

Ethics, neutrality  
and  
professionalism

# Elements of judicial behaviour

# Judicial behaviour – its facet



What do courts and judges do?



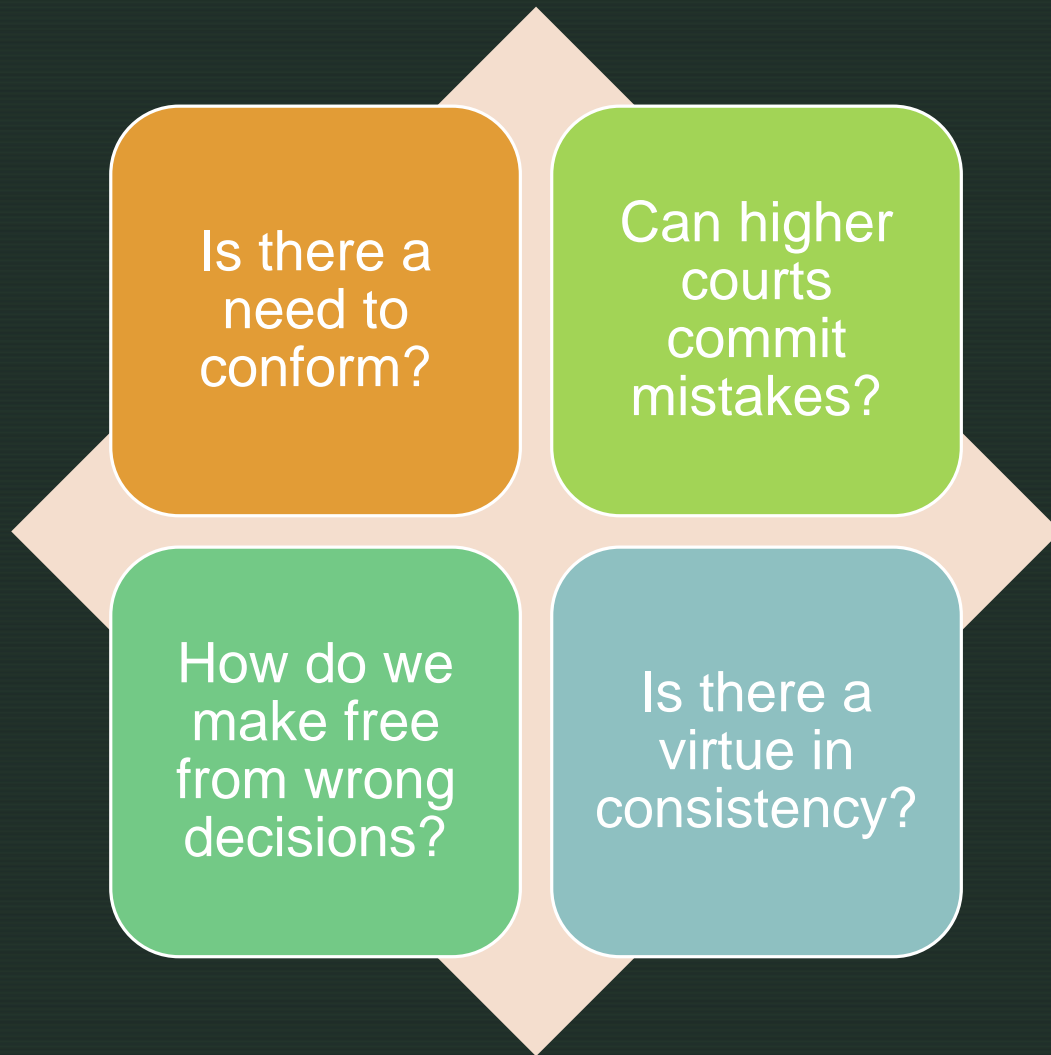
To what extent do their personal attitudes determine their decision making?



Do judges have goals for realisation, apart from career advancement?



Do they require to align politically with the establishment?



Stare  
decisis



Liberal

Moderate

Conservative

Judicial attitudes

# Influencers

- Media
- Religious texts
- Higher court



# Ethics



'JUSTICE SHALL NOT ONLY BE DONE BUT SEEN TO BE DONE'



MAINTAINING JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE



FREEDOM FROM BIAS ON THE BASIS OF RELIGION, LANGUAGE, REGION



STANDARD OF LIVING



FINANCIAL ALLUREMENTS

# Neutrality



Judicial  
positioning

Constitutional  
bias

# PROFESSIONALISM

- Key to quality and efficiency
- Appearance
- Demeanor that expresses confidence but not attitude
- Taking responsibility and being accountable
- Well organised





# Branding a judge by visible conduct



- Kind
- Patient
- Courteous
- Intelligent
- Empathetic
- Alert and energetic

- Talkative
- Conceited
- Petulant
- Impatient
- Sleepy

