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Supreme Court of Texas  
Attention: Blake Hawthorne, Clerk  
PO Box 12248  
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Re: No. 15-0205; In the Supreme Court of Texas; *In re David Dow vs.  
The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals*

Dear Mr. Hawthorne,

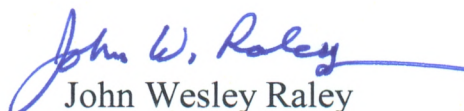
After reading David Dow's petition and supporting evidence in the captioned matter, I respectfully request my name to be added to the list of lawyers who join in its contentions and request for relief.

Representing Michael Morton *pro bono* seven years gave me some insight into the difficulties lawyers like David Dow face, and also taught me the lasting importance of making a stand against injustice. What the Court of Criminal Appeals recently did to David Dow is not only horribly unjust to him personally, it robs several indigent people awaiting execution of experienced advocacy for their legal rights. I shudder to think that the latter result was their goal, but their decision is so far removed from the bounds of reason that it is difficult to think otherwise.

I agree with dissenting Judge Alcala that the decision by the Court of Criminal Appeals regarding Mr. Dow is "unwise, excessive, unjust to victims, and chilling to defendants and other attorneys." The decision is a travesty. Texas jurisprudence *needs* David Dow to be able to continue his heroic work representing men and women who have nowhere else to turn. The Judges of the Court of Criminal Appeals – whether or not they admit it – need David Dow as well. They need him *precisely* because he makes them think carefully about whether to take the life of a human being.

I am honored to add my name to the list of lawyers supporting Mr. Dow's petition, and urge the Supreme Court to return one of our great State's most honorable lawyers to his essential work.

Very truly yours,

  
John Wesley Raley