

**Title:** Defenders as Social Justice Warriors

**Description:** This presentation will examine ways in which the representations of individuals in criminal and civil cases can act in concert with what we think of as movement lawyering and address questions such as:

- Is the representation of an individual always in conflict with movement lawyering?
- Who should decide how much collaboration there should be between lawyers representing an individual and lawyers working with a movement?
- What limits on and opportunities for collaboration between lawyers representing individuals and lawyers working with movements are presented by ethical rules?
- In some cases, is there a duty to engage with a movement during your representation of an individual?

**Outline/Agenda:**

10 minutes – The Impact of Systemic Racism on criminal and civil legal systems in America and in the State of Washington

25 minutes – How the ethical rules have traditionally impacted the intersection of "social movement lawyering" with representing an individual in a civil or criminal case (RPCs 1.2 and 3.1)

25 minutes – Identifying places where the ethical rules may not simply allow a mixing of concepts of movement lawyering and representing individuals, but may require it

10 minutes – Recognizing that status quo bias and following the ethical rules are not the same thing/ideas going forward

20 minutes – Q&A/Discussion