

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

New College of California School of Law 50 Fell St., SF • Room 212

Guest speakers:

JEFF MACKLER, West Coast Coordinator of the Lynne Stewart Defense Committee. Mackler is also a National Coordinator of the defense of innocent death row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal. He has collaborated closely with the legal teams in both cases and has written widely on the central legal, constitutional and political issues involved.

LUKE HIKEN, member of the steering committee of the Military Law Task Force of the National Lawyers Guild. He graduated from Boalt Hall School of Law in 1968, and started representing Gls who were opposed to military involvement in the Vietnam War. He represented Free Radio Berkeley in its struggle with the FCC, and has also practiced death penalty law, immigration law, and military law throughout his career. He is currently a supervising attorney at the California Appellate Project.

Radical human rights attorney Lynne Stewart has been falsely accused of helping terrorists. Now convicted, she faces 30 years in prison. By targeting Lynne Stewart the U.S. Justice Department hopes to make an example of an attorney with a long history of progressive political beliefs as well as a reputation for vigorously advocating on behalf of those whose lives have been entrusted to her. Her arrest is meant as a signal to the defense bar to cease and desist zealous representation of persons criminalized by the Government. With this conviction, the U.S. government attempts to silence dissent, curtail vigorous defense lawyers, and install fear in those who would fight against the U.S. government's racism, seek to help Arabs and Muslims being prosecuted for free speech, and defend the rights of all oppressed people.

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