

STATUS QUO SELF-IMAGE SCRIPT (reputation)

Integrity

Honesty

Trustworthiness

Fairness

Ethical

Able and Willing to Self-Police

High Standards

Well Educated

Loyalty to Client

Competence

Maintain Self-Image Script to justify

- Status quo status (privilege)
- Self-Policing, Self-Regulation
- Finality of Judgments and Orders
- Judicial Supremacy

Self-Policing (honor system) cannot be justified if based on unaccountability and corruption

Judicial Supremacy implies supreme competence

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‘We the people’ and ‘limited government’ is not consistent with unjustified, unchecked power without limits or accountability (naked power)

The Court must not admit to fallibility lest it lose its claim to finality.

The Court (and Bar) cannot admit to any scheme lest it lose its claim to _____

(self-policing, judicial independence, judicial power, supremacy, honor system, legitimacy)

Damage institutional authority

STATUS QUO SELF-IMAGE (reputation) SOURCES

ARDC Reports and Statements

ISBA, CBA, IJA

Literature by and for attorneys and law schools

Law School Canon

Search Engines, Law Firm Advertisements and PR

Sanitized and celebratory history of the Judicial Branch and Supreme Court decisions

Literature lacking a basic historical and philosophical critique

Would rather be intellectually inconsistent or collapse than to threaten the status quo