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Bio

Ben Rosenfeld is a San Francisco civil rights attorney who specializes in representing activists and artists in police and government misconduct cases, and before grand juries. Among his clients, he helped represent radical environmental activists Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney, who successfully sued the FBI and Oakland police for falsely accusing them of transporting a car bomb which detonated on an Oakland City Street in May 1990, nearly killing them. (See www.judibari.org.) Along with the other members of the legal team, Ben was awarded the Trial Attorney of the Year honor in 2003 by the Washington D.C. based Trial Lawyers for Public Justice. Ben has written and lectured extensively about the “Green Scare” – the federal campaign of repression against radical environmentalists and anarchists. He is a Board Member of the Civil Liberties Defense Center (www.cldc.org), based in Eugene, OR, which provides legal resources for activists and victims of government harassment and violence.

Education / Degrees

Sept. '96 – May '99	Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR J.D., May 1999
Sept. '97 – Dec. '97	Tulane Law School, New Orleans, LA (visiting student)
Sept. '88 – May '92	Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT B.A., Environmental Studies, Lit. & Writing Focus
Aug. '90 – Dec. '90	University of California, Berkeley, CA (visiting student)
Sept. '89 – Dec. '89	University of California, Los Angeles, CA (extension student)

Selected Employment History

Dec. '99 – present	Attorney in Private Practice, San Francisco, CA Areas of practice: plaintiff’s civil rights police misconduct; criminal defense; grand jury representation
Aug. '07 – Dec. '07	Adjunct Professor, San Francisco State University Legal Research and Writing
Sept. '98 – Jan. '99	Certified Law Student, Metro Public Defender, Portland, OR Managed a case load of approximately ten cases for Portland’s Public Defender while in law school (unpaid clinic)
Jan. '94 – May '96	Writing Instructor, University of Colorado, Boulder Taught two freshman composition seminars each semester (required of all Arts and Sciences and some other majors) on analytical and persuasive writing

Professional Memberships / Positions

Member of Board of Directors, Civil Liberties Defense Center
Eugene, OR, www.cldc.org

Member, National Lawyers Guild, San Francisco Chapter
www.nlgsf.org

Member, National Police Accountability Project
Boston, MA, www.nlg-npap.org

Member, California Bar Association (State Bar No. 203845)

Selected Publications

- November 2010 "Legal Lessons from the Green Scare," with Attorney Lauren Regan, *Earth First! Journal* and *Counterpunch*
- May-June 2010 "First Amendment to the Re-Constitution of Earth First!," *Earth First! Journal*
- March 23 2010 "The commons and commoners," *San Francisco Bay Guardian*
- March 5 2010 "Pandering Politicians Harass the Homeless," *Los Angeles and San Francisco Daily Journals*
- May 18, 2009 "Rampant Police Violence: How Many Kicks to the Head Does It Take?" *Counterpunch*
- December 17, 2008 "An Open Letter to the Archbishop" (re the Catholic Church's sponsorship of Proposition 8, California's anti-gay marriage initiative), *San Francisco Bay Guardian*
- October 20, 2008 "The Politics of St. Joe, Martyr to a Lie," *Counterpunch*
- March 11, 2008 "Gavin Newsom's Kneejerk Plan: Creating Criminals, One Petty Law at a Time," *Counterpunch*
- February 6, 2008 "The Disturbing Green Scare Case of Briana Waters," *Counterpunch*
- Spring 2006 "The 'Case' Against Rod Coronado: A Legal Memo on the Green Scare," *Earth First! Journal*
- March 10, 2006 "The Great Green Scare and the Fed's 'Case' Against Rod Coronado," *Counterpunch*
- Nov. 14, 2005 "In order to feel secure, are we throwing away our freedom?" *San Francisco Chronicle*, Open Forum (Op-Ed Page)
- Fall 2003 "Snatching Victory from the Jaws of Deceit: Thirteen years of struggling for justice has finally paid off for FBI-sieged Earth First! activists," co-written with Dennis Cunningham, Esq., *Covert Action Quarterly*
- Fall 2002 Judi Bari vs. the FBI: Snatching Victory from the Jaws of Deceit, co-written with Dennis Cunningham, Esq., *Guild Practitioner*, Vol. 59, No. 4

Selected Talks / Presentations

- May 8, 2008 "The Low-Down on Grand Juries," Santa Cruz Anarchist Convergence
- March 8, 2008 "Know Your Political Clients: Particular Issues in Representing Activists," Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, Univ. of Oregon, Eugene, OR
- March 7, 2008 "Responding to Government Sponsored Terrorism: Environmentalism in the Wake of the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act and the Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act," Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, Univ. of Oregon, Eugene, OR
- January 26, 2008 Presented "*Forest For the Trees*" documentary about Judi Bari at Hollywood Theater, in Portland, OR (sponsored by Portland Chapter of National Lawyers Guild)
- July 14, 2007 "Resisting Gang Profiling," Copwatch Conference, Oakland, CA
- March 4, 2007 "Know Your Clients: Representing Activists," Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, Univ. of Oregon, Eugene, OR
- Dec. 8, 2006 "Oppose the criminalization of dissent," Resource Center for Nonviolence, Santa Cruz, CA
- Dec. 7, 2006 "Resist the Green Scare," Station 40, San Francisco, CA
- Nov. 8, 2006 "The Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act And The Constitution," co-sponsored by LA County Bar Association and National Lawyers Guild, Los Angeles, CA
- Oct. 21, 2006 "Targeting the Eco Rights Movement," National Lawyers Guild Law for the People Convention, Austin, TX
- June 4, 2006 "Big Brother is Watching, Protect Yourself: A workshop and skill-share on surveillance," Station 40, San Francisco, CA
- April 5, 2006 "But, is this really terrorism: How Law Enforcement Overlooks Crimes Against the Environment, and Persecutes Crimes for the Environment," Northwest Constitutional Rights Center in conjunction with National Lawyers Guild, Portland, OR
- March 3, 2006 "Update on the Eco Indictments," Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, Univ. of Oregon, Eugene, OR
- March 3, 2006 "Know Your Rights: Search, Seizure, and Arrest Law for Activists," Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, Univ. of Oregon, Eugene, OR
- March 4, 2005 "Know Your Rights: Search, Seizure, and Arrest Law for Activists," Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, Univ. of Oregon, Eugene, OR
- March 5, 2004 "Beneville v. FBI: Investigation and Surveillance of Environmental Activists," Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, Univ. of Oregon, Eugene, OR

