

## **Proposed Resolution Regarding Landmark Cases, 2006**

Whereas, the National Lawyers Guild has a long and proud history of individual Guild lawyers and Guild chapters and the national Guild working on many of the most important cases in the United States since 1937; and,

Whereas, some of the history of the Guild was published in "The National Lawyers Guild from Roosevelt through Reagan," by Ann Fagan Ginger and Eugene Tobin in 1988 (Rutgers U. Press), which is now out of print; and

Whereas, NLG Haywood Burns summer 2006 interns joined Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute and Ann Fagan Ginger in preparing short write-ups of 42 cases not taught in current history or law school classes that will now be published in a short book, "Landmark Cases Left Out of Your Casebooks"; and

Whereas, "Landmark Cases" includes cases from the Haymarket Martyrs and Big Bill Haywood to the successful defense of all demonstrators arrested at the Republican National Convention in New York in 2004 and the presentation for the Guild and the International Association of Democratic Lawyers and Meiklejohn Institute by Judge Claudia Morcom (ret.) before the UN Human Rights Committee in July 2006 in Geneva, discussing the Katrina victims and Cuban 5 cases, and

Whereas, the "Landmark Cases" book describes the successful suit against the Attorney General for trying to list the Guild as "subversive" -- *National Lawyers Guild v. Brownell*, and the effort to disbar Hawaiian Guild lawyer-- *In re Harriet Bouslog Sawyer*, and many other landmark cases handled by Guild lawyers, from Ernest Goodman and Arthur Kinoy, et al. to Paul Harris and Marc van der Hout, et al.; and

Whereas, one of the important duties of every organization today is to pass on its progressive, activist, winning history for the use of new members in this difficult era;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the editors of all Guild publications be encouraged to seek short articles on cases in which the Guild participated and short biographies of Guild members for serial publication in Guild publications; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guild Student Chapters and Guild Professors make use of "Landmark Cases Left Out of Your Casebooks" in work on labor law, immigration law, criminal law, environmental law, international law, legal ethics, and poverty law.

The attached Table of Contents lists the cases covered, with apologies for very important cases that could not be included in the first edition of this short book.

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