

INTRODUCTION TO MOVEMENT LAWYERING

OVERVIEW

The participants will explore the background context that created the need for lawyers to be embedded in social movements. Since activists and lawyers have often had a tense relationship due to hierarchy of the legal system and lawyer superstars, it is imperative for the network to avoid falling into these pitfalls and create a partnership where the lawyers in the network can truly empower the movement and help it achieve its legal and social goals.

OBJECTIVES

1. To enhance lawyer's understanding of the historical challenges that can arise between lawyers and movements.
2. To build an appreciation for how lawyers can be of service to movements within and beyond the courtroom.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Be able to identify sources of conflict that can arise between movements and lawyers
2. Commitment to the essential elements of movement lawyering
3. Display an understanding of the different forms that public interest lawyering can take.
4. Dedication to embedding themselves in the social movements they serve.

FORMAT & REQUIREMENTS

The module will be delivered through combined methods such as interactive lectures, presentations, and practical exercises. Participants are required to have engaged with the materials prescribed on the reading list prior to each session.

EVALUATION & ASSESSMENT

Evaluation and assessment of each module will be carried out by the Network Coordinator through the use of pre and post online evaluations as well as next-day recaps.

OUTLINE

- 1) Common models of human rights lawyering
 - a) Legal Aid
 - b) Impact Litigation
 - c) Movement Lawyering
- 2) Understanding social movements
- 3) Movements' critiques of lawyers
- 4) Lawyers: Movement Lawyers v Hired Guns

- 5) Objectives of Movement lawyering
- 6) Essential Elements of Movement Lawyering
 - i) Cooperative Strategies for Movements & Lawyers