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I do realize my comments are a late submission but this is likely as close as I can get to speaking up about something that has troubled me for a decade now....

As a single mother of one, who went through a divorce and subsequently a child custody battle, this disturbing fact has always blown my mind..... I can rob a bank, beat up my neighbor, steal from department stores, I can even murder another human being and if I am indigent (and possibly even if I'm not) I can get court appointed representation!!! But if I am fighting for my rights...my right to raise my children...I have to find the funds to hire an attorney on my own. Please note, I did just that, I hired two lawyers over the 10 year battle but made more progress representing myself. Finally, upon getting a parenting plan established my ex took our daughter out of state and so once again I am faced with the need for a lawyer. I throw my hands up and consider breaking some law that would incorporate the issue so that I could get a court appointed lawyer and get someone to pay attention to the victims. All too often it's only the perpetrator or the criminal that gets lucky and has their voice heard.

That's all. Just trying to wrap my head around the appointment of public defenders for criminals but not those fighting for their rights, a very important right for parents and their children.

Thank You, Mandy Husmann. Sent from Gmail mobile
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