrutiny

If the Attorney General and his AAG staff in that office did their job which is primarily to protect citizens of the State including prioritizing the protection of Civil Rights of vulnerable Wards of the State - $1,500,000.00 in payments to Ward + Bensley (illegally) could be re-allocated more appropriately

This Common Sense conclusion seems to elude everyone, including the courts, conveniently

In what reality does the Governor get to selectively and prejudicially hand out $1/4 of a million dollars - to one Special attorney out of 32,000 licensed in the State, an attorney who has no special skills

Apparently this reality !

Note: Both the Ombudsman Contract and Inmate Legal Assistance (Ward and Bensley $ 750,000 each) violate D.A.S rules of bidding.

The Plaintiff, over a period of a decade has done everything he could to motivate the defendants in this Writ of Mandamus, as well as (3) others (one active two dismissed plus this current matter) to act - to protect him - to carry out their ethical and legal responsibility - as they are mandated "by law" to protect him. More egregious is this court and others has clearly seen Evidence of Practice and Pattern for all parties to disregard their responsibility to enforce the need by all parties to act - to do their jobs.

Opposing Counsel and the courts, to date, as well as all defendants are more than happy to focus on the legal minutia to validate feigned ignorance and their without argument sets up Deliberate Indifference and Dereliction of Duty.

Failing on every level to protect the incarcerated Work of the State entrusted to their care.

In this current matter, once again the staff of the Attorney General, through assigned Asst/Associates of the AG's office have all made, what is clearly a routine decision to ignore and hide behind non-existent protections of Administrative Flourish to overwhelm and defeat a Pro Se Plaintiff, only trying repeatedly to bring the obvious into the light of day.

To respond - Counsel for all the Defendants has opted to play a dangerous game of "LawFare" instead of showing the slightest concern (Failure To Act | Deliberate Indifference) to a Ward of the State, repeatedly abused even after being identified (by Ulcers Health Center Neurosurgical staff) as being in need of repair surgery, a minimum of (2) more surgeries to correct previous surgical trauma (mistakes) - botched surgical blunders or intended medical exploitation

Although previous and distinct Writs of Mandamus were dismissed (by Judge Shaikh) who also exhibited Deliberate Indifference to the Plaintiff's Serious medical needs and the substance of the previous complaints, as did the defendants and their counsel from the Attorney General's office, he focused clearly on his position that a Writ of Mandamus was not an appropriate Venue

This was clearly a Failure To Act on a known abuse, an ongoing treated abuse, a clear violation of 42 USC 1997

Clearly the conduct exhibited repeatedly is not only sanctioned by the office of Attorney General but the courts as well

All others D.O.C. Complaint Coordinators turned a blind eye to the law

For this court or any court, and the Office of the Attorney General to sanction the conduct and general lack of concern for the Plaintiffs well being by the Defendants listed, now on (4) Writs of Mandamus by superceding the law to protect State Actors Appears to be by agreement and displays a clear taint of conspiracy.
There is no personal liability involved as the Plaintiff only asked for medical care made necessary as the result of poor care at Ulcom Health Care arranged by the Dept of Corrections (Richeson)
To claim that this court has no jurisdiction which translates quite literally as res possibility has no validity

Conflicted Counsel AG's office

In a Motion titled: Motion for Hearing - Conflicted Counsel dated: 11/01/25 submitted to the court the Plaintiff clearly laid out his argument that the Defendants, (who all have access to their offices General Counsel) should be ordered by the court to use that counsel (or one employed by the state) so as to allow for representation by the office of the Attorney General to protect him and his Civil Rights to be properly treated at a facility other than Ulcom Health Care

As in (3) previous matters in this Same District Court Judge Shaikh has regularly taken the position that he has no Separate legal responsibility to protect a Ward of The State

Validating A Writ of Mandamus

According To CGS-52-485 as it relates:

... Writ which will issue to enforce legal right
- No other legal remedy (not exhausted)
- To secure obedience: in matter of public interest
- Against an "inferior tribunal"
- Compel judges to make a finding
- Certify evidence
- Against a Public Officer
- Against officer Whose Duty It Is To
  - Perform An Act
- Must be clear legal right to relief [end]
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Plaintiffs Interpretation of ccs 52-485

The sole purpose of a Writ of Mandamus is to insure that the Defendants in the particular Writ are formally and clearly appraised of the complaints, by way of the Courts jurisdiction after identifying the matters brought before it as justiciable as presented to the court

Not only were these details brought into this matter they were also listed in Kaminski vs Rushesen Docket #

- Exhaustion and Notification -

Additionally before filing these two complaints with this same Judicial District in Hartford, in order to insure that every other avenue had been thoroughly exhausted so as to allow the listed State defendants every opportunity to address the problem and all other incidental person(s) in a position of authority (elected or appointed) identified on several court documents. purposely served on over one dozen defendants, all represented by the Office of Attorney General - whose authority demands they "Act" in the interests of not only the Plaintiff but all other Wards of the State similarly situated (who failed or refused to) just as this court has refused to - to address well documented and reported Civil Rights violations - Federal / State.

Withdrawal vs Court Refusal To Accept Withdrawal For Cause (By The Court)

Since the last surgery and the discovery post surgery of another a 2d device on the left side of L3-L5 opposite the broken screw on the right side of L-4 (1st lumbar Surgery) and the same conclusion by Neurosurgical Boards of the Circuit (Medical Cases A 3d + 4th Surgery were) justified. The cervical caused a 50% reduction in Cerebro Spinal Fluid to the brain (Cerebellum)

- Surgical Trauma -

This, according to research by the plaintiff has caused

- Intra Cranial Hypotension -

All of his symptoms support this conclusion. See Attached

Yet, the Defendants have absolutely no interest in minimally getting a 2nd unbiased opinion or contemplating alternative care

To this point this court has abdicated its responsibility to a feckless position of Administrative Law.

It seems evident that the Defendants, and this supervisory court will do anything and everything to protect the State Actors (Defendants) and its medical representatives from Veterans Health Care

Could it be they are concerned by a 2nd opinion of their surgical history that would surely validate the inept care and in fact generate a Good Faith Certificate against medical care-to date?

Summary Judgement

On its own this court can according to the Ct Practice Book Sec 17-44, order a Summary Judgement Sua Sponte

- Remedy Requested -

1) That this court, based on the facts and history of this complaint, exercise its clear legal authority and responsibility order a Summary Judgement, in favor of the Plaintiff, as it is within its legal authority

The outcome expected by the Plaintiff is simple: That this court recognize its authority and order a long awaited impartial examination of the abuse the Plaintiff has endured, over a decade of, what factually supported abuse and a conspiratorial cover-up of the pattern of abuse

The examination in part is that of Ulen Health Care's record of surgical failure, mismanagement of medical complaints by the D.O.C. and defacto Class Lawsuit.

The Plaintiff needs to remind Records that the evidence is the Plaintiff himself

That is not only the legal path but the ethical path of all the defendants listed - all who have turned a blind eye to the abuse of a Ward of the State

This court not only has the authority but the responsibility to pursue justice in the protection of a vulnerable Ward of the State

Declaratory Judgement ??

The Plaintiff, who is ProSe and who can only be considered a legal novice, after a review of Ct. Practice Book Section 17-54 thru 17-59 questions whether, based on the details of this complaint and that the only Remedy he seeks is for the Defendants to look at the history of abuse he has endured for years and the inaction (Failure To Act) of all listed parties and correct the abuse.

Its as Simple as that...

Just because the State Agencies have no oversight of an incarcerated Ward of the State (Unofficially) does not absolve them of their legal and ethical responsibility to "Act" in this matter, to protect them.

The court has "jurisdiction" which translates into responsibility to protect a Ward of The State where no other protection exists.

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Certification of Service

The Plaintiff, John S. Kaminski, herein certifies that on/about _____ he mailed a copy of this Motion To Withdraw to Counsel of Record

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Downloaded Explanation of Intracranial Hypotension

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Overview

Intracranial hypotension is a condition in which there is abnormally low pressure or volume within the skull due to a reduction in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF).

Cerebrospinal fluid is the colorless fluid that surrounds the brain and spinal cord. It is continuously produced in the cavities of the brain called ventricles and absorbed into the bloodstream. This fluid cushions the brain and acts as a shock absorber. It also serves as a vehicle for delivering nutrients to and removing waste from the brain.

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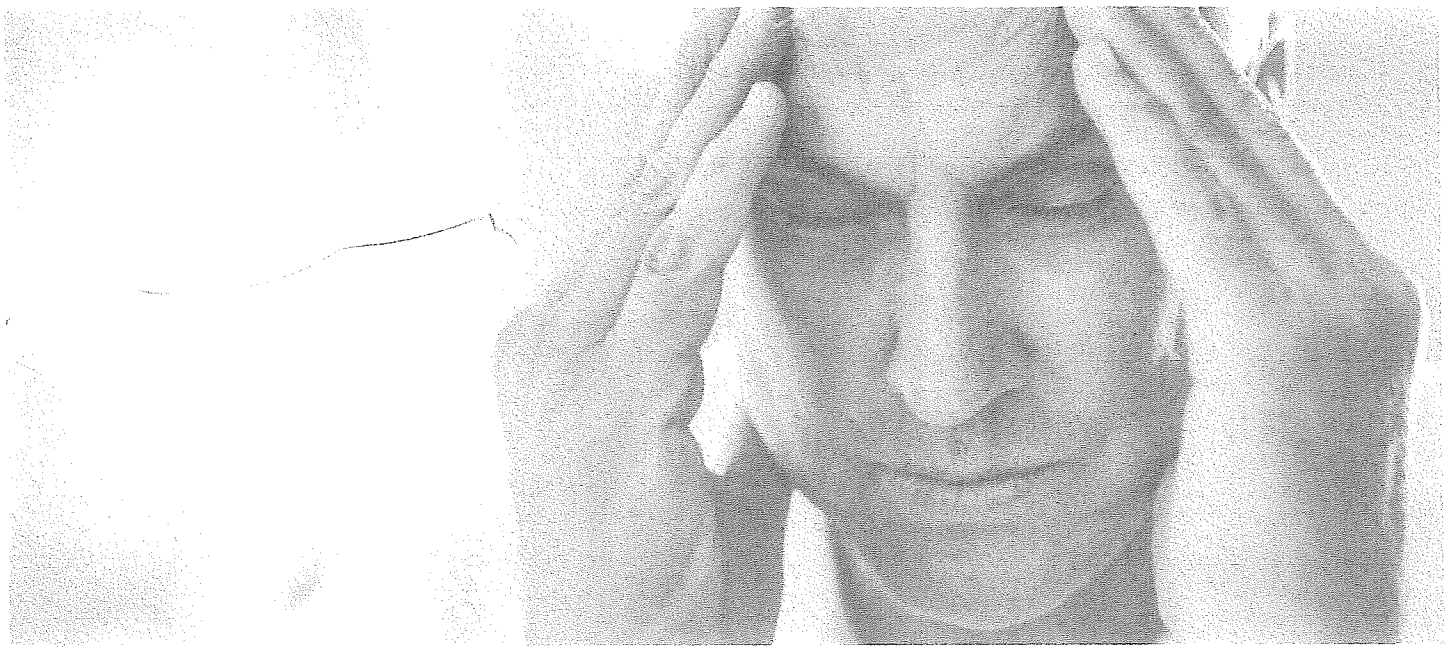


Intracranial Hypotension Symptoms

Symptoms of intracranial hypotension include:

- Positional headache, which worsens when you sit up and improves when you lie down
- Sensitivity to light or sound
- Nausea, with or without vomiting
- Neck pain or stiffness
- Hearing changes, such as muffled hearing or ringing in the ears
- Difficulty concentrating
- Double vision
- Dizziness
- Imbalance
- Memory impairment

Many medical conditions can cause headaches accompanied by other

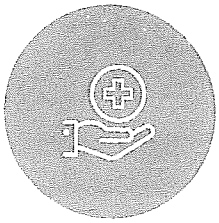
neurological symptoms. Contact a medical professional if you are having symptoms.

Intracranial Hypotension Treatments

Depending on the cause of the cerebrospinal fluid leak, symptoms may resolve on their own. Your doctor may initially recommend bed rest, drinking more fluids, increasing your caffeine intake, and taking pain relievers.

If your symptoms do not improve with conservative treatments, your doctor may suggest an epidural blood patch. This procedure involves taking blood from the arm and injecting it into the spinal canal outside of the dura to seal the leak. It is performed by a neuroradiologist under video X-ray guidance.

If you have intracranial hypotension due to the over-draining of a shunt system, you may need to have the valve on the shunt replaced.



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Common Questions

How common is intracranial hypotension?

Intracranial hypotension affects an estimated 5 per 100,000 people, but it is thought to be underdiagnosed.

Who gets intracranial hypotension?

Intracranial hypotension affects men, women, and children of all ages. However, it is more common in women than in men, and the peak age of diagnosis is 40.

Intracranial hypotension often results from a cerebrospinal fluid leak. CSF leaks can occur without an identifiable cause, or they can be caused by:

- Lumbar puncture (spinal tap)
- Placement of tubes for epidural anesthesia or pain medications
- Spinal trauma
- Spinal surgery

Underlying weakness of the spinal dura, the outermost layer of the protective tissues surrounding the brain and spinal cord, is present in many cases of spontaneous intracranial hypotension. Several genetic disorders have been associated with areas of thin or weak dura that may predispose people to CSF leaks. These include:

- Ehlers-Danlos syndrome
- Marfan syndrome
- Autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease

Over-drainage of a shunt system placed for hydrocephalus can also cause intracranial hypotension.

How is intracranial hypotension diagnosed?

Your doctor may use the following to diagnose intracranial hypotension:

- Physical and neurological examinations
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) with contrast
- MR, digital subtraction, and CT myelography may be used to locate the site of the leak

Medically Reviewed by Kerry Knievel, DO, FAHS on September 4, 2022

Resources

National Organization of Rare Disorders

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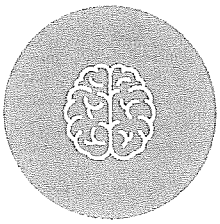

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