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Always Keep Yourself at Arm's Length – Community Lawyering and the Poverty-Aware Paradigm

This article analyzes the relations between community lawyering and the poverty-aware paradigm. Community lawyers walk a tightrope, in their attempts to bridge the gap between the law on the books and the reality of living in poverty, facing the limitations of the legal process. The principles of the poverty aware paradigm provide community lawyers with a “lifesaver”, equipping them with tools for representing the poor, while emphasizing their place at the forefront of the struggle.