



Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice

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From Standing Rock to Flint: Water Rights, Race, and Resistance

The recent protests regarding water rights at Standing Rock, North Dakota, and in Flint, Michigan, provide salient examples of the intersection of race, criminalization, environmental justice, civil rights, and protest. It is no coincidence that people of color are at the center of these battles for environmental justice and civil rights. This panel will explore these issues through a civil rights lens, including the criminalization of protestors who have opposed government action (or lack thereof in the case of relief for Flint, MI residents), recognition of tribal rights and sovereignty, and environmental justice as a civil rights and social justice issue. Speakers will analyze these issues from a legal perspective (including an overview of the history native sovereignty and the U.S. government) and a grassroots organizing perspective (including response to the spread of laws nationwide criminalizing the right to protest).

Sunday, August 13, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Eastern

New York Hilton Midtown - Nassau East/West - 2nd Floor

A Live-stream will be available on the [@ABA CRSJ twitter page](#)

Speakers



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