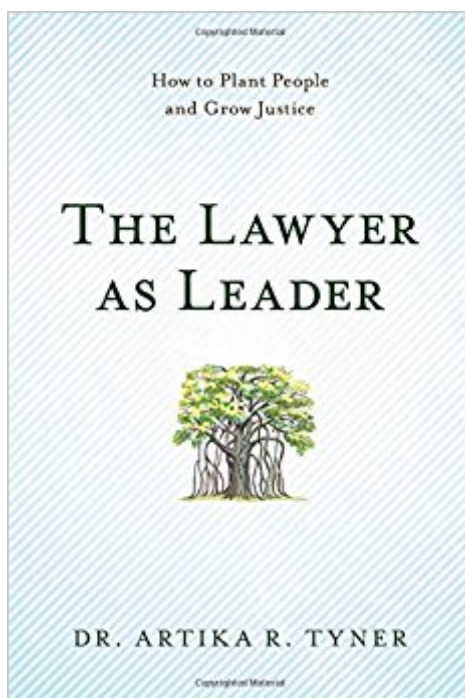


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# The Lawyer As Leader: How To Plant People And Grow Justice



## Synopsis

The Lawyer as Leader: How to Plant People and Grow Justice is an inspiring roadmap designed to help lawyers become effective agents for social change. Based on author Dr. Artika R. Tyner's leadership development and community engagement work, *Planting People, Growing Justice*, the book shows how attorneys can use their legal skills to work for social change, contribute to communities that foster social justice, and empower and develop new leaders. The Lawyer as Leader is a beacon call for lawyers who wish to harness their skills and training to become leaders in the struggle for social and economic justice.

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This work is a significant contribution to the education of lawyers as leaders of change for social justice. Building on the principles of authentic and shared leadership, the book highlights the importance of lawyers fulfilling their ethical responsibility, leading from wherever and whoever they are. Similar to what is happening in the engineering profession, this work is at the forefront in filling a gap in leadership development for lawyers that is timely and crucial to the responsibilities of the profession. (Ronald J. Bennett, PhD, Founding Dean & Professor Emeritus of Engineering, University of St. Thomas) Dr. Tyner offers us a thoughtful and enlightened view of the role of the lawyer as agent of social change. Focusing on four lawyer-leaders who have inspired change and inspired others to work for change, she shows us an optimistic way for lawyers to lead in their service as the gatekeepers of social justice. Acknowledging the depth and breadth of society's problems, she advocates for lawyers to be trained to be leaders and to lead in the resolution of

issues that otherwise seem intractable. (Sarah Redfield)Artika Tyner's book is a call to action. The action she seeks is a fresh, rethinking of legal training. Tyner describes a "New Social Justice Lawyering," which articulates a vision of legal education that recognizes a primary role for leadership development in law school curriculum. The kind of leadership she describes empowers people in our communities whose voices go unheard. Empowering marginalized people requires community organizing skills, and the kind of communication skills that can discover community wisdom, and mobilize the community's assets in support of positive social change. This book provides guidance for developing these and other critical skills in lawyers dedicated to social justice. If we want to live out the greatest promises of democracy, then our definition of leadership must transcend the limiting notion that it is just positional, or that it is part of some zero-sum equation where some people are leaders, and others are not. Because attorneys practice their craft within "the system," it is often difficult to think of them as change agents whose skills and talents can be dedicated to dismantling systems. The re-imagining of institutions requires collaborative leadership skills, not just technical knowledge used to assist clients when they need to "lawyer up." The Lawyer as Leader recognizes this, and offers a good roadmap for legal education for those who want to be involved in creating transformative change in the world. (John Hamerlinck, Associate Director at Minnesota Campus Compact)This book speaks to lawyers whose passion for social justice will be ignited so that they can be true leaders of social change. Professor Tyner not only gives us the vision for becoming effective social justice leaders but speaks to our souls to empower us to take those first steps to serve and transform communities. (H. Wesley Sunu, Attorney at Law, TRIBLER ORPETT & MEYER P.C.)The Lawyer as Leader: How to Plant People and Grow Justice is a young lawyer's practical vision for empowering lawyers to stand in the great legal traditions of Gandhi and Mandela to motivate systematic change. It is a passionate call for the development of coursework in law schools and continuing education curriculum to train lawyers on the fundamentals of leadership that will target critical issues of justice. Dr. Tyner's work is foundational and necessary--not only for the practice of law but that of a more just society. (Kao Kalia Yang, Author The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir)The law is often viewed as an obstacle to justice by change agents and activists. In this groundbreaking book Dr. Artika Tyner argues that this need not be the case and that lawyers are often leaders of social movements. Through profiles of four social justice lawyers Dr. Tyner explores how insights from leadership theory can help us envision the practice of social justice lawyering. This is a crucially important book that will be welcomed by change agents and educators everywhere. (Stephen Brookfield, John Ireland Endowed Chair, University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis-St. Paul)

Dr. Artika R. Tyner is a passionate educator, author, sought after speaker, and advocate for justice. At the University of St. Thomas College of Education, Leadership & Counseling, Dr. Tyner serves as a public policy/leadership professor. She trains graduate students to serve as social engineers who create new inroads to justice and freedom.

This book was a finalist in The Wishing Shelf Book Awards. This is what our readers thought:  
Title: The Lawyer As A Leader, How To Plant People and Grow Justice  
Author: Dr. Artika R. Tyner  
Star Rating: 5 stars  
Number of Readers: 29  
Readers' Comments:  
"In my opinion, any book that helps lawyers to have a social conscience is a good thing!"  
Male reader, aged 63  
"Dr Tyner's book is filled with words of wisdom. With a simple writing style, she works hard to show lawyers how they can work for positive change in the community they work in. Having been a solicitor in the UK for many years, I understand where the author is coming from. However, I doubt many of the characters I have met in the profession will be up to the challenge. Our profession is strongly built on the £ and \$ sign, not saving the world. However, her voice is strong and, who knows; everything has to change eventually."  
Male reader, aged 61  
"I enjoyed this book very much. I liked how it was set out and how the author looked at particular lawyers who had inspired others to improve the community they lived in. With lawyers often having such terrible press and the ambulance chasing image many of them still have, any book calling for lawyers to be trained as leaders and to take social responsibility has to be a step in the right direction. However, I just looked up this book on Amazon and see it's not available as an ebook, the paperback has no ISBN and nobody has bothered to even review it. I guess lawyers aren't lining up to be agents of social justice after all. Now, there's a surprise."  
Female reader, aged 41  
"A totally fascinating read. Cleanly constructed and with a strong moral message. Although it is primarily for lawyers, there's a message here for anybody in a position of power. Good cover and blurb too."  
Female reader, aged 58  
"The most interesting and well-written non-fiction book in the awards this year."  
Male, aged 31  
Stats: Cover 9/10, Editing 10/10, Writing Style 8/10, Plot/Story/Contents 10/10  
Of the 29 readers: 24 would read another book by this author. 29 thought the cover was good or excellent. 15 thought the best part of

the book was the clarity of the writing. A fascinating work, inspiring lawyers to work as leaders for social change. A FINALIST and highly recommended (particularly to lawyers!) The Wishing Shelf Awards

Dr. Tyner has condensed all the essential elements necessary to bring about true social justice in our global community. The Lawyer As Leader is a call to Lawyers however its wisdom on leadership is certainly a cross-professional model that is applicable to all professionals with a desire to empower the populations they serve. As a Psychotherapist, School Social Worker, Educator, and business owner I found "The Lawyer As Leader" reflective of pedagogy and best practices for Social Workers, Psychologist, and Educators regarding how to empower and partner with disenfranchised communities in a manner that brings about authentic, relevant and lasting change! I recommend this read to all professionals committed to changing our world into a global community where all people experience full humanity and societal justice. Kasim Abdur Razzaq MA.E., MSW, LICSW  
Abdur Razzaq Counseling & Social Architecture (Owner)

The Lawyer as a Leader is a book full of incredible insight and a powerful perspective on social justice that drives the reader to consider his or her own role in the work to address the issues of poverty and discrimination. The tone of the message is clear we all have a role to play in reversing the negative implications of social issues and those in the legal profession have a special opportunity and responsibility to be leaders of that cause. The symbol of the Banyan tree is a strong metaphor for how networks of emerging and veteran leaders should function as a great motif that keeps the reader grounded in the purpose of the writing which calls for each of us to acknowledge the role we play and the responsibility we have to the community.

The Lawyer as Leader: How to Plant People and Grow Justice is not only a book for lawyers but also a book for emerging young leaders and change agents. This book provides guidelines and practical ways to bring about social change. As a mentee of Dr. Tyner, her book challenges me to become a better leader and help other young people discover their leadership qualities. (Monica Yaa Habia, Public Policy and Leadership student at the University of St. Thomas and Program Assistant at African Immigrant Services, Minnesota)

I'm not a lawyer, but the information about leadership development was very insightful and

empowering for me. This book has inspired me to continue my passion and journey to make a social change and voice the critical issues that we face everyday. Johnny Allen Jr,  
Founder/Executive Director, The JK Movement

A well-titled book that is clear and concise. As a young lawyer, I am inspired by this book and will recommend it to others and hope law schools around the country would adopt it in its syllabi.

The Lawyer as Leader is a roadmap for young lawyers. This books stresses the importance of servant leaders and the need for lawyers to be a social engineers.

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