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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT UPCOMING SUNDIATA ACOLI ORAL ARGUMENTS TO SUPPORT PAROLE**

**Overview:**

- The Court will decide if the parole board violated the law by denying Sundiata Acoli's petition for release.
- The Court has the power to order Sundiata's release. The Court decision may not be made for several months.
- Sundiata's case is now the leading parole case in New Jersey.
- The Court will decide how many Justices will hear the arguments of counsel.

**Bruce Afran**, Esq. is representing Sundiata.

There will be three other lawyers arguing on behalf of the amici (friends of the court) who filed briefs in support of Sundiata.

1. **Joseph Russo**, Esq. is representing the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender
2. **Alex Shalom**, Esq. is representing the New Jersey Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union
3. **Raymond Brown Jr.**, Esq. of the law firm of Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C. is representing the New Jersey Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

The New Jersey Attorney General is representing the Parole Board.

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