

Hale says counsel was ineffective during trial

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Jailed white supremacist Matthew Hale is asking for court permission to add a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel to his motion for a new trial.

In a filing made public Wednesday, Hale complained that his trial lawyer "disparaged me throughout the trial, going so far as to call me names and even telling the jury that I deserved to be convicted on a moral basis."

In April, a federal jury convicted Hale of soliciting his security chief, who secretly was working with the FBI, to kill a federal judge in Chicago in anger over her order in 2002 to change the name of his group after it lost a trademark-infringement suit.

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