

Case Reviews On Defense Rights Slated

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The U.S. 2d Circuit Court of Appeals has agreed to review a number of criminal convictions that could eventually lead to a revising of police methods and possible freedom for countless convicts.

The nine-judge Court decided yesterday to face head-on the following question: Is it a violation of a defendant's constitutional rights if police do not advise him of his right to remain silent or of his right to a lawyer before arraignment?

Another question among seven cases up for review concerns the legality of admissions made by the defendant at the time of his arrest.

A finding by the Court that the defendants' rights had been violated would mean they would have to be retried. This could result in freedom of many now behind bars because witnesses and evidence might no longer be available.

Last week the 3d Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia ruled that no statements may be taken from a defendant before he is advised of his right to remain silent and to receive legal counsel.