

ROLE OF JUDICIAL ETHICS IN COURT ADMINISTRATION

Justice C. V. Karthikeyan



Court Administration

- Moral values that govern work of professionals.
 - Code of ethics.
 - Standards of conduct.
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Judicial Ethics

Core Values:

Ensuring:

- Independence
- Impartiality
- Integrity

Protecting Rights

Respecting Gender

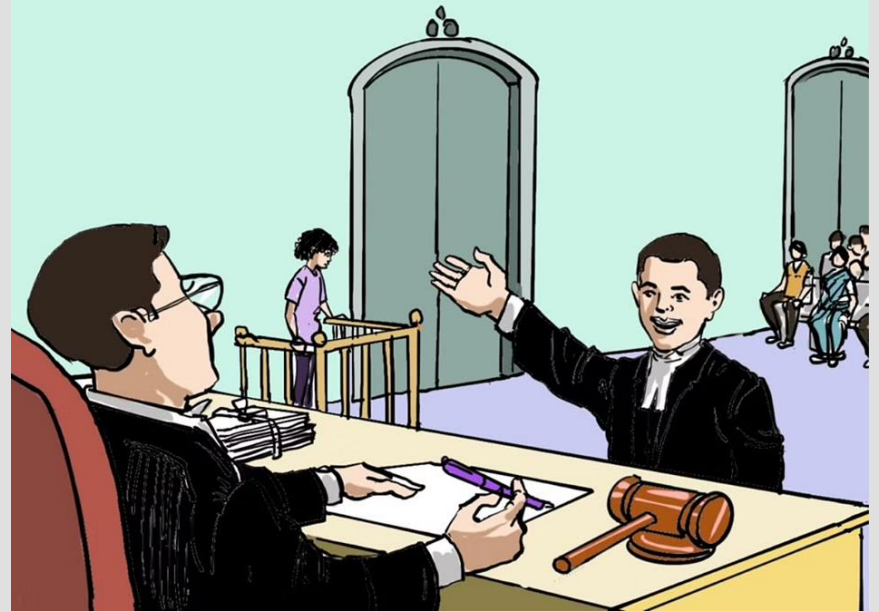
Institutional Arrangements and Processes

- Policies.
 - Formal Rules.
 - Who will have how much power to take decisions?
 - Rights that cannot be violated.
 - Effective, unbiased management.
 - Coordination.
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Bar and Bench

The irritated judge warned the counsel, "If you argue for another minute, I will impose a cost of Rs. 1000/-".

The lawyer stopped, turned around to whisper to his client, and then said: "Your Lordship may impose a cost of Rs. 20,000/-", and continued to argue.



Balancing Bar and Bench Relations

- Independence of the Judges and Judiciary is supreme.
 - Independence of the Bar is on equal footing.
 - Independent Bar and independent Bench form the backbone of democracy.
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HUKUMAT RAI vs THE CROWN

AIR 1943 LAH 14

“A lawyer should always conduct himself properly in a court of law and exert his best at all times to maintain the dignity of the Court but the Court has also a reciprocal duty to perform and should not only be discourteous to a lawyer but also should try to maintain the lawyer’s respect in the eyes of his clients and the general public with whom he has to deal in his professional capacity.”

BRAHMA PRAKASH SHARMA & Others

VS

STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH

AIR 1954 SC 10

“The question arises whether it can be held to amount to contempt of court. To answer this question, we have to see whether it is in any way calculated to interfere with the due administration of justice in these courts, or, in other words, whether such statement is likely to give rise to an apprehension in the minds of litigants as to the ability of the two judicial officers to deal properly with cases coming before them, or even to embarrass the officers themselves in the discharge of their duties.”

**R. MUTHUKRISHNAN
VS
REGISTRAR GENERAL,
MADRAS HIGH
COURT**

(2019) 16 SCC 407

“The balancing of values, reverence between the Bar and the Bench is the edifice of the independent judicial system. Time has come to restore the glory and cherish the timetested enduring ideals and principles. For a value driven framework, it is necessary that perspective is corrected in an ethical and morally sound perspective.”

Harmonizing Work Allocation

- Matching kind of work and value addition that the individual brings.
 - Sensitivity to gender.
 - ‘Work-life balance’ approach.
 - Resource allocation.
 - Psychological well-being.
 - Flexible work practices.
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I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.

– *Invictus* by William Ernest Henley
