

Lynne Stewart Quotes

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I'm particularly committed to the political people who needed defense. I understand that they're fighting a bigger war than just, "Let me go get some money for cocaine tonight."

~Lynne Stewart

My anti-authoritarian instincts let me directly to criminal defense work.

~Lynne Stewart

The only way not to be afraid is to join with other people who are also afraid.

~Lynne Stewart

Lawyering is very individualistic. There are lawyers who are going to be that persistent bird dog, they're never going to give up on the client, they're going to defend people.

~Lynne Stewart

I would never defend a cop - though I did on a few private cases, when cops were acting not as cops but as private citizens.

~Lynne Stewart

The only thing we have is each other.

~Lynne Stewart

If you make a mistake as a prosecutor, your mistakes go home, whereas if you make a mistake defending, they go to jail.

~Lynne Stewart

I spoke in front of a huge gathering in Seattle, and someone got up and said, "I'm just so afraid." I said, "The only way not to be afraid is to join with other people who are also afraid."

~Lynne Stewart

Your goal is to make a better world through the work you do. It's not

always possible, and you have to earn a living.

~Lynne Stewart

You're working not for the corporate interest, not for the government interest, not for your own self-interest. You have a higher calling.

~Lynne Stewart

I took anything that came across my doorstep. I started getting a reputation.

~Lynne Stewart

I would never take a case that had to do with abusing children. They're the true innocents.

~Lynne Stewart

I couldn't add my talent, which is prodigious, to a defense of someone even accused of hurting a child.

~Lynne Stewart

You've got to learn to handle the press because god knows the government does all the time.

~Lynne Stewart

Put the strong, masculine figure in a school with tough kids and you have a certain control. It's very demeaning to the kids and very demeaning to the tough, black guy, but that's how they worked it.

~Lynne Stewart

You know that question: What do you do when you think the client's guilty? The real question is: What you do when you think a client's innocent?

~Lynne Stewart

There are lawyers who believe in client-centered representation and

who are dedicated on the same level I feel I was dedicated.

~Lynne Stewart

There's a lot of active radical thought today but not much action.

~Lynne Stewart

The prosecution makes all the important decisions: what's charged, how much is charged, whether you can get a decent offer. Every defendant becomes an informant today.

~Lynne Stewart

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