

# NATIONAL COMMITTEE

FOR

## SEXUAL CIVIL LIBERTIES

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### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have known Mr. Michael Miller for about five years, both in his professional capacity as a practicing attorney and as a personal friend. During much of this time he has been a member of the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties, the chairmanship of which I have the honor to share with Walter E. Barnett, sometime professor of law at Hastings College of Law, University of California, San Francisco.

This Committee consists of a group of lawyers with experience in the field of civil liberties and of authorities in related disciplines, working for the dismantling of the entire structure of criminality and discrimination which surrounds private sexual conduct between consenting adults. The Committee emulates in the special field of sexual civil liberties the work of the American Civil Liberties Union in the general civil liberties area. Specifically, this means working for repeal of all laws -- such as fornication, adultery, sodomy, and sexual solicitation statutes -- to the extent that they punish private consensual conduct between adults. The Committee's efforts involve not only active court-room work, but appearances before legislative committees, representations to state penal law revision commissions, and academic presentations before university and related groups.

The Committee is not an open organization. Membership is by invitation only, and appointments to it are limited to persons of exceptional talent and ability in the areas with which the Committee is concerned. Lawyers on the Committee are not only very able practitioners, but must have a deep scholarly knowledge of the religious, historical, and sociological dimensions of their field. This is reflected in the numerous invitations received by Committee members to serve as lecturers at scholarly conferences dealing with sex and the law. It is also testimony to the extent to which, in the brief period of its existence, the Committee has become recognized as an authoritative source of knowledge in these areas.

Since his appointment to the Committee, Mr. Miller has been its general counsel in the New York City area, a position he has filled with distinction, to the great satisfaction of the entire Committee. He has set a standard of professional excellence and knowledge which few members of what is, by definition, a select group, can equal. His ability to see fine legal nuances, together with his grasp of the sociological implications of the law, have become legion. As a man and as a lawyer, his dedication and devotion to his work and to his clients are constantly manifest. He is unstinting in the time and efforts which he devotes to them. The foregoing is not intended as the usual praise of one colleague by another. It is written because Mr. Miller is known as a man who never takes vacations, and whose week-ends -- all of them -- are spent in legal research and brief writing. This has caused many of his friends to become concerned for his health.

I should perhaps point out that none of the members of the Committee are paid for their services. All their Committee work is a labor of love. This is also reflected, as in Mr. Miller's case, by their taking sexual cases in their private law practice at low fees or without any charge at all.

It should not be necessary to mention that Mr. Miller is a man of probity and integrity, with the highest sense of rectitude.

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