

THE QUALITIES OF A GOOD JUDGE

The same that were 2500 years ago.....

"To hear courteously, to answer wisely, to consider soberly, and to decide impartially."

.....Socrates

JUDICIAL TEMPRAMENT

- “NIETHER A LAUNDARY LIST OR A CIPHER”
- TEMPRAMENTS ARE “RELATIVELY STABLE, TRAIT LEVEL INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES IN EMOTIONAL HABITS THAT UNDERLIE THE WAYS IN WHICH DIFFERRENT PEOPLE REACT TO AND COPE WITH SIMILAR SITUATIONS”

TRAITS RELATING TO EMOTIONAL- REACTIVITY

- POSITIVE
 - EXPRESSION OF COMPASSION
 - PATIENCE
 - HUMILITY
 - RESPECT
 - OPEN MINDEDNESS

- NEGATIVE

- ANGER

- OUTBURST

- INFLEXIBLE and DOGMATIC

- DIFFIDENT

CARING AND COMPASSIONATE

- “ A JUDGE IS MOST LIKELY TO REACH A JUST ANSWER IF HE OR SHE CARES”

... Denny Chin

JUDICIAL TEMPERAMENT

INTELLIGENCE

KNOWLEDGE/COMPLIANCE

ABILITY TO COMPLIANCE

ETHICS

**COURAGE AND
INTEGRITY**

**AWARE OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC REALITY
AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

CHARACTER

“ Good judges develop certain habits of mind. One of those habits of mind is habit of delaying conclusions until everything has been considered”

Samuel Alito