



NEXT GEN CHICAGO PROGRESSIVE SYLLABUS

Law school isn't designed to train you to be a people's lawyer. The path you'll walk through your education and early career is less traveled and absent many of the markers available to those seeking a traditional legal career. We've compiled a list of books and a few law review articles to help guide you, inspire you, and keep your passion strong to continue on the path towards a career in social justice.

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Allan, Ted and Sydney Gordon. *The Scalpel, the Sword: The Story of Doctor Norman Bethune.*

Alexander, Michelle. *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness.*

Avery, Michael (ed.). *We Dissent: Talking Back to the Rehnquist Court, Eight Cases That Subverted Civil Liberties and Civil Rights.***

Baker Motley, Constance. *Equal Justice Under Law: An Autobiography.*

Berrigan, Philip. *Prison Journals of a Priest Revolutionary.*

Bogira, Steve. *Courtroom 302: A Year Behind the Scenes in an American Criminal Courthouse.*

Burton-Rose, Daniel and Paul Wright. *The Celling of America: An Inside Look at the US Prison Industry.***

Carroll, Leo. *Lawful Order: A Case Study of Correctional Crisis and Reform.*

Cohn, Marjorie. *Cowboy Republic: Six Ways the Bush Gang Has Defied the Law.***

Crenshaw, Kimberly, et. al. *Critical Race Theory: The Key Writings That Formed the Movement.*

Curry, Constance and Marian Wright Edelman. *Silver Rights: The story of the Carter family's brave decision to send their children to an all-white school and claim their civil rights.*

Dees, Morris. *Hate on Trial: The Case Against America's Most Dangerous Neo-Nazi.*

Doyle, William. *An American Insurrection: James Meredith and the Battle of Oxford, Mississippi, 1962.*

Earley, Pete. *Crazy: A Father's Search Through America's Mental Health Madness.*

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Fagan Ginger, Ann. *Carol Weiss King: Human Rights Lawyer, 1895-1952.***

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Flaherty, Jordan. *Floodlines: Community and Resistance from Katrina to the Jena Six.***

Fosl, Catherine. *Subversive Southerner: Anne Braden and the Struggle for Racial Justice in the Cold War South.*

Goldstein, Brandt. *Storming the Court: How a Band of Law Students Fought the President—And Won.***

Haas, Jeffrey. *The Assassination of Fred Hampton: How the FBI and the Chicago Police Murdered a Black Panther.***

Harris, Paul. *Black Rage Against the Law.***

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Humes, Edward. *No Matter How Loud I Shout: A Year in the Life of Juvenile Court*.

Irons, Peter. *A People's History of the Supreme Court: The Men and Women Whose Cases and Decisions Have Shaped Our Constitution*.

Kairys, David. *Philadelphia Freedom: Memoir of a Civil Rights Lawyer*.**

Kinoy, Arthur. *Rights on Trial: The Odyssey of a People's Lawyer*.**

Klein, Naomi. *The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*.

Kluger, Richard. *Simple Justice: The History of Brown v. Board of Education and Black America's Struggle for Equality*.

Kunstler, William. *Politics on Trial*.**

Langum, David J. *William M. Kunstler*.**

Lewis, Anthony. *Gideon's Trumpet*.

Lifton, Robert J. and Greg Mitchell. *Who Owns Death? Capital Punishment, the American Conscience, and the End of Executions*.

Margulies, Joseph. *Guantanamo and the Abuse of Presidential Power***

Nguyen, Tram. *We Are All Suspects Now: Untold Stories from Immigrant America After 9/11*.

Quigley, William P. *Ending Poverty As We Know It: Guaranteeing a Right to a Job at a Living Wage*.**

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Protest, David. *A Promise of Justice: The Eighteen-Year Fight to Save Four Innocent Men*.

Randall, Vernellia R. *Dying While Black: An Indepth Look at a Crisis in the American Healthcare System*.

Ratner, Michael and Ellen Ray. *Guantanamo: What the World Should Know*.**

Rowland, Debran. *The Boundaries of Her Body: The Troubling History of Women's Rights in America*.

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Stone, Irving. *Clarence Darrow for the Defense: A Biography*.

Tigar, Michael E. and Thomas Emerson. *Law and the Rise of Capitalism*.**

Tushnet, Mark V. *Making Civil Rights Law: Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court, 1956-1961*.

Watson, Bruce. *Freedom Summer: The Savage Season That Made Mississippi Burn and Made America a Democracy*.

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