



#### Judges (We) are the Stewards of Law and Justice

- Judges are expected to demonstrate judicial impartiality and integrity, which include being even handed
- Judges are to respect and follow the law
- Judges are expected to show fairness, equality, and integrity
- Judges are to be ethical, fight injustice and ensure equal access to justice

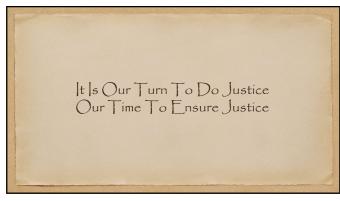
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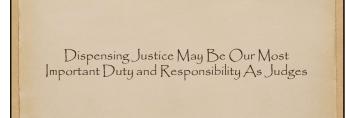
## Choluteca, Honduras C.A.

- Catholic University Law School 2016
- "When it is our turn, we do what is right. We do what is just, proper. We follow the law."









Justice is that thing everyone is expecting and looking for in our courts and from us.

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### Tennessee Code of Judicial Conduct

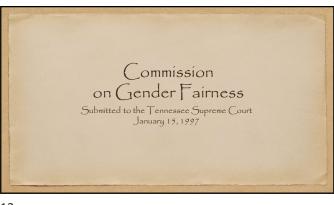
- A judge must be impartial have an absence of bias or prejudice in favor of, or against, particular parties or classes of parties.
- . A judge must maintain an open mind in considering issues.
- A judge must be a person of integrity fair, honest, upright, and sound in character.

#### Justice |s Our Legal Mandate U.S. Supreme Court

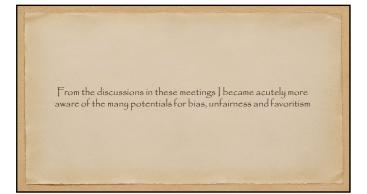
• "The powers of the States in dealing with crime within their borders are not limited, but NO STATE CAN DEPRIVE PARTICULAR PERSONS OR CLASSES OF PERSON OF EQUAL AND IMPARTIAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW." Chief Justice Melville Fuller (Unanimous Court)

• 1891 Caldwell vs. Texas (U.S. Supreme Court)









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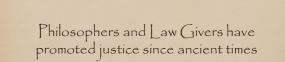
#### Potential Unfairness, Favoritism, Bias

- . Friend or acquaintance versus non-acquaintance
- . Heterosexual persons versus persons of different sexual orientations
- People Like Me versus Weird, Unconventional, Abnormal People
- . People in Conservative Dress versus People with NO Dress code
- Influential people versus the marginal, poor, homeless, ne'er-do-wells
- . Pretty/Handsome People versus Unattractive, repulsive, unpleasant folks

#### Potential Unfairness, Favoritism and Bias

- . Respectful people verses Disrespectful/Rude persons
- . Local folks versus people "who ain't from around here"
- . 'Merícans versus Foreigners
- White/Caucasian verses people of color (Racial Bias)
- Christians versus Muslim, Hindu, Atheist (Religious Bias)
- . Rich versus Poor, Substandard, Marginal

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Moses (A Law Giver) Created Courts in Old Testament Scripture Times

- Suggested by his father in law Jethro a pagan priest
- Appoint Judges [they are to] judge the people fairly
- [They must] not pervert justice or show partiality
- . [They must] Follow justice and justice alone.
- . The Judeo Christian Antecedent of our Courts and Judges

# Plato's "Republic"

- "Is it always better to be just than unjust?"
- A Socratic dialogue concerningjustice 375 B.C.
- "Of all the things of a man's soul which he has within him, justice is the greatest good and injustice the greatest evil."

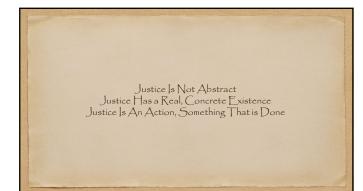
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#### Justice is Innate Society Values, Admires Fairness and Equality

- . Innate Sense and Expectation of Justice even in Children (Fairness, equality and rewarded merit)
- Innate (Inderstanding of Justice in humanity (appreciation of fairness, equality and reciprocity in social interactions)
- Human beings are born with an understanding that justice is right, it is what we should do and seek and that injustice is wrong.
- . [Moore avers] Justice is a universal truth.

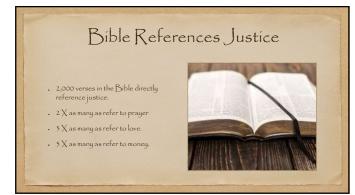
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"Justice is the great interest of man on earth. It is a ligament which holds civilized beings and civilized nations together." Daniel Webster



# Justice In Action IS

- Treating People Fairly
- Treating People Equitably
- Giving Each Person Their Just Deserts
- Treating People and Cases Alike, Regardless
- Treating People Morally



God Calls Everyone to Justice Micah 6:8

• "He has told you, O man, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to DO JUSTICE, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

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## Amos 5:24 NIV

"But let JUSTICE ROLL ON like a river, righteousness like a never failing stream!!!"





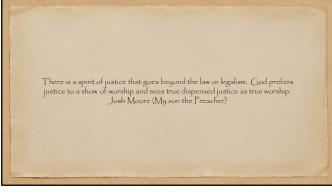
Justice is similar to Love True Love is Shown by Action

- . "Let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18 NIV
- "Let us NOT use words or speech to TALK about justice, but let us DO justice with actions and in truth." [Moore paraphrase]

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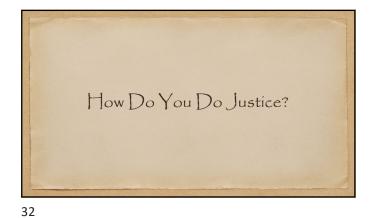
# To Do Justice |sTrue Worship

 "To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice." Proverbs 21:3

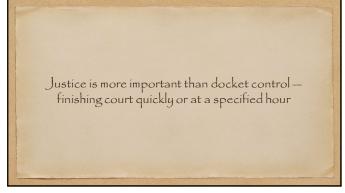






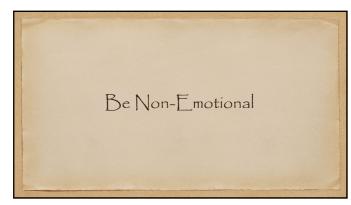


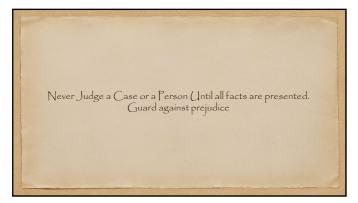












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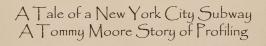
#### An Unfinished Love Story Doris Kearns Goodwin

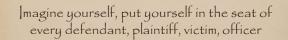
- July 1960 John Kennedy considers LBJ as VP choice
- "Dick" Goodwin "We [Kennedy's staff] had a general feeling of disappointment and confusion."
- "| guess, in a sense, we'd all profiled him [LBJ]..."
- AS JUDGES-WE MUST GUARD AGAINST PROFILING

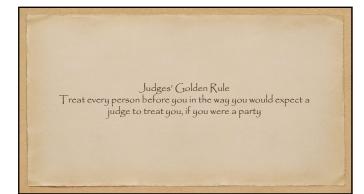
#### We Profile Others If We Don't Watch Out

- . Young Man in White Castle after the turkey show in Nashville.
- A Tommy Moore tale about profiling.

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Work Hard at Showing Impartiality







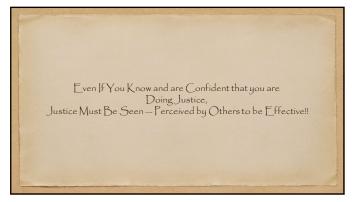


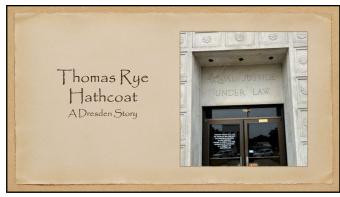
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Problem — Justice Must Be Perceived













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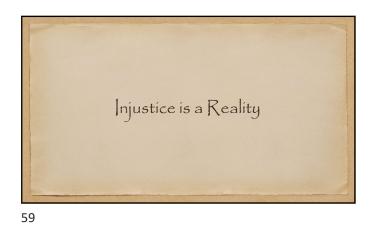
### What determines the perception of justice

- Not necessarily the outcome BUT
- Whether the person was treated with dignity and respect
- Whether the person was given voice
- . Whether the decision maker was neutral and transparent
- Whether the decision maker conveyed trustworthy motives

#### Court and Life Interruptions A Time to Demonstrate Justice

- . "Take Off Your Robe" Engage the Person as a Person.
- . Look the Person in the Eye
- . Stop and Listen to the  $\mathsf{Person}-\mathsf{Don't}$  Show Annoyance
- . Put Other Thoughts and Things Aside for a minute
- Concentrate on that Person
- . Take the Time to Interact and Discuss the Issue
- Help Them if you legally and ethically can assist

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# Martin Luther King, Jr.

• "It is not possible to be in favor of justice for some people and not be in favor of justice for all people."

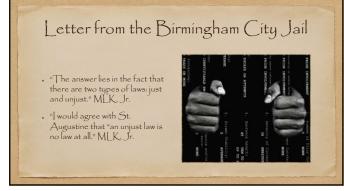


# Injustice

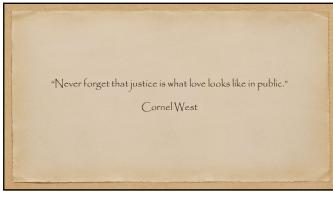
 "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." MLK, Jr.



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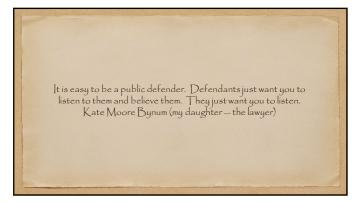


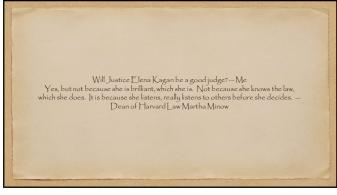


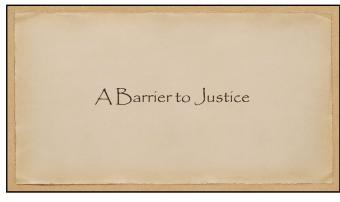


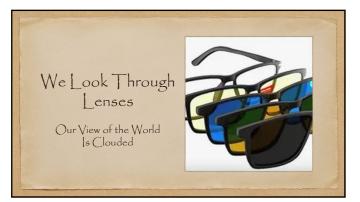
• "Judging, properly understood, involves the interaction of reason and passion, of logic and experience, and a dialogue between the head and the heart." Justice William Brennan 1988













# Things That Add/Remove Lenses Change/Transform Us

- . Community Involvement and Activities
- . Community Service
- . Self Education Continuing to Learn
- Critically Read Great Books of Any Tradition (including, but not limited to poetry, history, science, religion, fiction and non-fiction, law)

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#### Things That Add/Remove Lenses Change/Transform Us

- Expand Your Circle of Friends including new contacts among other ethnicities, genders, commonalities and interests
- . Develop More Friends, Seeking Out Quality People
- . Travel, Particularly Into Other Parts of the World
- . Seek Information From A Diverse Range of Sources
- · Constantly Question and Evaluate Your Own Beliefs and Theories

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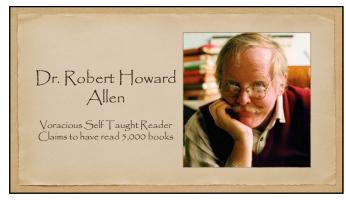
#### Things That Add/Remove Lenses Change/Transform Us

- Train Your Mind to Remain Open Minded
- . Fight Your Intransigence Refusal to Change Views
- · Gravitate Toward Love For Others and Away From Hate
- Listen More Speak and Opine Less

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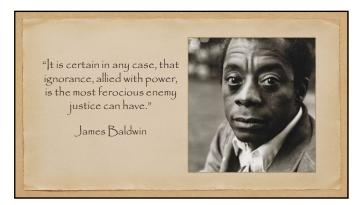
- Religion seeking God, morality, a sense of right
- . Commit to Do Right, to become a person of integrity
- Prioritize Your Thinking, Concentrate on Justice thinking about it at the eye level, not at the ankle level
- Stay Healthy exercise, get rest, eat properly, walk

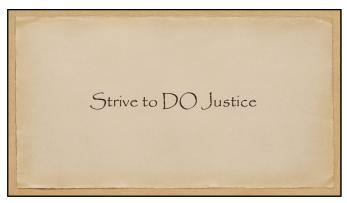












#### Paraphrase of 1 Timothy 4:15-16

• Continue cultivating, be diligent in [JUSTICE], be devoted to [JUSTICE], so that everyone will see your progress. Make [THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE] your habit. Pay close attention to yourself and your teaching [AND YOUR ACTIONS]..... Persevere in these things... Be an example of JUSTICE - So that your life will have an impact.

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May Those Who Come Behind Us Find Us Faithful to Justice



