

Nilsen v. York County

The firm reached a settlement agreement of \$3.3 million in a class action alleging the unconstitutional strip searches of men and women in York County, Maine. The lawsuit, which represented a class of over 7,600 people, said that the jail's procedure for changing prisoners in jail uniforms and the "clothing search" was actually an illegal strip search. As part of the settlement, York County enacted a new policy protecting the privacy of pre-trial detainees during the jail's changeover process. The judge granted final approval of this case in September, 2005.