**Court Leader’s Advantage Video Podcast Questions**

**Time Marker Sheet**

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| 3 minutes6 seconds | Municipal courts are created and run by cities. This can lead to potential conflicts of interest. The independence of these local courts can be compromised when for example, the judge is also the town mayor. In other cases, cities can both hire and fire the municipal court judge. Should we use another method of appointing local court judges? |
| 8 minutes49 seconds | Mr. Roediger makes one of the most serious claims, that local courts are instruments of preserving social order by extracting wealth from the community’s poor. How do you respond to this claim? |
| 15 minutes19 seconds | In his piece, “Abolish Municipal Courts,” Mr. Roediger pointedly offers no alternative to local courts. Is the alternative the creation of “autonomous zones” such as we saw in Seattle last June? |
| 19 minutes45 seconds | Not all local court judges are attorneys. Should all judges be attorneys?  |
| 22 minutes12 seconds | In many local courts, defendants are not represented by counsel. Legally, defendants are not required to have representation unless there is a risk of significant jailtime. On the other hand, some defendants end up being fined thousands of dollars which can significantly hobble their lives. Morally, should all defendants have representation? |
| 27 minutes31 seconds | Not all local courts are courts of record. Should all courts be courts of record? |